



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ 67

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**AGENDA: August 24, 1999**

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: Santa Cruz County Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force --  
Funding Opportunity for Sanctuary Scenic Trail**

Members of the Board:

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.

In April of 1999, the County submitted a project application on behalf of the Task Force for local Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) grant funding through the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. The project was awarded \$100,000 to assist with the first phase of development of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail along the "core" route extending from Wilder Ranch State Park to New Brighton State Beach. The jurisdictions involved in this award are the City of Capitola, the City of Santa Cruz, the County of Santa Cruz, California State Parks/Santa Cruz District, and the Santa Cruz Port District.

At this time, we are proposing to submit a project application on behalf of the Task Force for state TEA grant funding through Caltrans. (No additional local matching funds will be required for this application.)

**Caltrans.** The State has issued a call-for-projects for the Caltrans share of TEA funding with the application due September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Task Force's application will request \$280,000 to further assist with the design, construction and installation of major interpretive exhibits and orientation displays in each of the above referenced jurisdictions as well as Antonelli's Pond (owned by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County), trailscaping, trail markers, and grant administration expenses. Existing grant awards and the matching funds put forth for the local TEA grant will be used to meet the State's

matching requirement. This award would provide each entity with sufficient funds to complete a major interpretive exhibit or orientation display and trailscaping elements within their respective jurisdiction along the core route and cover grant administration expenses. (A copy of this application will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board by September 3, 1999.)

The Task Force, in consultation with a nationally recognized design firm, is in the process of finalizing the comprehensive Wayfinding and Interpretive Program for the trail system. Preliminary design concepts submitted by the consultant have been approved by the Task Force. These recommended design concepts will be distributed to your Board in the coming weeks. As the necessary funding is secured, each jurisdiction will have the opportunity to select the specific orientation, directional, interpretive and trailscaping design features for their respective segment of the planned trail, consistent with the program developed by the Task Force. At that time, we will return to your Board with specific recommendations for implementation 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 State Transportation Enhancement Activities program funding and authorizing the County Administrative Officer to submit this 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

attachment

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 11.5 percent of non-federal transportation matching funds 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 Caltrans 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, 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:

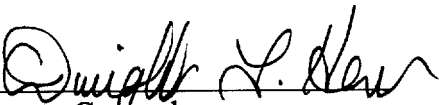
ABSENT:

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Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST:

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Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

  
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County Counsel

Distribution:           County Counsel  
                                County Administrative Office