



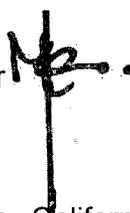
COUNTY OF PLACER
Community Development/Resource Agency

ADMINISTRATION

Michael J. Johnson, AICP
Agency Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael J. Johnson, CD/RA Director 

DATE: September 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Application for funding under the California Clean Water River Parkways Grant Program

ACTION REQUESTED: The Planning Services and Parks Divisions are seeking authorization from the Board to submit an application to the California River Parkways Grant Program. The Hidden Falls Improved Access Grant will request the amount of \$830,000 to assist with the restoration, protection, and recreational development of Hidden Falls Regional Park.

BACKGROUND:

The River Parkway Grant Program funded under Proposition 84 provides funds for development of recreational facilities and trails, riverine or riparian habitat restoration, conservation, and flood management projects. To date, the River Parkways Grant Program has contributed \$1.6 Million toward the development of Hidden Falls Regional Park.

In 2006, the easterly 220 acres of the 1,200-acre park was opened to the public with a public staging area and 7-mile trail network. With existing River Parkway grants and other funding currently committed to the project, it is expected that the entire 1,180-acre park will be ready for opening to the public in late 2012 with a 25-mile trail network and two emergency access/pedestrian bridges over Coon Creek.

The River Parkway grant application will seek funding for amenities that will provide improved public access and circulation as well as riparian improvements with expanded interpretive and educational materials. Amenities proposed include a pedestrian bridge over Coon Creek; expansion of the Mears Place parking lot for additional vehicle and horse trailer parking; design and development of the Discovery Trail loop that is envisioned to have a riparian restoration area; and a Native American demonstration area, all with interpretive signage and education materials for self-guided tours. The Hidden Falls Improved Access grant will fund improvements that are part of a larger parkway plan that would ultimately provide public trail access and educational opportunities from Coon Creek to the Bear River corridor.

Exhibit 1 provides the necessary Resolution for the County to submit an application to the grant program for the Hidden Falls Improved Access project.

CEQA:

The submission of an application under the River Parkway Program is not subject to CEQA review. However, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been completed for the Hidden Falls Regional Park development and the improvements proposed under the Improved Access Grant Project are consistent with improvements identified in the adopted EIR.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no match requirements for the River Parkway Grant Program. For the Hidden Falls Improved Access Grant Project, the County's application will identify \$10 million in regional parkland acquisitions and improvements that have already been allocated to the development of the Hidden Falls Regional Park by various funding sources. Of the 10 million, the County has already contributed \$5.5 million from Placer Legacy and development impact fees, other funding sources including various state grants and other donations to the development of Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Authorizing Resolution - Hidden Falls Improved Access Grant

cc: Loren Clark, Assistant CD/RA Director
Jim Durfee, Facilities Services
Andy Fisher, Facilities Services

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No: _____
First Reading: _____

Hidden Falls Improved Access Project
Application for Funding- The River Parkways
Grant Program- Under the California Clean
Water, Safe Drinking Waters, Water Quality
and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal
Protections Bond Act of 2006

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:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board Signature

Chairman Signature

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

Approving the Application the Hidden Falls Improved Access Project for grant funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Waters, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protections Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)

WHEREAS, The Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

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WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Hidden Falls Improved Access Grant; and
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code; and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)*, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Appoints the Facility Services Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).