Discussion and Action regarding the Mariposa Creek Parkway Project including reallocation of unexpended State Park Bond Act Trail Component funds ($8,000) for easement acquisition. (Timeliness regarding reallocation of Park Bond Act funds and at the request of the Committee).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board previously allocated Advertising Funds for the Project ($135,000) and authorized grant applications for additional funding. The current balance remaining in the CIP is approximately $60,000.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION.

(1) Return Bond Funds to the State; (2) Insist that the funds be expended on the Merced River Trail.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number pages consecutively:

_1 Page Memo
_2 Page Committee Letter

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Resolution No.: 95-137
Ordinance No.: 
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: 
Absent: Abstain:

__ Approved ( ) Denied
( ) Minute Order Attached
( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: 

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa,
State of California

By: Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

Recommended
Not Recommended
Policy Determination
Submitted w/ Comment
Returned for further action

Comment:

__ A.O. Initials
TO: JIM EVANS, Housing and Community Development Agency Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Mariposa Creek Parkway Project; Resolution No. 95-137

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on April 4, 1995

ACTION AND VOTE:

9:29 a.m. Jim Evans, Housing and Community Development Agency Director;

A) Discussion and Action Regarding the Mariposa Creek Parkway Project Including Reallocation of Unexpended State Park Bond Act Trail Component Funds ($8,000) for Easement Acquisition

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. Supervisor Parker requested that future improvements include asphalt type paths versus concrete sidewalks along the Mariposa Creek. (M)Reilly, (S)Taber, Res. 95-137 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous. Jim Evans advised he will involved Public Works in the acquisition process, and suggested scheduling an Administrative Practice Session with the citizen committee relative to this project.

cc: File
Ken Hawkins, Auditor
Mike Edwards, Public Works
March 29, 1995

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: James F. Evans, Director

SUBJECT: MARIPOSA CREEK PARKWAY PROJECT

As you are aware, the County and various interested parties has previously embarked on the Mariposa Creek Parkway. The Parkway Project envisions a trail and greenbelt along Mariposa Creek from the California Division of Forestry on Highway 49 N to the County Fairgrounds on Highway 49 S.

Due to budget constraints, the Project has been in limbo the last 1 1/2 years. Recently, a group of local residents has organized with the purpose of continuing the Parkway Project (attached for your information is a copy of the March 23, 1995 letter from the Parkway committee to the Board of Supervisors regarding their efforts). The recent report on Tourism strongly supported the Parkway and other local trail projects as important infrastructure in support of Mariposa County's tourism economy.

Approximately $8,000 is State Park Bond Act funds are available to support the Mariposa Creek Parkway Project. These funds were originally part of a $50,000 grant to the County for the Merced River Trail. According to the State Department of Parks and Recreation, these funds must be expended by June 30, 1995 on a "trail" project since they originally came from the Trails Component of the State Park Bond Act.

Therefore, I request your consideration of the following:

(1) Direction to Recreation and Public Works staff to cooperate with the Committee in development of the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

(2) Authorization to expend $8,000 in Park Bond Trails Component funds for the acquisition of a parcel between the 8th Street Crossing and Mariposa Park Road.

(3) Contact Congressman Radanovich in an attempt to secure Federal funding for completion of the Parkway Project.

Thank you for your consideration and direction regarding this matter.
March 23, 1995

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Mariposa County  

Re: Mariposa Creek Park

Dear Supervisors:

Since the Cal Poly students came to town to study Mariposa Creek this committee of citizens has been interested in a trail system through Mariposa and the preservation or enhancement of the riparian habitat that the creek provides.

To date, we have 788 feet of trail. We agree with Ed Hardy's recent report that indicates "miles" of trail are needed for both visitor experience and enhancement and healthful walking for residents.

The first portion of trail that we would like to work on is along Stroming Road between 6th and 8th Streets. As a group, we would like to urge the Board to utilize available grant funds to purchase additional creek frontage in this area. Our group will continue to work on acquiring easements as to keep the creek park growing. We are able to offer design and promotional assistance and some funds for amenities. Also, we will co-ordinate community work days.

We are working on design and construction in this area now. We intend to pursue business and community involvement in the actual construction.

We have some monies and we'll work to raise more once our plan is complete and we know our material needs. We will promote volunteer labor to complete the work. We'll work closely with Rich Bagley of Parks and Recreation to insure that everything done stays within the guidelines of the park masterplan.
Although this group has been inactive for some time, there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm for the Mariposa Creek Park moving ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Barry Brouillette

cc:  Jim Evans
     Rich Begley