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AGENDA: MARCH 27, 2001

March 15, 2001

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM
GRANT**

Members of the Board:

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program grant with the State of California Resources Agency. The program has \$10 million to be allocated this year to mitigate environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation projects. The grant amount is for \$250,000 and the final date to submit the required Board resolution is April 15, 2001.

This is an excellent opportunity for our department to appropriate funding for fishery protection and watershed restoration programs related to Public Works projects. To be eligible for consideration, each environmental enhancement and mitigation project must be directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of the modification of an existing transportation facility or construction of a new transportation facility. The proposed Graham Hill Road Improvement Project would satisfy the EEM grant qualifications for a modified public transportation facility. The proposed EEM grant would provide **funding** for this project in correlation with various other road repair projects throughout the county. The grant program allows up to three years to complete the EEM project and would only become effective if the County should elect to proceed with the Graham Hill Road improvements.

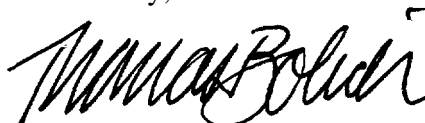
The primary objective is to enhance our storm damage road repair projects by providing in-stream habitat improvements. These installations could be included as technical training for our County maintenance personnel. In working with the Planning Department we have identified several road repair sites in the north county area that are ideal for fisheries enhancement projects. Storm damage road repairs along Bonny Doon Road, Zayante Road and Swanton Road are the proposed locations that could benefit from improved fish passage and habitat restoration.

Approving the attached resolution to file the application for the grant would allow us to pursue this funding source. This grant could help us incorporate biotic enhancements into our road repairs and would also address the National Marine Fisheries Service 4(d) rule that went into effect this past September.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing Public Works' application for Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant funds.
2. Direct Public Works to return to your Board in summer 2001 to report on the outcome of this grant application.

Yours truly,



THOMAS L. BOLICH
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL,:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Planning Department
Public Works Department

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM GRANT
FOR STORM DAMAGE ROAD REPAIR SITES

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has authorized a program for funding grants to state, local and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the state; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with;
and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance.
2. Certifies that said applicant will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the project.
3. Appoints Thomas L. Bolich, Director of Public Works, and the Department of Public Works, administrating 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 project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,
State of California, this d a y o f _____ 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:


3-14-01
Chief Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works