

AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 22, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

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September 10, 1998

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
701 Ocean Street
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SUBJECT: 1999-2000 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT
AND MITIGATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Members of the Board:

The Legislature of the State of California has enacted Assembly Bill 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of ten years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. These funds are disbursed by the Resources Agency of California through the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Grant Program. Following a thorough review of the various projects included in this year's Road Budget, it appears that the project that would have the best chance to qualify for an EEM grant application is the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project.

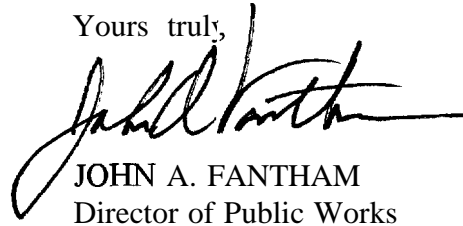
The purpose of this letter is to request your Board's approval of a grant application for the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project, and the application must be submitted to the Resources Agency by October 9, 1998. The Bike Path Project is included in the County's adopted 1998/99 Road Budget. The 1.3 mile path is proposed to be built within state right-of-way on the south side of State Route 1 from Shaffer Road at the north end of the City of Santa Cruz to the pedestrian underpass within Wilder Ranch State Park. The project is scheduled to be built in the summer of 1999 at a total cost of approximately \$750,000. The grant request is in the amount of \$60,000. The grant funds are needed to minimize construction impacts on the environment and to improve the aesthetics for the project area near the Wilder Ranch State Park. These items include the installation of a bridge in place of a culvert and earthfill within a drainage swale, adding a wooden safety fence that matches those used at the State Park, and installing retaining walls to avoid disturbing utilities. The remaining project costs are to be financed by Transportation Development Act (TDA), Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA), and State Minor A funds.

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It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution approving the proposed filing of a grant application to the Resources Agency of California and appointing John A. Fantham, Director of Public Works, and the Department of Public Works, administrating agency applicant to execute and submit all documents which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

Yours truly,



JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL,:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Public Works

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE A
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND
MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency of California is the administering agency of the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program (EEMG) which provides funding for projects that enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County has included **funding** for the design and construction of the Wilder Ranch Bike Path within its adopted 1998/99 Road Budget that will provide various measures; and

WHEREAS, with the EEMG program assistance, additional features could be included in said project to enhance and **further** mitigate the proposed improvements along State Route 1 and Wilder Ranch State Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz:

1. Approve the proposed filing of a grant application to the Resources Agency of California.
2. Appoint John A. Fantham, Director of Public Works, and the Department of Public Works, administering agency applicant to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to: applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc. which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project,

RESOLUTION NO.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,
State of California, this ____ day of _____ 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____

Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Samuel Tan 9/6/98
Chief Assistant County Counsel
Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works