



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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April 6, 1999

AGENDA: April 13, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**SUBJECT: 1999 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES (TEA)
PROJECT SUBMITTAL- SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL**

Members of the Board:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is requesting applications for eligible projects for Transportation **Enhancement** Activities (TEA) grant funding. The TEA funds will be allocated over a six-year period from 1998/99 through 2003/04 and the grant requires a minimum twelve percent non-federal matching share. About \$2,000,000 in funds will be made available to local agencies in the County.

We are proposing to submit a project application in the amount of \$290,000 (federal TEA funds) on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force to begin the first phase of development of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail. The jurisdictions involved in this project application include: the Cities of Capitola and Santa Cruz, the County of Santa Cruz, California State Parks/Santa Cruz District, the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, and the Santa Cruz Port District. Each entity will provide the local match for their portion of the project costs and certify their willingness and capability to maintain and operate the segment of the trail system located within their jurisdictional boundaries.

Each entity (with the exception of the Land Trust) would receive about \$56,000, with a local share of fifteen percent. The Land Trust would receive \$10,000, with a local share of fifteen percent. The Task Force is exploring alternative sources to fund the local match. (A copy of the application will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board on April 16, 1999.)

As you are aware, the Santa Cruz County Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force was formed to design strategies to maximize the positive economic, interpretive and education benefits that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary brings to Santa Cruz County. The creation of a scenic bicycle and pedestrian trail system was identified as an important first step toward achieving these goals. The Sanctuary Scenic Trail will provide a major opportunity to link transportation, environmental,

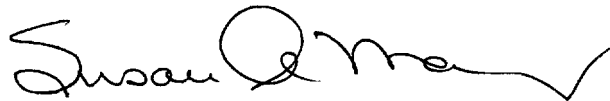
recreational, cultural and educational elements and major activity centers of the region as well as to unify our County's waterfront areas.

This project application would fund the first phase of trail development along the "core" route which extends from Wilder Ranch State Park to New Brighton State Beach. In the coming years, the trail is planned to extend from county line to county line. The Task Force, in consultation with a nationally recognized design firm, is preparing a comprehensive and coordinated wayfinding and interpretive program for the trail system. This work is expected to be completed this summer.

Each jurisdiction will then have the opportunity to select the specific orientation, directional, interpretive and/or trailscaping design features for their respective segment of the planned trail, consistent with the program developed by the Task Force. If this project application is approved, we would return to your Board at a future date with specific recommendations for implementation of the first phase of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail within the County's jurisdiction.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution approving the County's participation in the application for Transportation Enhancement Activities Program (1998/99 through 2003/04) funding and authorize the County Administrative Officer to submit the project application on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan A. Mauriello", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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cc: Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Department
Redevelopment Agency

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
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES (TEA) PROGRAM FUNDING
FOR THE SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the TEA program is a federal aid program designed to provide funding for transportation enhancement projects from the Surface Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz will provide a guaranteed minimum twelve percent non-federal matching share for the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project is considered a significant project because it would provide a major opportunity to link transportation, environmental, recreational, cultural and educational elements and major activity centers of the region; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz, as one of the Project Administering Agencies, certifies that it is willing and able to maintain and operate its segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project.

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

1. Approve the County's participation in the application for Transportation Enhancement Activities Program (TEA) 1998/99 through 2003/04 funding for the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project.
2. Appoint the County Administrative Officer to administer and execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to: application, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc. which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,
State of California, this _____ day of _____, 1999 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

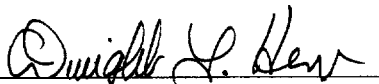
ABSENT:

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST:

Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:



County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
 County Administrative Office