RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-18

MEETING: January 15, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RE: Mariposa Creek Parkway Reaffirmation

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Adopt a resolution reaffirming Mariposa County’s intention to develop the Mariposa Creek Parkway. The project consists of a non-motorized American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trail commencing at the pedestrian bridge located at 8th Street and ending at Coakley Circle. Additionally, the County will pursue grants and other funding opportunities in order to construct the necessary improvements needed to complete the project. This action was requested by the California Resources Agency as a condition for reimbursement of the cost of the initial parcel and to authorize payment for the two additional parcels.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: On October 11, 2005 your Board approved an application to the State of California Resources Agency for the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III project. The grant was subsequently awarded and accepted by your Board on January 16, 2007. The project entails acquiring property which will ultimately result in the development and construction of a non-motorized ADA accessible trail commencing at the pedestrian bridge located at 8th Street and ending at Coakley Circle.

Since that time work on the project has continued. Negotiations with property owners took considerably more time than expected and in order to obtain some properties lot line adjustments were required. The largest portion of the future Parkway has been purchased. There are, however, two small parcels which are now ready to be acquired. These parcels are critical to the project’s success. Ideally one other parcel should ultimately be acquired. The owners of that parcel are currently not able to sell but that situation could change later in the year.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: It is likely that the California Resources Agency would withdraw its funding of the project. As a result, there would be no reimbursement of $14,154 for the property previously acquired. Without the additional parcels it is doubtful that any further development would occur at the site.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrative Office

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Carrier, Jones
MARIPosa COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-18

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING MARIPosa COUNTY’S INTENTION TO DEVELOp THE MARIPosa CREEK PARKWAY

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2005 this Board approved a grant application to the State of California Resources Agency to fund property purchases for the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III project; and

WHEREAS, said grant was awarded and accepted on January 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, one parcel has been purchased by Mariposa County at a cost of $14,154 and two additional parcels are now available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the California Resources Agency has requested a reaffirmation of the County’s intent to pursue the Parkway project before funds will be released.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, does hereby reaffirm Mariposa County’s intention to develop a non-motorized American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trail commencing at the pedestrian bridge located at Eighth Street and ending at Coakley Circle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mariposa County will pursue grants and other funding opportunities in order to fund construction of the necessary improvements and complete the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of January 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: STETSON, BIBBY, CANN, CARRIER, JONES
NOES: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
EXCUSED: NONE

LEE STETSON, Chair

ATTEST:

RENE' LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN W. DAHELM, County Counsel