TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works and Facilities  
By: Dan LaPlante, Associate Civil Engineer  
DATE: December 6, 2016  
SUBJECT: Engineering / Initial Study / Negative Declaration / Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project – PC2995

ACTION REQUESTED
ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH THE REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR THE GRIFF CREEK CORRIDOR AND PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT.

BACKGROUND
The Department of Public Works and Facilities (DPWF) is proposing to purchase two parcels totaling 0.36 acres and currently zoned commercial at the northeast corner of Highways 267 and 28 in Kings Beach. The proposed acquisition will utilize State of California Proposition 1 grant funding. The acquisition activities will include building demolition and removal of an approximately 4,300 square foot automotive shop and associated accessory structures; removal of approximately 11,000 square feet of impervious surface; remediation of contaminated soils if encountered; and incorporation of best management practices to minimize stormwater runoff, improve soil function and protect water quality. The grant funding requires that an environmental review be performed for the proposed acquisition to evaluate potential environmental effects as a result of building demolition and site stabilization.

The purpose of the acquisition of these two adjacent private parcels is consistent with the Kings Beach Vision Plan adopted in September 2013 that represents broad community input to in part focus on, gateway, stream environment zone restoration, multimodal and public access improvements on, and adjacent to, these private properties. A portion of the state funding will be set aside to financially assist in the relocation of the existing commercial businesses currently operating at the site.

DPWF staff has regularly engaged with the property owners who have indicated to be willing sellers of their respective properties. Pursuant to approval of the environmental documents, acquisition activities would begin early next year followed by onsite demolition and stabilization activities planned for later in 2017.

Once the properties are acquired and site demolition and stabilization activities are complete, future improvements on the private properties will be planned and designed with further community input. Such improvements would be evaluated through a future and separate standalone project level environmental document.

ENVIRONMENTAL
An Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) was prepared for this project in October 2016, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The public comment period closed on November 14, 2016, and no comments were received. Upon approval of the IS/ND, the Notice of Determination will be processed.

FISCAL IMPACT
The total cost of the project is estimated at $1,300,000. The project is funded with the State of California Proposition 1 funding ($1,200,000) and matching funds from county Transient Occupancy Tax funds ($100,000). There are sufficient funds available in the FY 2016-17 Department of Public Works and Facilities Final Budget, Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project No. 2995.
ATTACHMENTS
Resolution
Location Map

The Negative Declaration and Initial Study is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

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In the matter of: A Resolution Approving the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2016102031) for acquisition of properties for the Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project.

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held__________________________, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: 
Noes: 
Signe Absent: ______________

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the Kings Beach Vision Plan (Vision Plan) was adopted in September 2013 that represents broad community input for future improvements in the unincorporated community in Kings Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Plan in part focuses on gateway, stream environment zone restoration, multimodal and public access improvements on the west side of Kings Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project encompasses a part of the west side of Kings Beach and includes private properties where Vision Plan improvements are identified; and
WHEREAS, the County of Placer has prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration, circulated it as required by law and included all necessary measures to ensure there is not a significant effect on the environment from the proposed actions of the project.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, The Placer County Board of Supervisors that this Board approves a Negative Declaration (STATE CLEARING HOUSE NO. 2016102031) for acquisition of properties for the Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project and make the following findings:

1. The negative declaration has been prepared as required by law.

2. There is no substantial evidence in the record as a whole that the Project has a significant effect on the environment.

3. The negative declaration as adopted for the Project reflects independent judgment and analysis of Placer County, which has exercised overall control and direction of its preparation.

4. The custodian of records for the Project is the Placer County Public Works and Facilities Director, 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603.