RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-506

MEETING: August 18, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE: Mariposa Creek Parkway/WCB Public Access Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of a formal application to the Wildlife Control Board’s (WCB) Public Access Grant Program to support environmental planning and compliance work associated with the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

In June 2020, the Planning Department submitted a pre-application to this grant program. After the success of that pre-application, the County was invited to submit a formal application, which includes a variety of supporting materials such as a formal resolution. The attached resolution corresponds to the template provided by WCB.

Grant funds in the amount of approximately $135,000 would be used to support a variety of environmental planning, permitting, and compliance tasks, including: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Biological and Cultural Resources reports; wetland delineation and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) verification; preparation of Biological Assessment (BA) for Section 7 consultation; Section 404 permit; in-lieu fees for Waters of the United States (US) mitigation; Section 401 permit; California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Section 1602 permit (Streambed Alteration Agreement or SAA); pre-construction wildlife survey; and a Lake and Streambed Alteration permit.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board and Local Transportation Commission (LTC) have taken a number of actions related to establishing the Mariposa Creek Parkway and restoring environmental conditions within the project alignment, including:

Pollinator Habitat Enhancement: RES No. 2020-18
Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan Adoption: LTC No. 2020-3
Mariposa Creek Parkway/Statewide Parks Program: LTC No. 2019-13
Noxious Weed Grant Program: RES No. 2019-20
Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Concept Plan Adoption: LTC No. 2017-14

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Negative action would cause the Planning Department to need to seek additional external funding from other sources, and hinder implementation of the Mariposa...
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Creek Parkway.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This action would generate external funding in the approximate amount of $200,000. There is no required county match.

ATTACHMENTS:
200803 Resolution_DRAFT (DOCX)
200615 Narrative (DOCX)
200625 Attachments (PDF)

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPosa  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. 20-506  A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION  
FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WILDLIFE  
CONServation BOARD FOR THE MARIPosa  
CREEK PARKWAY COMPLIANCE, PERMITTING,  
AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

WHEREAS, funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the  
enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the  
development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-  
oriented recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County intends to support environmental planning and  
compliance tasks associated with implementation of the Mariposa Creek  
Parkway as captured in the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan.

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

1. APPROVES the filing of an application for funding from the Wildlife  
Conservation Board; and

2. CERTIFIES that said Applicant will comply with all federal, state and  
local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and  
regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the  
other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the  
project; and

3. FURTHER COMMITS to the terms and conditions specified in the grant  
agreement; and

4. APPOINTS Sarah Williams, Planning Director as a representative(s) of  
Mariposa County, to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all
documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other

ON MOTION BY Supervisor Long, seconded by Supervisor Jones, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 18th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY

NOES: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

[Signature]
Kevin Cann, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

[Signature]
for René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel