

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: February 26, 2013

FROM: ^{XD} KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
MCKINNEY RUBICON TRAIL

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant application with California State Parks in the amount of \$300,000 for the operation and maintenance of McKinney Rubicon Trail. There is no net County cost.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute all documents related to the grant.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road, located near the Placer-El Dorado County line on the west side of Lake Tahoe, is the eastern access point to the Rubicon Trail, one of the most popular four-wheel drive trails in the United States. As shown on the attached location map, the eastern terminus of the trail is located at the McKinney Estates subdivision near the west shore of Lake Tahoe. The trail extends west over the crest of the Sierra to the Placer-El Dorado County line near Rubicon Springs.

In 1984, Placer County received funding from the State Water Resources Control Board to complete drainage and water quality improvements on 3.6 miles of this road located within the Lake Tahoe Basin. Due to improper road usage and limited maintenance in the early 1990's, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) issued Cease and Desist Order No. 6-94-20 in 1994 against Placer County for discharging and threatening to discharge waste earthen materials to McKinney Creek. In response, Placer County completed paving of approximately 1.7 miles of McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road during the 1995 and 1996 construction seasons in order to address water quality issues. In December 2000, the Regional Board sent a Notice of Violation letter to Placer County stating that the drainage improvements on the unpaved portion of this trail required immediate attention. During the summer of 2001, the County coordinated a volunteer effort to help repair drainage features along the trail. These efforts were funded primarily through Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation Grant funds. In January 2002, the Regional Board rescinded Cease and desist Order No. 6-94-20.

On October 24, 2006 (Resolution No. 2006-314), the Placer County Board of Supervisors recognized the historic significance and recreational opportunities of the public trail and stated its intent to use all reasonable measures available to ensure continued public access of this public trail. As part of this ongoing commitment to ensure public access, funds are being requested through the 2013 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program Grant to cover expenses for trail stabilization and water bar maintenance. The grant will also cover other maintenance expenses, including trail repair materials, hauling costs, and Public Works Department of Engineering and Road Maintenance staff time.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is the filing of a grant application and is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The maintenance project is categorically exempt per Section 15301(c) of CEQA. A Notice of Exemption was filed in 2001 and is still accurate for the current work and proposed grant-related activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County will apply for \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2013-14. The grant requires a 50 percent match and allows for the utilization of the value of services and materials used to meet that threshold. The County will use volunteers to complete maintenance repairs and revegetation activities. The estimated value of these services, \$150,000, will be applied toward the match for this maintenance project and therefore, no Road Fund or other Department fund sources are needed to fulfill the match requirement. The total project cost will be \$450,000.

Attachments:
Resolution
Location Map

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN OFF-
HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION
GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO
THE GRANT

Resol. No:.....

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.

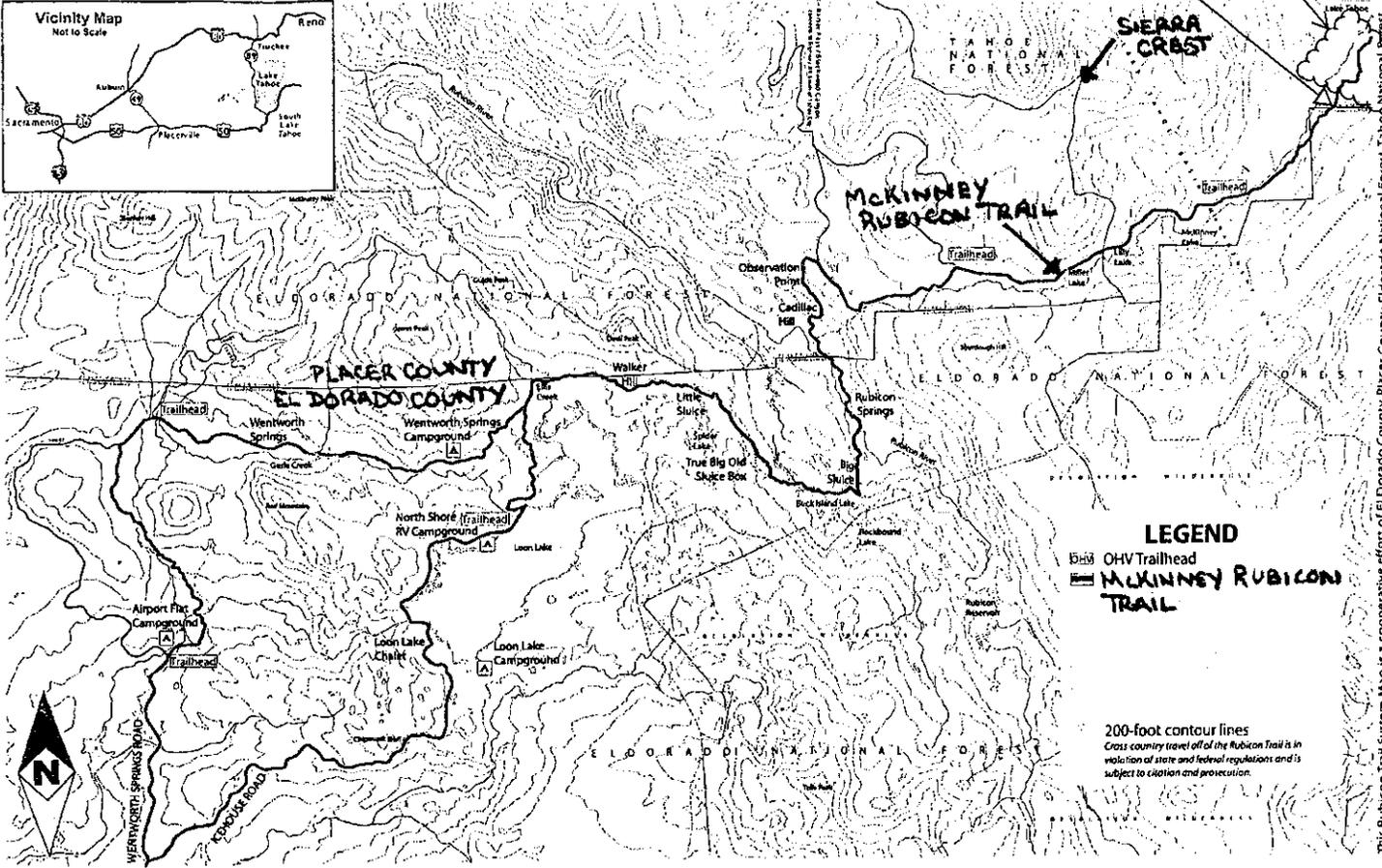
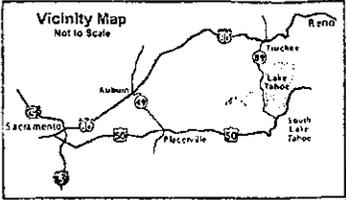
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer,
State of California, that this Board authorizes the filing of an Off-Highway Motor
Vehicle Recreation Grant application with California State Parks in the amount of
\$300,000 for the operation and maintenance of McKinney Rubicon Trail and
authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute all documents related to the
grant.

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McKINNEY RUBICION TRAIL

McKINNEY ESTATES
SUBDIVISION



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