



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: March 11, 2025

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**Resolution Of the Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Approving The Agreement With Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) To Fund Riparian  
Enhancements at Crane Creek Regional Park And Making California Environmental Quality  
Act (CEQA) Findings As A Responsible Agency**

WHEREAS, Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) is implementing a section of pathway between Golf Course Drive in Rohnert Park and Bellevue Avenue in Santa Rosa and another between West Steel Lane and Airport Boulevard in Santa Rosa as one component of the broader SMART project analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Environmental impact Report, both of which were certified by the SMART Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, as part of the planned pathway construction, SMART has riparian mitigation requirements; and

WHEREAS, SMART has identified riparian enhancement opportunities to fulfill permit mitigation requirements in the Crane Creek Regional Park in Rohnert Park, which is in the same watershed as the pathway projects; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County owns and operates Crane Creek Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, SMART is interested in constructing riparian enhancements in Crane Creek Regional Park (Project), and Sonoma County Regional Parks desires to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide for the construction, maintenance, and establishment of these enhancements; and

WHEREAS, SMART is the lead agency and the County is a responsible agency for the purposes of CEQA compliance, and the County must make CEQA findings only as a responsible agency; and

WHEREAS, SMART, through the attached MOU, agrees to pay all costs associated with the design, permitting, and construction of the enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to allow the enhancement to be constructed on County property and to provide maintenance, monitoring, and reporting for the enhancements.

WHEREAS, SMART, through the attached MOU, agrees to reimburse County for its effort for riparian maintenance, monitoring, and reporting, up to \$439,843 over the 6-year term of the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Sonoma hereby:

1. Approves the terms and conditions specified in the MOU Agreement with Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART); and
2. Appoints the Director of Regional Parks or designee as representative(s) of the County of Sonoma to conduct any further negotiations and execute the MOU Agreement and any related authorizations.
3. Makes the following findings:
  - A. The Board of Supervisors has considered the environmental effects of the project as shown in the SMART EIR and SEIR.
  - B. A new subsequent or supplemental EIR is not authorized by CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163, as none of the triggers for further environmental review are met.
  - C. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21002.2(d) and CEQA Guidelines section 15096(g), no alternatives or additional mitigation measures are required to address the direct or indirect environmental effects of the limited parts of the project that the County is deciding to carry out, finance, or approve.
  - D. Notwithstanding the fact there are no significant impacts related to the part of the project that the County is carrying out, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15096(h), the County concurs with the findings in SMART Board of Directors Resolutions 2006-05, 2006-06, and 2008-05, and incorporates those findings (including the findings in Exhibit A and B of Resolution 2006-05 concerning significant impacts) into this resolution by reference. The County concurs with the statement of overriding considerations adopted by SMART's Board of Directors in Exhibit C to Resolution 2006-05, and incorporates and that statement of override into this resolution by reference.

The Clerk of the Board is designated as the custodian of the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based. These documents may be found at 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A, Santa Rosa, California.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:          Rabbitt:          Coursey:          Gore:          Hopkins:

Ayes:                  Noes:                  Absent:                  Abstain:

**So Ordered.**