



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 11/2/2021

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Regional Parks

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Elizabeth Tyree, 707-565-2575

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Fifth

**Title:**

North Coast Trails State Parks Rural Recreation and Tourism Program grant applications

**Recommended Action:**

- A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for State Parks Rural Recreation & Tourism Program grant funds in the amount of \$221,600 for Kashia Coastal Trail project and to execute all documents that may be necessary to carry out and administer the grant.
- B) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for State Parks Rural Recreation & Tourism Program grant funds in the amount of \$221,400 for Stewarts Point Trail project and to execute all documents that may be necessary to carry out and administer the grant.

(Fifth District)

**Executive Summary:**

Regional Parks is seeking a total of \$443,000 from State Parks' Rural Recreation and Tourism grant program. This includes \$221,600 in grant funding for the Kashia Coastal Trail project and \$230,400 for the Stewarts Point Trail project. The Kashia Coastal Trail funding would construct approximately 41.1 mile of trail and staging area north of Salt Point State Park. The Stewarts Point Trail funding would construct approximately 0.9 miles of trail and a 7-vehicle parking area and trailhead. Both trails are part of the 1,200-mile California Coastal Trail. Planning work is underway including consultation with the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians Stewarts Point Rancheria.

**Discussion:**

Proposition 68, the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond Act of 2018 created multiple funding opportunities for Regional Parks, including the Rural Recreation and Tourism Program. Regional Parks is requesting the Board's support to apply for competitive funding from this new program. Eligible applicants include counties with populations below 500,000 and projects need to be in a rural area, which is further defined as being in a city/town/census designated place that has a population below 50,000 people. The funding focus is to create new recreation features in support of economic, tourism, and health-related goals, and improve the health of residents and attract out of town visitors. Grant requests for capital projects must be submitted by November 5, 2021.

The program further requires that grantees hold land tenure over the project site and environmental review completed by February 2022. Regional Parks holds trail easements along the Kashia Coastal Reserve and Stewarts Point properties. With funding from both the State Coastal Conservancy and Ag + Open Space, design

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and environmental compliance are nearing completion for these North Coast Trail projects. Funding is now needed for their construction.

Regional Parks is seeking a total of \$443,000 from State Parks' Rural Recreation and Tourism grant program. As currently proposed, this includes funding for the Kashia Coastal Trail project and the Stewarts Point Trail project. Because these project sites are separated by 2.5 miles, each requires its own grant application and authorizing resolution. The resolutions also appoints the Director of Regional Parks to execute all documents that may be necessary to carry out and administer the grant. Projects must be completed by March 2025.

Funding already identified for the Kashia Coastal Trail construction includes \$90,000 in Parks for All Measure M, \$301,000 in State Coastal Conservancy funding, and \$371,400 in Ag + Open Space initial public access funding. The estimated construction cost for Kashia Coastal Trail is \$984,000, needing \$221,600.

Funding already identified for the Stewarts Point Trail construction includes \$90,000 in Parks for All Measure M, \$301,000 in State Coastal Conservancy funding, and \$232,600 in Ag + Open Space initial public access funding. The estimated construction cost for Stewarts Point Trail is \$845,000, needing \$221,400.

These competitive grants could be awarded spring 2022. If funding is received, Regional Parks would return to the Board to award the bid for trail construction, which could occur mid-2022. Operations and maintenance of these new trails will be funded by voter approved Measure M, Parks for All revenues once constructed.

**Prior Board Actions:**

June 8, 2021 received the County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2021-2026, including subject Kashia Coastal Trail and Stewarts Point Trail projects.

June 20, 2017, by Resolution Nos. 17-0252 and 17-0253 authorized the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's (District) General Manager and County's Director of Regional Parks to execute a funding agreement for planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of California Coastal Trail segments on the Kashia Coastal Reserve and on Stewarts Point Ranch. Additionally, by Resolution No. 17-0254, authorized the Director of Regional Parks to accept a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy for planning these trail segments.

August 16, 2016, by Resolution No. 16-0306 the District's Board of Directors approved acquisition of a conservation easement and recreation covenant over the Stewarts Point Ranch and, by Resolution No. 16-0309, the Board of Supervisors approved the County's acquisition of a trail easement on a coastal portion of the Stewarts Point Ranch.

October 13, 2015, by Resolution No. 15-0411, the District's Board of Directors approved acquisition of a conservation easement over the Kashia Coastal Reserve and, by Resolution No. 15-0412, the Board of Supervisors approved the County's acquisition of a trail easement on a coastal portion of the Kashia Coastal Reserve and executed an Easement Agreement.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 21-22 Adopted</b>	<b>FY22-23 Projected</b>	<b>FY 23-24 Projected</b>
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Budgeted Expenses	684,000	100,000	
Additional Appropriation Requested	602,000	443,000	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,286,000</b>	<b>543,000</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	602,000	443,000	
Fees/Other	604,000		
Use of Fund Balance	80,000	100,000	
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>1,286,000</b>	<b>543,000</b>	

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

There is no fiscal impact to this item. If the grant application is approved, this funding and the related expenditures will be included in either the FY 2021-2022 budget during consolidated budget adjustments or the FY 2022-2023 budget depending upon approval timing.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

**Attachments:**

Resolution A: Kashia Coastal Reserve Trail

Resolution B: Stewarts Point Trail

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None