

**AGENDA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SONOMA COUNTY  
575 ADMINISTRATION DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403**

**TUESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**1 – 5 P.M.**

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**PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FROM 1 – 5 P.M.  
WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS TO OCCUR AT 2 P.M.**

Susan Gorin	First District	Veronica A. Ferguson	County Administrator
David Rabbitt	Second District	Bruce Goldstein	County Counsel
Shirlee Zane	Third District		
Mike McGuire	Fourth District		
Efren Carrillo	Fifth District		

This is a simultaneous meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, the Sonoma County Public Finance Authority, and as the governing board of all special districts having business on the agenda to be heard this date. Each of the foregoing entities is a separate and distinct legal entity.

The Board welcomes you to attend its meetings which are regularly scheduled each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated. (Please note that this meeting is scheduled from 1-5 p.m.)

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***APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR***

The Consent Calendar includes routine financial and administrative actions that are usually approved by a single majority vote. There will be no discussion on these items prior to voting on the motion unless Board Members or the public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Any member of the audience desiring to address the Board on a matter on the agenda: Please walk to the podium and after receiving recognition from the Chair, please state your name and make your comments. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Each person is usually granted 3 minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board, under the Brown Act, Board members may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.

**1 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

(Items may be added or withdrawn from the agenda consistent with State law.)

**II. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 5)

**PRESENTATION/GOLD RESOLUTION**

(Item 1)

**PRESENTATION AT A DIFFERENT DATE**

1. Adopt a Gold Resolution to honor and acknowledge Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital for its positive impact on the economic, cultural, and human well-being of Sonoma County and its residents. (Fourth District)

**PROBATION**

2. Community Recidivism Reduction Grant –  
Accept \$100,000 from the Board of State and Community Correction’s Recidivism Reduction Fund and collaborate with the Community Corrections Partnership to develop a competitive grant program to fund community recidivism and crime reduction.

**PERMIT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

3. Adopt a Resolution issuing a roiling permit (Ordinance No. 3836R) to Sonoma County Regional Parks for the North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Project. (4/5 vote required) (First District)

**REGIONAL PARKS**

4. Award the contract for the North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Bridge Project to Team Ghilotti Inc. in the amount of \$219,960, with an anticipated term of September 23, 2014 to November 17, 2014. (First District)
5. Award the bid for the construction of the Taylor Mountain Phase 1 Petaluma Hill Road Trailhead to Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc. and Authorize the Chair to execute the construction agreement in the amount of \$840,066. (Third District)

**IV. REGULAR CALENDAR**

(Item 6)

**TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

6. Subsidized Transit Fare Program for College Students and Veterans –
- (A) Consider options, approve and provide funding to Sonoma County Transit to implement a subsidized Fare Pilot Program for eligible College Students and Veterans, effective January 1 through December 31, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$311,000.
  - (B) Find under Government Code section 26227 that committing County resources to the pilot program is necessary to meet the social needs of the community and is in the best interest of the County and the public.

**V. REGULAR AFTERNOON CALENDAR**

(Items 7 through 9)

7. **2:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**  
(Comments are restricted to matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. The Board will hear public comments at this time for up to thirty minutes. Please be brief and limit your comments to three minutes. Any additional public comments will be heard at the conclusion of the meeting. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board, under the Brown Act, Board members may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.)
8. Permit and Resource Management Department: Review and possible action on the following:
- a) Acts and Determinations of Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Adjustments
  - b) Acts and Determinations of Project Review and Advisory Committee
  - c) Acts and Determinations of Design Review Committee
  - d) Acts and Determinations of Landmarks Commission
  - e) Administrative Determinations of the Director of Permit and Resource Management
9. **ADJOURNMENTS**

**NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held on October 7, 2014.**

**Upcoming Hearings** (All dates are tentative until each agenda is finalized)

- 1. October 7<sup>th</sup> (PM) – Zoning Code changes for Universal Design, Affordable Ownership Housing and Compliance with State Laws, ORD12-0005.
- 2. October 7<sup>th</sup> (PM) – Harris Right of Way Vacation.
- 3. October 14<sup>th</sup> (AM) - Sonoma Valley Photovoltaic 100 kW
- 4. October 14<sup>th</sup> (PM) – Curreri General Plan Amendment/Zone Change Lot Line, PLP14-0043.
- 5. November 25<sup>th</sup> (PM) - Riparian Corridor Zoning Amendments, ORD13-0002.
- 6. December 2<sup>nd</sup> (PM) – Harris Road Right of Way Vacation.
- 7. December 2<sup>nd</sup> (PM) - General Plan Amendment/Zone Change, ZCE13-0003.



County of Sonoma  
Agenda Item  
Summary Report

Clerk of the Board  
575 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Agenda Item Number:** 1  
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Board Agenda Date:** September 30, 2014

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Board of Supervisors

**Staff Name and Phone Number:**

Supervisor Mike McGuire, 565-3758

**Supervisorial District(s):**

Fourth District

**Title:** Gold Resolution

**Recommended Actions:**

Adopt a Gold Resolution to honor and acknowledge Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital for its positive impact on the economic, cultural, and human well-being of Sonoma County and its residents.

**Executive Summary:**

None

**Prior Board Actions:**

None

**Strategic Plan Alignment** Goal 4: Civic Services and Engagement

**Fiscal Summary - FY 14-15**

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$	County General Fund	\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):</b>			
<b>Staffing Impacts</b>			
<b>Position Title</b> (Payroll Classification)	<b>Monthly Salary Range</b> (A – I Step)	<b>Additions</b> (Number)	<b>Deletions</b> (Number)
<b>Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):</b>			
<b>Attachments:</b>			
Resolution			
<b>Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:</b>			



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State of California

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Date: September 30, 2014

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Honoring Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital**

**Whereas**, the history of Sutter Medical Center in Sonoma County dates back to 1866, when it opened its first hospital in Santa Rosa; and

**Whereas**, Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa employs a local workforce of over 1,800; and

**Whereas**, Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa is one of the nation's top rated hospitals, and the new hospital will utilize the most advanced healthcare technology available; and

**Whereas**, Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital has designed an environment of healing ambiance through noise reducing finishes, healing gardens, and healthy, cooked-to-order meals; and

**Whereas**, Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital, upon opening, will house one of the largest collections of Sonoma County art ever gathered in a single location; and

**Whereas**, Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa, has demonstrated commitment to community benefit through collaboration on the 2013-16 Community Health Needs Assessment and Strategy, and participation in Healthy Sonoma.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and acknowledge Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital for its positive impact on the economic, cultural, and human well-being of Sonoma County and its residents.

Resolution #

Date:

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**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Zane:

McGuire:

Carrillo:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**



## County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board  
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**Agenda Item Number:** 2  
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Board Agenda Date:** September 30, 2014

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Probation Department

**Staff Name and Phone Number:**

Robert Ochs (707) 565-2731

**Supervisorial District(s):**

Countywide

**Title:** Community Recidivism Reduction Grant

### **Recommended Actions:**

Accept \$100,000 from the Board of State and Community Correction's Recidivism Reduction Fund and direct staff to develop a competitive grant program for future approval by the Board of Supervisors and the Community Corrections Partnership.

### **Executive Summary:**

On August 12, 2014 the Chief Probation Officer and the Chair of the Board were notified by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) that \$8 million has been allocated in the state Budget Act of 2014 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2014) for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant, as articulated in Penal Code Section 1233.10 (Attachment 1). The Board of Supervisors must accept funds and confirm to the BSCC the intent to participate in the grant program by September 30, 2014.

Although the grant funds will be awarded by the Board, the Code requires that the Board of Supervisors agree to collaborate with the county's Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) to develop the competitive grant program intended to fund nongovernmental entities (or a consortium of nongovernmental entities) that provide community recidivism and crime reduction services. These services may include but are not limited to delinquency prevention, housing assistance, mentoring and educational services, and reentry services for individuals who have been released from prison, county jail, a juvenile facility, are under supervision of a parole or probation department, or are at risk of criminal behavior. The Board and CCP must establish minimum requirements, funding criteria, grant award limits and procedures for the County to award the grants. The CCP will consider this program at their September 29, 2014 meeting. Subsequent to that meeting and the Board action today, it is anticipated that the grant program parameters and criteria will be developed based on previously identified needs and priorities specific to Sonoma County, and that the competitive process will be underway mid-year this fiscal year.

Based on the population of Sonoma County, \$100,000 has been allocated locally (Attachment 2). Up to



5% of the allocation may be used for administrative costs. Under the terms of the program, the funding is available for four years, and any unspent funds must be returned to the state at that time. The County will be required to collect data from grant recipients on individuals served and the types of services provided and to report this data to the BSCC initially on or before July 1, 2015, and annually until the final reporting date of July 1, 2018.

**Prior Board Actions:**

None

**Strategic Plan Alignment**      Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

Participating in the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant program enhances the health and safety of the residents of Sonoma County by working with community based entities to decrease criminal recidivism.

**Fiscal Summary - FY 14-15**

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$		\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):**

Any budgetary impacts will be reflected as part of future consolidated budget actions, as necessary.

**Staffing Impacts**

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

**Attachments:**

1. California Penal Code Section 1233.10(a)

2. County Allocations

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**



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**Attachment I**

**California Penal Code Section 1233.10(a)**

Upon agreement to accept funding from the Recidivism Reduction Fund, created in Section 1233.9, a county board of supervisors, in collaboration with the county's Community Corrections Partnership, shall develop, administer, and collect and submit data to the Board of State and Community Corrections regarding a competitive grant program intended to fund community recidivism and crime reduction services, including, but not limited to, delinquency prevention, homelessness prevention, and reentry services. The funding shall be allocated to counties by the State Controller's Office from Item 5227-101-3259 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014-15 according to the following schedule:

Alameda	\$ 250,000
Alpine	\$ 10,000
Amador	\$ 10,000
Butte	\$ 50,000
Calaveras	\$ 10,000
Colusa	\$ 10,000
Contra Costa	\$ 250,000
Del Norte	\$ 10,000
El Dorado	\$ 50,000
Fresno	\$ 250,000
Glenn	\$ 10,000
Humboldt	\$ 50,000
Imperial	\$ 50,000
Inyo	\$ 10,000
Kern	\$ 250,000
Kings	\$ 50,000
Lake	\$ 25,000
Lassen	\$ 10,000
Los Angeles	\$1,600,000
Madera	\$ 50,000
Marin	\$ 50,000
Mariposa	\$ 10,000
Mendocino	\$ 25,000
Merced	\$ 50,000
Modoc	\$ 10,000

Mono	\$ 10,000
Monterey	\$ 100,000
Napa	\$ 50,000
Nevada	\$ 25,000
Orange	\$ 500,000
Placer	\$ 50,000
Plumas	\$ 10,000
Riverside	\$ 500,000
Sacramento	\$ 250,000
San Benito	\$ 25,000
San Bernardino	\$ 500,000
San Diego	\$ 500,000
San Francisco	\$ 250,000
San Joaquin	\$ 250,000
San Luis Obispo	\$ 50,000
San Mateo	\$ 250,000
Santa Barbara	\$ 100,000
Santa Clara	\$ 500,000
Santa Cruz	\$ 50,000
Shasta	\$ 50,000
Sierra	\$ 10,000
Siskiyou	\$ 10,000
Solano	\$ 100,000
Sonoma	\$ 100,000
Stanislaus	\$ 100,000
Sutter	\$ 25,000
Tehama	\$ 25,000
Trinity	\$ 10,000
Tulare	\$ 100,000
Tuolumne	\$ 25,000
Ventura	\$ 250,000
Yolo	\$ 50,000
Yuba	\$ 25,000

(b) For purposes of this section, "community recidivism and crime reduction service provider" means a nongovernmental entity or a consortium or coalition of nongovernmental entities, that provides community recidivism and crime reduction services, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c), to persons who have been released from the state prison, a county jail, a juvenile detention facility, who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department, or any other person at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities.

(c) (1) A community recidivism and crime reduction service provider shall have a demonstrated history of providing services, as described in paragraph (2), to the target population during the five years immediately prior to the application for a grant awarded pursuant to this section.

(2) A community recidivism and crime reduction service provider shall provide services that are designed to enable persons to whom the services are provided to refrain from engaging in

crime, reconnect with their family members, and contribute to their communities. Community recidivism and crime reduction services may include all of the following:

- (A) Self-help groups.
- (B) Individual or group assistance with basic life skills.
- (C) Mentoring programs.
- (D) Academic and educational services, including, but not limited to, services to enable the recipient to earn his or her high school diploma.
- (E) Job training skills and employment.
- (F) Truancy prevention programs.
- (G) Literacy programs.
- (H) Any other service that advances community recidivism and crime reduction efforts, as identified by the county board of supervisors and the Community Corrections Partnership.
- (I) Individual or group assistance with referrals for any of the following:
  - (i) Mental and physical health assessments.
  - (ii) Counseling services.
  - (iii) Education and vocational programs.
  - (iv) Employment opportunities.
  - (v) Alcohol and drug treatment.
  - (vi) Health, wellness, fitness, and nutrition programs and services.
  - (vii) Personal finance and consumer skills programs and services.
  - (viii) Other personal growth and development programs to reduce recidivism.
  - (ix) Housing assistance.

(d) Pursuant to this section and upon agreement to accept funding from the Recidivism Reduction Fund, the board of supervisors, in collaboration with the county's Community Corrections Partnership, shall grant funds allocated to the county, as described in subdivision (a), to community recidivism and crime reduction service providers based on the needs of their community.

(e) (1) The amount awarded to each community recidivism and crime reduction service provider by a county shall be based on the population of the county, as projected by the Department of Finance, and shall not exceed the following:

- (A) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in a county with a population of over 4,000,000 people.
- (B) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in a county with a population of 700,000 or more people but less than 4,000,000 people.
- (C) Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in a county with a population of 400,000 or more people but less than 700,000 people.
- (D) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in a county with a population of less than 400,000 people.

(2) The total amount of grants awarded to a single community recidivism and crime reduction service provider by all counties pursuant to this section shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

(f) The board of supervisors, in collaboration with the county's Community Corrections Partnership, shall establish minimum requirements, funding criteria, and procedures for the counties to award grants consistent with the criteria established in this section.

(g) A community recidivism and crime reduction service provider that receives a grant under this section shall report to the county board of supervisors or the Community Corrections Partnership on the number of individuals served and the types of services provided, consistent

with paragraph (2) of subdivision (c). The board of supervisors or the Community Corrections Partnership shall report to the Board of State and Community Corrections any information received under this subdivision from grant recipients.

(h) Of the total amount granted to a county, up to 5 percent may be withheld by the board of supervisors or the Community Corrections Partnership for the payment of administrative costs.

(i) Any funds allocated to a county under this section shall be available for expenditure for a period of four years and any unexpended funds shall revert to the state General Fund at the end of the four-year period. Any funds not encumbered with a community recidivism and crime reduction service provider one year after allocation of grant funds to counties shall immediately revert to the state General Fund.



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**Attachment II  
County Allocations**

County	Funding Allocation	Population*	Maximum Provider Allocation
Alameda	\$250,000.00	1,573,254	\$50,000.00
Alpine	\$10,000.00	1,079	\$10,000.00
Amador	\$10,000.00	36,151	\$10,000.00
Butte	\$50,000.00	222,361	\$10,000.00
Calaveras	\$10,000.00	44,650	\$10,000.00
Colusa	\$10,000.00	21,660	\$10,000.00
Contra Costa	\$250,000.00	1,087,008	\$50,000.00
Del Norte	\$10,000.00	28,131	\$10,000.00
El Dorado	\$50,000.00	182,404	\$10,000.00
Fresno	\$250,000.00	964,040	\$50,000.00
Glenn	\$1,000.00	28,353	\$10,000.00
Humboldt	\$50,000.00	134,648	\$10,000.00
Imperial	\$50,000.00	180,672	\$10,000.00
Inyo	\$10,000.00	18,590	\$10,000.00
Kern	\$250,000.00	873,092	\$50,000.00
Kings	\$50,000.00	150,181	\$10,000.00
Lake	\$25,000.00	64,699	\$10,000.00
Lassen	\$10,000.00	32,581	\$10,000.00
Los Angeles	\$1,600,000.00	10,041,797	\$100,000.00
Madera	\$50,000.00	153,897	\$10,000.00
Marin	\$50,000.00	255,846	\$10,000.00
Mariposa	\$10,000.00	18,467	\$10,000.00
Mendocino	\$25,000.00	89,029	\$10,000.00
Merced	\$50,000.00	264,922	\$10,000.00
Modoc	\$10,000.00	9,197	\$10,000.00
Mono	\$10,000.00	14,143	\$10,000.00
Monterey	\$100,000.00	425,756	\$25,000.00
Napa	\$50,000.00	139,255	\$10,000.00
Nevada	\$25,000.00	97,225	\$10,000.00
Orange	\$500,000.00	3,113,991	\$50,000.00
Placer	\$50,000.00	366,115	\$10,000.00
Plumas	\$10,000.00	19,140	\$10,000.00
Riverside	\$500,000.00	2,279,967	\$50,000.00
Sacramento	\$250,000.00	1,454,406	\$50,000.00
San Benito	\$25,000.00	57,517	\$10,000.00
San Bernardino	\$500,000.00	2,085,669	\$50,000.00

County	Funding Allocation	Population	Max. Provider Allocation
San Diego	\$500,000.00	3,194,362	\$50,000.00
San Francisco	\$250,000.00	836,620	\$50,000.00
San Joaquin	\$250,000.00	710,731	\$50,000.00
San Luis Obispo	\$50,000.00	272,357	\$10,000.00
San Mateo	\$250,000.00	745,193	\$50,000.00
Santa Barbara	\$100,000.00	433,398	\$25,000.00
Santa Clara	\$500,000.00	1,868,558	\$50,000.00
Santa Cruz	\$50,000.00	271,595	\$10,000.00
Shasta	\$50,000.00	179,412	\$10,000.00
Sierra	\$10,000.00	3,089	\$10,000.00
Siskiyou	\$10,000.00	45,231	\$10,000.00
Solano	\$100,000.00	424,233	\$25,000.00
Sonoma	\$100,000.00	490,486	\$25,000.00
Stanislaus	\$100,000.00	526,042	\$25,000.00
Sutter	\$25,000.00	95,733	\$10,000.00
Tehama	\$25,000.00	63,717	\$10,000.00
Trinity	\$10,000.00	13,389	\$10,000.00
Tulare	\$100,000.00	459,446	\$25,000.00
Tuolumne	\$25,000.00	53,604	\$10,000.00
Ventura	\$250,000.00	842,967	\$50,000.00
Yolo	\$50,000.00	206,381	\$10,000.00
Yuba	\$25,000.00	73,682	\$10,000.00

\*As estimated by the Department of Finance





## County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board  
575 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Agenda Item Number:** 3  
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

**To:** Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

**Board Agenda Date:** September 30, 2014

**Vote Requirement:** 4/5

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

**Staff Name and Phone Number:**

Rosalind Girard 565.3418

**Supervisorial District(s):**

First

**Title:** Roiling Permit (Ordinance No. 3836R) for Sonoma County Regional Parks; ROI14-0008

### **Recommended Actions:**

Adopt a Resolution issuing a Roiling Permit (Ordinance No. 3836R) to Sonoma County Regional Parks for the North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Project.

### **Executive Summary:**

Section VIII of Ordinance No. 3836R requires that an application for a permit be filed with the Board of Supervisors prior to the performance of certain prescribed work or operations in a river, stream or channel which may decrease the clarity of these waterways.

Concurrent Resolution No. 88-1220 of the Board of Supervisors requires that applications for permits describe the work or operations to be done, the purpose of the work or operations, the manner in which the work or operations will be carried out, and the time within which the work or operations will be completed. Pursuant to the Resolution, applications must be accompanied by a copy of the agreement required by Section 1601 et seq. of the California Fish and Wildlife Code (formerly California Fish and Game) and water discharge permits applicable to the work or operations, if any, pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Applications by public agencies must also be accompanied by evidence of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The application submitted by Sonoma County Regional Parks complies with the requirements of the 3836R Ordinance. The applicant proposes to replace the existing wooden vehicle bridge located at the South Fork of Mantanzas Creek, with a railcar bridge spanning the creek. The vehicle bridge is necessary for access and to open the new "North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve" later this year. Although the new bridge construction is outside top of creek bank, demolition of the old bridge will require grading to provide additional stability and allow for improved creek flow in high water.

The 3836R permit requires a 4/5 approval vote by the Board according to the requirements of the 1988

ballot measure creating the 3836R Ordinance.

**Prior Board Actions:**

08/19/2014: The Board of Supervisors approved transfer of the North Sonoma Mountain Properties from Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to Regional Parks.

**Strategic Plan Alignment**      Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

The permit allows Sonoma County Regional Parks to replace the old vehicle bridge with a new railcar bridge providing safe public access to the new park planned to open this fall.

**Fiscal Summary - FY 13-14**

Expenditures		Funding Source(s)	
Budgeted Amount	\$		\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):**

n/a

**Staffing Impacts**

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

n/a

**Attachments:**

- A. Draft Resolution
- B. Application
- C. Map

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

Application Package



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: September 30, 2014

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Issuing A Permit Pursuant To Section VIII Of Ordinance No. 3836R Of The County Of Sonoma To Sonoma County Regional Parks For the North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Bridge Project.**

**Whereas**, Section VIII of Ordinance No. 3836R requires that an application for a permit be filed with the Board of Supervisors prior to the performance of certain prescribed work or operations in a river, stream, or channel which may decrease the clarity of a river or stream; and

**Whereas**, an application was filed by Sonoma County Regional Parks for an Ordinance No. 3836R permit for maintenance work in various rivers, streams, and channels at the Permit and Resource Management Department in the manner prescribed by Resolution No. 88-1220 as amended by Resolution No. 89-0746 of the Board of Supervisors; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed said application; and

**Whereas**, the requirements of section VIII of the Sonoma County Code includes a restriction to perform permitted activities within a period of 30 days, except that additional 30-day permit periods may be granted by the Board of Supervisors, and a requirement that all approval votes be by a 4/5 majority of the Board of Supervisors.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**

1. That the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the work and operations described on said application is necessary and that the work and operations will be performed in a manner which will not unreasonably decrease the clarity of the waters of the rivers or streams of the County of Sonoma.
2. That a permit is hereby granted to applicant to perform the work and operations described in the aforementioned application.
3. That the work shall be completed within 30 days from the date hereof.

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4. That the work and operations shall be performed in the manner described in the application and in accordance with the terms and conditions of any applicable agreement required by Section 1601 et seq. of the California Fish and Wildlife Code (formerly Fish and Game), any applicable waste discharge permit issued pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (commencing at Section 13000 of the California Water Code), and Chapter 26A of the Sonoma County Code and any plans adopted pursuant thereto.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the permit is hereby granted to the applicant pursuant to Section 25526.6 of the Government Code.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Zane:

McGuire:

Carrillo:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**

**Roiling Permit Application**

DRN-003

The Board of Supervisors approves all roiling permits under Section VIII of the Water Clarity Ordinance of the County of Sonoma, Ordinance No. 3836R (Chapter 23 of the Sonoma County Code).

**A complete application must be submitted to the Permit and Resource Management Department a minimum of eight weeks before the start of project.**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Architect \ Engineer	Project Site Information	
Name <u>Sonoma County Regional Parks</u> <u>KAREN DAVIS-BROWN</u>			<u>5297 Sonoma Mountain Rd.</u> Address(es)	
Mailing Address <u>2300 County Center Dr #120A</u>			<u>Santa Rosa Ca 95404</u> City/Town	
<u>SR</u> <u>Ca 95403</u> City/Town State/Zip			<u>049-030-097</u> Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	
<u>707-565-1359</u> <u>707-579-8247</u> Phone Fax			<u>South Fork Matanzas Creek</u> River or Stream Name	
<u>After - Sept 15, 2014</u> Work start date			<u>October 31, 2014</u> Estimated completion date	
<u>[Signature]</u> Signature			<u>8/22/2014</u> Date	

**Types of work (check one):**

- To protect riparian property adjacent to a river or stream.  
 To construct recreational dams.  
 To perform construction work on riparian property, the nature of which may decrease the clarity of the waters of the river or stream.  
 To construct temporary bridges, dikes, dams and settling ponds in connection with mining operations, or for agricultural uses.

**Application Requirements:**

- A. A detailed statement describing the work or operations to be done and the manner in which they will be carried out to avoid unreasonably decreasing the clarity of the river or stream, including any proposed monitoring or mitigation measures.
- B. A location/vicinity map (8 ½ in. X 11 in.) showing where the project is located in relation to nearby lots, streets, highways and/or major natural features (e.g., locator maps & road maps).
- C. A copy of the Fish and Game permit or waiver.
- D. A copy of the Army Corps of Engineers permit for this project, if required.
- E. A copy of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board water quality certification, if required.
- F. A copy of the last roiling permit, if any.
- G. A check payable to "PRMD" (see current fee schedule). This fee includes any requested extensions for the calendar year.
- H. A copy of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document.
- I. A copy of any approved County permit conditions (e.g. mining approval).

**Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department**

2550 Ventura Avenue ❖ Santa Rosa, CA ❖ 95403-2829 ❖ (707) 565-1900 ❖ Fax (707) 565-1103



# North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Bridge Location Map



0 100 200 400 Feet



August, 2014

Sonoma Mountain Road

Bridge Construction Location  
5297 Sonoma Mountain Rd  
Santa Rosa, Ca.

North Sonoma Mountain  
Regional Park  
& Open Space Preserve  
APN - 049-030-097

Sonoma County Vegetation Mapping and LIDAR Consortium, NASA, University of Maryland, Watershed Sciences, Inc., Turman Geospatial LLC



## County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board  
575 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Agenda Item Number:** 4  
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Board Agenda Date:** September 30, 2014

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Regional Parks Department

**Staff Name and Phone Number:**

Steve Ehret (707) 565-1107

**Supervisorial District(s):**

1st

**Title:** North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Bridge Construction Bid Award

### **Recommended Actions:**

Award the contract for the North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Bridge Project to Team Ghilotti Inc. in the amount of \$219,960, with an anticipated term of September 23, 2014 to November 17, 2014.

### **Executive Summary:**

#### **Summary**

The construction of the North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Bridge (Vehicle Bridge) is the final construction project to support the opening of the North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve. Bids were opened on September 9, 2014 and the low bid of \$219,960 submitted by Team Ghilotti Inc. can be awarded with allocated funds.

#### **Background**

Since July 2005, Regional Parks has worked cooperatively with the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District), California State Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail Council), California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy), and consultants in developing a trail plan to connect four District acquired properties (Jacobs Ranch, Skiles Ranch, Wilroth and Cooper's Grove), Regional Parks-owned property (Sonoma Mountain Woodlands), and Jack London State Historic Park. On March 18, 2008, the Board of Directors approved the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Project (Trail Project) and adopted its Mitigated Negative Declaration. Construction of the trail project began in 2010 and is now almost completed. This collaborative effort has resulted in a new 4.25-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail segment, access road improvements, and a new parking area and trailhead on Jacobs Ranch.

The Vehicle Bridge over the South Fork of Matanzas Creeks is located on the park driveway used to access the new trailhead and parking area. The bridge must be replaced before the public can access the park due to safety reasons. The Vehicle Bridge work required the acquisition of easement rights and agreements from two adjacent landowners which took over two years. On August 19, 2014 the Board of

Directors authorized the District President to execute the last of the necessary agreements, including an easement and a certificate of acceptance. Also on August 19, 2014, the Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of the District properties to Regional Parks.

Advertising and notification procedures met the requirements for formal bids under the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act for this project. The North Bay Builders Exchange and other Northern California Builders Exchanges were notified and the project was advertised in the Press Democrat. Four contractors purchased plans and attended the mandatory pre-bid conference on August 25, 2014. Bids were opened on September 9, 2014 by the County Purchasing Division of the General Services Department. Two bids were received. The low bid was Team Ghilotti Inc. with a bid of \$219,960, and the higher bid was JA Gonsalves & Sons with a bid of \$286,800.

The Vehicle Bridge is funded by the District. The funds were appropriated by the Board and a construction administration contract with Regional Parks executed on February 23, 2010. On February 5, 2013 the Board extended the construction administration contract term to November 30, 2014. The project budget is sufficient to award the bid of \$219,960 for the Vehicle Bridge.

If the Vehicle Bridge can be constructed this fall, Regional Parks will open the new North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve before the end of the year.

**Prior Board Actions:**

On March 18, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the North Slope Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Project. Previous to that, the Board of Directors approved the acquisitions of the Property. On February 23, 2010 the Board approved a construction administration contract with Regional Parks. On February 5, 2013 the Board extended the construction administration contract with Regional Parks. On March 22, 2014, the Board of Directors approved a contract with Hanford ARC to construct fencing on the property. On August 19, 2014 the Board approved the property transfer agreement and funding to Regional Parks.

**Strategic Plan Alignment**      Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

Award of the construction contract will allow the opening of a regional park and open space preserve, providing recreational and educational opportunities for county residents and visitors.



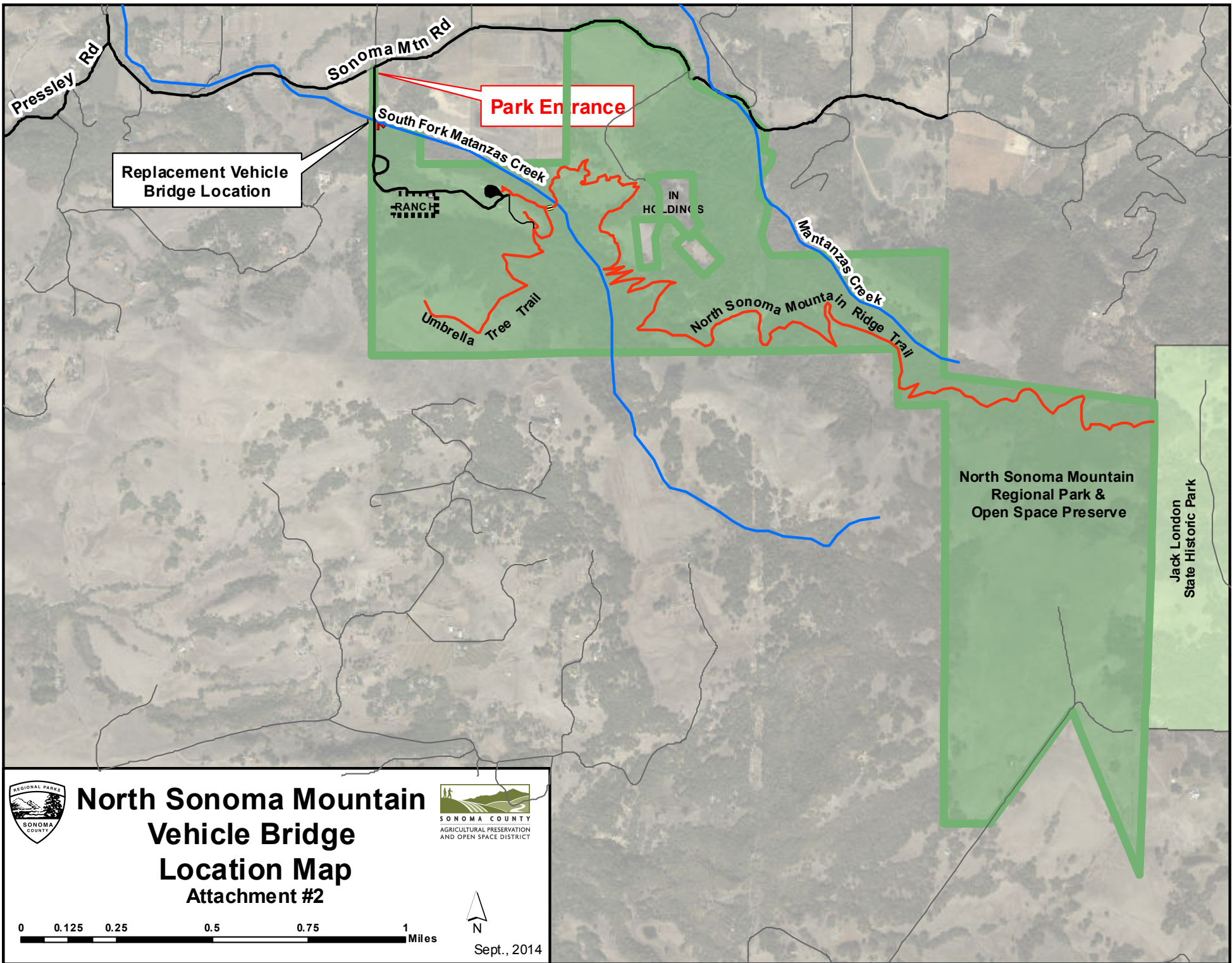
<b>Fiscal Summary - FY 14-15</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 219,960		\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$ 219,960
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 219,960</b>	<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 219,960</b>
<b>Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):</b>			
Project funding is from the Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District and was included in the construction administration contract with Regional Parks. The project budget is sufficient to award the bid of \$219,960 for the Vehicle Bridge.			
<b>Staffing Impacts</b>			
<b>Position Title</b> (Payroll Classification)	<b>Monthly Salary Range</b> (A – I Step)	<b>Additions</b> (Number)	<b>Deletions</b> (Number)
<b>Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):</b>			
<b>Attachments:</b>			
Attachment 1 - Schedule of Bids Received, Attachment 2 - Vehicle Bridge Location Map			
<b>Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:</b>			
Contract for North Sonoma Mountain Vehicle Bridge with Team Ghilotti Inc.			

**SONOMA COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION BID TABULATION**

Bid No. BSO # 15-0233 Project Manager Karen Davis Brown Tel. Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Bid Date 9/9/14 Project Name No 50 Mtn Veh (Bridge) Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

	Bidder's Name	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Alt. #2	Alt. #3	Alt. #4	Alt. #5	For Project Manager's Use
	Team Ghilotti	219,960.-						
1	JA GONCALVES & SONS	286,800.-						
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Replacement Vehicle  
Bridge Location

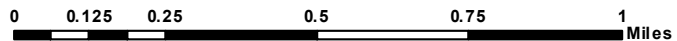
Park Entrance

North Sonoma Mountain  
Regional Park &  
Open Space Preserve

Jack London  
State Historic Park



**North Sonoma Mountain  
Vehicle Bridge  
Location Map  
Attachment #2**



Sept., 2014



## County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board  
575 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Agenda Item Number:** 5  
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

**To:** Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County

**Board Agenda Date:** September 30, 2014

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Regional Parks

**Staff Name and Phone Number:**

Steve Ehret 565-1107 / Mark Cleveland 565-3349

**Supervisorial District(s):**

3<sup>rd</sup>

**Title:** Taylor Mountain Phase 1 Petaluma Hill Road Trailhead Bid Award

### **Recommended Actions:**

Award the bid for the construction of Taylor Mountain Phase 1 Petaluma Hill Road Trailhead to Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc. and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the construction agreement in the amount of \$840,066.

### **Executive Summary:**

The 1100 acre Taylor Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve will be developed in multiple phases as funding becomes available. There are several trailheads and facilities in the park master plan that have been approved by the Board to improve and expand public access to the park. The Taylor Mountain Phase 1 Petaluma Hill Road Trailhead Bid Award will authorize the construction necessary to establish the first permanent trailhead for Taylor Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve. The Petaluma Road Trailhead will provide convenient access from a major county arterial, just minutes from Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, and Highway 101.

#### **Background**

The Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) Board of Directors approved the acquisition of the majority of the 1,100-acre Taylor Mountain property in 2005. In October 2009, the Board approved the District's Interim Public Access Permit Program, which opened the park to limited public use. In October 2012, the Board adopted the mitigated negative declaration and approved the Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve project. And in February 2013, the Board approved the transfer of the Taylor Mountain Property from the District to the County.

Regional Parks executed a grant contract for \$750,000 from the Proposition 84 Park Development Grant Program in March 2013. The grant requires the County to prepare a Labor Compliance Program for approval by the State prior to the construction of the trailhead.

On July 29, 2014 the Board approved a resolution adopting a Labor Compliance Program (LCP), authorized North Valley Labor Compliance Services to submit the LCP to the State for approval and to enforce the LCP during the construction of the improvements, and authorized a legal services

agreement with the Law Office of Debora Wilder to represent the County in the case of any complaints filed with the Department of Industrial Relations. The LCP was submitted to the State for approval on July 29, 2014 and is anticipated to be approved any day.

The Taylor Mountain Phase 1 Petaluma Hill Road Trailhead bid award includes safety improvements to Petaluma Hill Road and the development of a new trailhead with an access road, parking, picnic sites, and other amenities. The Sonoma County Trails Council (SCTC) is constructing multiple use trails from the Petaluma Road trailhead to existing trails within the park. This effort is funded and coordinated through a unique collaboration of the SCTC, the Regional Parks Foundation, and the Regional Parks Department.

The Petaluma Hill Road improvements have been developed in close coordination with Transportation and Public Works (TPW) to ensure safe public access to the trailhead, integration with adjacent road projects, and to realize construction efficiencies. TPW is contributing \$150,000 towards the overlay and striping of the existing road section, while the grant and Park Mitigation Fees are paying for road widening, a left turn lane, and acceleration lane.

The bid project was advertised on August 31, 2014 and September 7, 2014 in the Press Democrat, and a pre-bid conference was held on September 9, 2014. On September 18, 2014, the County publicly opened bids for the project. A total of three (3) bids were received (see Attachment 1, Bid Tabulation). Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid of \$840,066, which is within the project budget. The engineers estimate for the Phase 1 improvements ranged from \$950,000 to \$985,000.

Additional improvements to the Phase 1 Petaluma Hill Road Trailhead to be constructed under separate contracts include a new restroom and solar entry gates. Regional Parks will also be engaging the public in a collaborative process to design and construct a natural play area. These remaining Phase 1 improvements are scheduled for construction in Spring & Summer 2015.

**Prior Board Actions:**

July 29, 2014 the Board authorized Regional Parks' Director to enter into an agreement with Sonoma County Trails Council to construct trails at Taylor Mountain. July 29, 2014 by Reso. No. 14-0308 Approved the labor Compliance Program for the project. February 5, 2013 by Reso. No. 13-0040, the Board approved transfer of the Taylor Mountain Property from the District to the County. October 9, 2012 by Reso. No. 12-0481, the Board approved the Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Master Plan and Mitigated Negative Declaration. June 21, 2011 by Reso. No. 11-0348, the Board approved application for Statewide Park Program Grant. October 20, 2009 by Reso. No. 09-0985, the Board approved the Interim Public Access Permit Program and by Board Reso. No. 09-0986, the Board directed the District and Regional Parks to execute a park management and planning agreement. October 11, 2005 by Reso. No. 05-0915, the Board approved the fee title acquisition of the Taylor Mountain property.

**Strategic Plan Alignment**      Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship

The approval of the Taylor Mountain Phase 1 Petaluma Hill Road Trailhead construction contract supports the protection and maintenance of parks, public lands & open space systems that promote

recreation, health, protects watersheds and contributes to the economic vitality.

**Fiscal Summary - FY 14-15**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	
Budgeted Amount	\$ <b>840,066</b>		\$
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$ 640,066
	\$	Fees/Other	\$ 200,000
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	\$ <b>840,066</b>	<b>Total Sources</b>	\$ <b>840,066</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):**

The project is funded from the Proposition 84 grant funds. In addition, Regional Parks will return to the Board with an appropriation request as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Consolidated Budget Adjustment for \$200,000 in Area 4 Park Mitigation Fees and \$150,000 in road operations fund from TPW.

**Staffing Impacts**

<b>Position Title</b> (Payroll Classification)	<b>Monthly Salary Range</b> (A – I Step)	<b>Additions</b> (Number)	<b>Deletions</b> (Number)

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

Operations and maintenance of the property is funded for the first three years by the District. No additional staff are required in order to provide services for the Phase 1 improvements.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Bid Tabulation, Attachment 2 – Phase 1 Trailhead Graphic

**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

Agreement between the County and Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc. (5 copies)

## Attachment 1 – Bid Tabulation

### SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS

PROJECT LOCATION: 3820 Petaluma Hill Road, Santa Rosa, CA

PROJECT TITLE: Taylor Mountain Phase 1

CIP INDEX NUMBER: 40904300-54405

BID OPENING DATE: September 18, 2014

TIME: 2:00 PM

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Team Ghilotti, Inc.	BASE BID 1 \$ 445,033.92
	<u>BASE BID 2 \$ 442,940.00</u>
	TOTAL \$ 887,973.92
Ghilotti Bros., Inc.	BASE BID 1 \$ 477,172.50
	<u>BASE BID 2 \$ 611,715.50</u>
	TOTAL \$ 1,088,888.00
Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc.	BASE BID 1 \$ 467,295.00
	<u>BASE BID 2 \$ 372,771.00</u>
	TOTAL \$ 840,066.00
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# Attachment 2 – Phase 1 Trailhead Graphic



Figure 10. Petaluma Hill Road staging area





## County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board  
575 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Agenda Item Number:** 6  
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Board Agenda Date:** September 30, 2014

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Transportation and Public Works

**Staff Name and Phone Number:**

Susan Klassen (707) 565-2231

**Supervisorial District(s):**

All

**Title:** Subsidized Transit Fare Program for College Students and Veterans

### **Recommended Actions:**

(1) Approve funding to Sonoma County Transit to implement a Subsidized Fare Pilot Program for eligible College Students and Veterans, effective January 1 thru December 31, 2015, with an estimated cost of \$311,000.

(2) Find under Government Code section 26227 that committing County resources to the pilot program is necessary to meet the social needs of the community and is in the best interest of the County and public.

### **Executive Summary:**

On July 29, 2014, the Board directed Transportation and Public Works (TPW) and County Administrator Office (CAO) to develop a reduced-cost transit pass pilot program for students who use Sonoma County Transit. That direction was later broadened at the request of the Road Ad Hoc Committee to include Veterans in the pilot program.

In FY 2014, Sonoma County Transit provided 1,316,113 passenger trips consisting of 22% students, 40% adult, 23% senior and disabled and the remaining 15% consisting of free (children 5 and under), transfer and social service passengers. The intent of the pilot program is to increase ridership and access to key facilities, such as the Santa Rosa Junior College, Sonoma State University, Santa Rosa Veterans Outpatient Clinic on Airport Boulevard and future SMART stations.

The recommended pilot program was developed in concert with the Roads Ad Hoc Committee, North Bay Organizing Project (NBOP) and members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation interested in developing free transit fare programs for both students and Veterans in Sonoma County. The pilot program will help determine the true cost of offering free fares to the selected target groups and any operational impacts that may result. The pilot program may transition into an on-going program provided a stable, ongoing source of funding is identified, such as through the proposed Sales Tax identified in the County Administrator's Financing Plan for the Roads Ad-Hoc Long Range Plan.

During the past month, the Roads Ad Hoc met with staff, members from the North Bay Organizing

Project and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation, and to review operational and financial data. Based on this work, staff developed two recommendations for the Roads Ad Hoc, detailed below. These recommendations were also validated with the North Bay Organizing Project and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation, both of which expressed support. Based on this, staff are now recommending to the Board two pilot programs:

1. College Student Free Fare Pilot Program: The recommended College Student Pilot Program would allow currently enrolled college students, with a student identification card, unlimited use of Sonoma County Transit during the pilot test effective January 1 through December 31, 2015. The program would apply to college students attending any Sonoma County college campus, including the Santa Rosa Junior College, Sonoma State University, Empire College, University of San Francisco - Santa Rosa Branch, or other institutions meeting this requirement.

The projected cost of this component of the pilot program is \$266,000. This projection is based on Sonoma County Transit’s current cash fares and anticipated local and inter-city route use by college students. The projected cost anticipates a 25% increase in college student ridership during the pilot period. Pilot program funding will reimburse Sonoma County Transit the value of a cash student fare for applicable trips taken on local routes (\$1.05/trip) or a two-zone student fare (\$1.60) for applicable trips taken on intercity routes.

2. Veterans Free Fare Pilot Program: The recommended Veterans Free Fare Pilot Program will enable Veterans holding a Veterans Administration (VA) ID card or a Sonoma County Veterans ID card free use of Sonoma County Transit during the pilot period. Pilot program funding will reimburse Sonoma County Transit the value of a cash senior/disabled fare for applicable trips taken on local routes (\$0.60) and a two-zone senior/disabled fare (\$0.90) for applicable trips taken on inter-city routes. The projected pilot program cost of the Veterans free fare program is \$45,000.

If approved, Sonoma County Transit and CAO staff will work with schools, Veterans groups, local organizations and media to increase awareness of the pilot program as well as clarify various operational procedures. Sonoma County Transit has in place a transit marketing grant funded by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District that can assist with this effort. Necessary appropriations will be included as part of the first quarter Consolidated Budget Adjustments.

Staff will monitor pilot program usage throughout the system and report back to the Board in July, 2015 with a status report from the January – June, 2015 period. The report will also discuss any operational issues and recommended program modifications for Board consideration, and reaffirm the Board’s desire to continue the pilot programs.

In addition to approving the pilot program, staff requests that the Board find under Government Code section 26227 that committing County resources to the program is necessary to meet the social needs of the community and is in the best interest of the County and public. Such a finding will allow the County to expend non-transit funds for the purposes set forth in this plan.

**Prior Board Actions:**

7/29/14 - Board approved development of a Pilot Student Transit Pass Program

**Strategic Plan Alignment**      Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

The provision of public transit services assists the County’s goals of providing a safe, healthy and caring

community. The subsidized transit fare pilot program for college students and Veterans compliments these goals.

**Fiscal Summary - FY 14-15**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	
Budgeted Amount	\$ 155,500	County General Fund	\$ 155,500
Add Appropriations Req'd.	\$	State/Federal	\$
	\$	Fees/Other	\$
	\$	Use of Fund Balance	\$
	\$	Contingencies	\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 155,500</b>	<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 155,500</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):**

Current fiscal year expenditures are estimated at \$155,500 which is half of the total program cost. The second half of the expenditures will occur during FY 15-16. If approved, appropriations will be included as part of the first quarter Consolidated Budget Adjustments.

**Staffing Impacts**

<b>Position Title</b> (Payroll Classification)	<b>Monthly Salary Range</b> (A – I Step)	<b>Additions</b> (Number)	<b>Deletions</b> (Number)

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None.

**Attachments:**

None.

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None.