

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: APRIL 15, 2008

From: ~~JD~~ JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE

Subject: SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 84 GRANT – HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK TRAIL EXTENSION

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution appointing the Director of Facility Services as agent of the County to execute all documents and activities necessary for the acceptance and administration of a Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Proposition 84 Grants Program award to fund trail connectivity studies for the Hidden Falls Regional Park in the amount of \$140,000.

BACKGROUND: In November 2006, California voters approved Proposition 84 (Prop 84) - the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006. The SNC has received a total of \$17 million in Prop 84 funds for the current fiscal year and has approved grant guidelines and an application process for public agencies to follow in applying for this funding. In the fall of 2007, the CEO's office coordinated the County's effort for the identification of Prop 84 eligible projects and their subsequent grant request submissions. Among the requests submitted by the County was a request by Facility Services for grant monies to fund the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail Connectivity extension and pre-acquisition studies. This request was successful and an award of \$140,000 was granted by the SNC Board at their March 6, 2008 meeting.

The Placer County Hidden Falls Regional Park (HFRP) is a 1,196 acre public recreational area located between Garden Bar Road and Mears Road. To the northeast of the HFRP, the County and The Placer Land Trust (PLT) cooperated in the acquisition of the 321 acre Taylor property in fee title, as well as a conservation easement over the adjacent 313 acre Freiheit property. Both of these acquisitions were made with a condition that allows for a public trail easement for public access. However, the HFRP is about one parcel removed from this significant additional open space opportunity.

Creating a trail connection over the intervening land between the HFRP and the PLT preservation is a common objective of both the County and the PLT. To achieve this goal, a variety of environmental, engineering and other studies are necessary to identify the trail alignment, waterway protection, bridge locations and to develop necessary data in support of Placer County real property negotiation efforts. This Grant award will fund these necessary study activities. To accept and administer this Grant requires your Board's adoption of the attached Resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: Adoption of this Resolution by definition does not constitute a project as defined by Section 15378(b)(4&5) of the Public Resource Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: Adoption of the Resolution to accept grant funds awarded in the amount of \$140,000 under the SNC Prop 84 Grant Program will have no impact on the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION
JD:AR:KJ:DB
CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION
APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY
SERVICES AS AGENT OF THE COUNTY
TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND ACTIVITIES
NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A SIERRA
NEVADA CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 84 GRANTS PROGRAM
AWARD FOR PRE-ACQUISITION STUDIES TO EXTEND THE
HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK TRAIL.

Resol. No: _____
Ord No: _____
First Reading: _____

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, 2008 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Prop 84 program; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local assistance grants program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the SNC require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Board of Supervisors acknowledges and accepts the SNC Board's March 6, 2008 award of \$140,000 in Prop 84 grant funds to the County of Placer for Hidden Falls Regional Park trail extension pre-acquisition studies; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Board of Supervisors agrees to carry out these grant activities as authorized by the SNC Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this board appoints the Director of the Department of Facility Services, or designee, as agent to execute all documents and activities necessary to administer these funds in the completion of the project for which they area awarded.