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“To provide transparency and ensure fiscal accountability.”

Thank You, Sonoma County, for Supporting Your Parks

In fiscal year 2020–21, Sonoma County residents and visitors flocked to county and city parks with record-setting visitation. Parks proved essential to our mental and physical health during the pandemic, providing safe places to recreate, quiet places to reflect and new experiences with our family and friends.

Staff helped ensure visitors had the information and resources to recreate safely. Our goal was to keep our community connected to nature and one another as much as possible during these uncertain times.

Collectively, your city and county parks have seen more visitors than ever trying out new activities like hiking, biking, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and camping. Because of your support, Measure M – Parks for All – provided the stability park agencies needed to keep up with these high levels of visitation and to plan for future parks, programs and projects.

At the County of Sonoma and at Regional Parks in particular, we felt the urgency to fulfill voters’ expectations that we grow our public parks and open spaces. We fulfilled this expectation with unprecedented growth, adding nearly 2,500 acres that expands several existing parks while also creating new parks and open spaces for the future.

The Glass Fire, which started in late September 2020, and burned for 23 days, reminded us that our work in addressing climate change and the area’s continuing drought conditions remain a top priority. Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve was again burned and mostly remained closed. We were able to reopen the newly created Lawson Trail early in the summer, providing visitors access for hiking, biking and horseback riding to see the landscape recovering.

The multiple fires of the past few years have inspired us to adopt a “climate durable” approach to rebuilding parks that have experienced wildfires. These fires are no longer a once-in-a-lifetime experience and we are committed to investing in new infrastructure that can better withstand future fires and support the efforts of fire crews working to protect life and property.

We have a lot of work ahead to overcome the challenges of operating in a pandemic and battling climate change effects such as fires and atmospheric rivers. Throughout all of this, we’ve collectively made steady progress in giving you what you were promised in the form of better maintained parks, new and expanded parks and trails and programs that serve Sonoma County residents now and for generations to come.

In gratitude,

Lynda Hopkins, Chair of the Board of Supervisors (2021)
Bert Whitaker, Director Sonoma County Regional Parks





About Measure M

Sonoma County voters in 2018 overwhelmingly approved Measure M, a one-eighth-cent sales tax to support county and city parks for 10 years. Two-thirds of the funds go to Sonoma County for its regional parks and one-third is divided among the cities, according to population size.

The measure's expenditure plan outlines appropriate uses for the revenue. The county and cities each determines how best to prioritize the allocated funding, and a citizen oversight committee ensures the funding is spent as intended.

In fiscal year 2020-21, the total tax revenue was \$12.3 million.

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Revenue and Expenditures

SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS					
	Maintenance, Safety, Recreation	Improve Access	Natural Resources	CITY PARKS	Total
REVENUE					
Sales Tax Revenue	3,382,164	3,166,182	2,476,212	4,241,540	13,266,098
Interest Income	6,058	15,186	12,174	14,691	48,109
Total	\$3,388,222	\$3,181,368	\$2,488,386	\$4,256,231	\$13,314,207
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries & Benefits	840,284	1,369,501	838,538	522,288	3,570,611
Services & Supplies:					
Road & Trail Management	29,998			42,100	72,098
Vegetation Management & Fire Fuel Reduction			623,233	138,026	761,259
Parks Grounds & Facilities	283,882			293,196	577,078
Public Engagement & Equity		134,876	296,229	40,720	471,825
Equipment	379,995	319,695		6,979	706,668
Administration & Miscellaneous				12,130	12,130
Capital Projects	1,137,500	662,500		416,094	2,216,094
Total	\$2,671,659	\$2,486,571	\$1,758,000	\$1,471,533	\$8,387,763



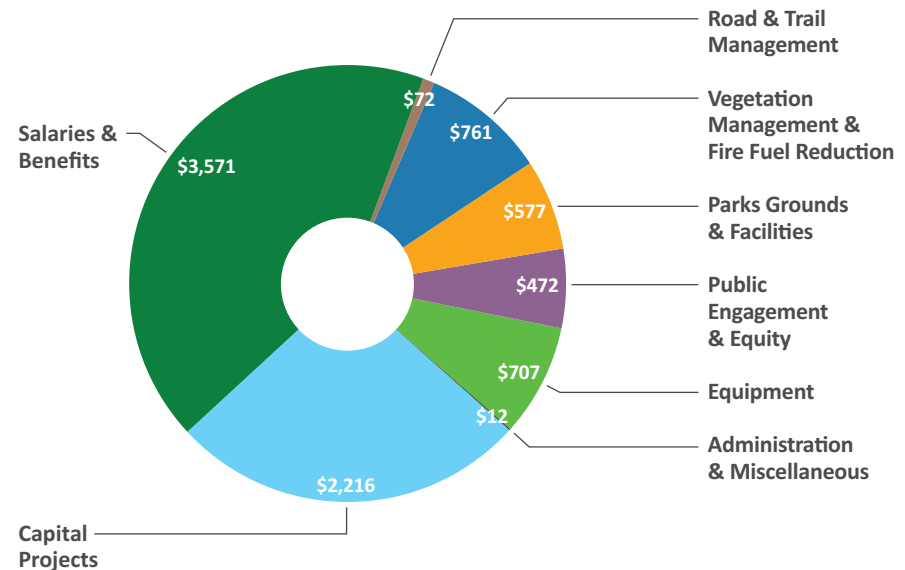
The cities and county can use Measure M revenue to:

- Invest in maintenance of parks, trails, signs, buildings and other infrastructure
- Improve playgrounds, sports fields, restrooms, picnic areas and visitor centers
- Improve park access by extending or building trails, bike paths, coastal trails and river trails
- Reduce wildfire risks through vegetation management
- Open new parkland to the public
- Protect natural resources, including waterways and wildlife habitat
- Offer recreation, education and health programs in parks

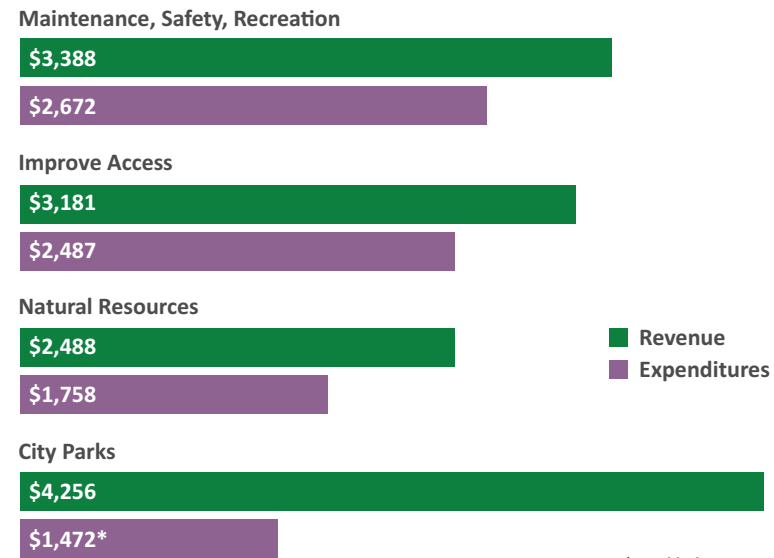
This report offers an accounting of how the county and cities spent these dollars and where they are accruing savings for future projects.

Fiscal Overview

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
In Thousands of Dollars



REVENUE & EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY
In Thousands of Dollars



*Fund balances stay with each jurisdiction and will be invested in park projects in future years.



At a Glance

Your city and regional parks protect and maintain a variety of landscapes and facilities and connect communities to services and programs.

Miles of Trails	276
Campsites	200
Regional Parks Acres	16,117
Regional Parks	58
City Parks	242
Playgrounds	205
Programs	3,111
Participants	335,927
Volunteers	4,628
Community Gardens	20

Revenue and Expenditures by Category and City

SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS

Expenditure Plan Category	Maintenance, Safety, Recreation	Improve Access	Natural Resources	CITY PARKS
Beginning Balance	\$413,545	\$1,574,683	\$1,033,096	\$3,386,262
Revenue	3,388,222	3,181,368	2,488,386	4,256,231
Expenditures	2,671,659	2,486,571	1,758,000	1,471,532
Available Balance for Future Years	\$1,130,108	\$2,269,480	\$ 1,763,482	\$6,170,961
City Parks and Recreation	Cloverdale	Cotati	Healdsburg	
Beginning Balance	\$38,555	\$79,210	\$5,860	
Revenue	63,764	96,131	147,718	
Expenditures	52,506	9,423	153,578	
Available Balance for Future Years	\$49,814	\$165,918	\$(0)	
	Petaluma	Rohnert Park	Santa Rosa	
Beginning Balance	\$393,395	\$266,205	\$2,105,346	
Revenue	788,885	534,666	2,118,641	
Expenditures	670,917	374,659	111,136	
Available Balance for Future Years	\$511,363	\$426,213	\$4,112,851	
	Sebastopol	Sonoma	Windsor	
Beginning Balance	\$83,582	\$103,512	\$310,597	
Revenue	98,977	129,816	277,633	
Expenditures	43,754	26,592	28,969	
Available Balance for Future Years	\$138,805	\$206,736	\$559,261	



Regional Parks Funding and Supporting Organizations

Regional Parks achieves its Measure M goals by leveraging partnerships with a variety of organizations including the following:

Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, Ag + Open Space, Sonoma Land Trust, California Coastal Conservancy, California State Parks, California Department of Boating & Waterways, Habitat Conservation Fund, Redwood Trails Alliance, Sonoma Mountain Institute, Cal Fire, California Conservation Corps, Sonoma Valley Wildlands Collaborative, H & L Mohring & Sons, Corben Glazier, Ron and Thomas Crane, Ward Ranch Livestock, Falk Land and Livestock, Marin Sonoma Weed Management Area, Sonoma County Ag Commissioner, Community Action Partnership, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Laguna Foundation, Sonoma Ecology Center, Landpaths, UC Davis Marine Lab, Point Blue Conservation, Kashia Band of Pomo, Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria, Catholic Charities, Sonoma County Library, NOAA, Santa Rosa City School District, Roseland School District, Sonoma County Office of Education, Pepperwood Preserve, Sonoma Valley Athletic Corps

Sonoma County Regional Parks

Sonoma County Regional Parks (SCRP) provides recreation opportunities and protects the natural resources and public safety on more than 16,000 acres across 58 parks, trails and marinas. In 2020-21, SCRCP used \$6,916,230 to fund priority projects.

More wildlands protected

Measure M funds provided SCRCP with the additional staff and fiscal stability to take care of newly acquired properties.

In the 2020-21 fiscal year, three significant open space properties were transferred from Sonoma County Ag + Open Space to Regional Parks: Calabazas Creek Open Space Preserve, 1,290 acres in Sonoma Valley; Wright Hill Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, 1,236 acres of the coastal mountain range; and Carrington Coast Ranch Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, 335 acres along the coast. These properties offer diverse natural resources, significant wildlife habitat, scenic vistas and will become regional parks for the public to explore. The SCRCP team is working now to develop trails and prepare the parks for full public access.

SCRCP purchased 515 acres of open space and protected redwoods in what will eventually become the first regional park in Monte Rio and nearby Bohemian Highway communities like Camp Meeker, Tyrone and Occidental, areas relatively lacking in public wilderness parks and trails. Measure M contributed \$450,000 toward this \$3.9 million purchase. The future park and open space preserve will offer hiking, biking and outdoor education programs.

The public will enjoy expanded access to the Russian River in Cloverdale with the development of the Russian River Parkway. The land was acquired by SCRCP in July 2020. The proposed parkway is comprised of three parking lots that will have restrooms, other amenities and river access along a 1.75-mile stretch parallel to Geysers Road. It will provide safe, welcoming and environmentally friendly access for fishing, picnicking, paddling, floating and other water activities, while addressing the environmental and public health concerns exacerbated by years of unregulated use.



Visitors enjoy the future Wright Hill Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.

Vegetation management and burn area rehabilitation

SCRCP protects, restores and stewards the county's diverse natural resources. In fiscal year 2020-21, the emphasis was on stabilizing parks impacted by fires and hiring staff to maintain parklands.

Regional Parks spent \$354,996 of Measure M funds to purchase a tractor grapple, track chipper and brush chipper to clear trails and parks of fire-damaged trees and brush. Hazards caused by burned trees restrict public access to specific trails and backcountry. The track chipper and grapple allow maintenance teams to reach previously inaccessible areas. The equipment can clear, chip and broadcast dead trees and limbs along narrow and very steep terrain.

The addition of two full-time, as well as extra-help positions, in the maintenance division helps provide safe, clean and accessible parklands. The teams reduce fire fuels, build and maintain trails, install signs and work to mitigate drought impacts. In 2020-21, they cleaned encampments, created new "selfie stations," built out the new group-use facility at Ragle Ranch Regional Park, installed new signs and reduced wildfire risk.

SCRCP reopened the Lawson Trail at Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. This allowed visitors to hike, bike or ride in the park for the first time since the fall 2020 Glass Fire. Park crews spent eight months clearing hundreds of hazard trees, repairing roads and fixing other infrastructure damage to reopen a limited section of the park and continue restoring other areas that will reopen in 2022.

SCRCP works with local livestock producers to graze in ways that help reduce invasive species, improve carbon sequestration, support groundwater recharge and benefit native wildlife. Grasslands can lose their vitality without grazing, other soil disturbances or prescribed burns that all support more diverse and resilient landscape. In order to decrease park areas mechanically mowed for fuel management, SCRCP has expanded small animal grazing to include Cloverdale River Park, Foothill Regional Park, Gualala Point Regional Park, Helen Putnam Regional Park, Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail and Maxwell Farms Regional Park. Cows graze seasonally at Crane Creek Regional Park, North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve and Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.



Trail work on Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve is underway.



Lawson Trail reopened in Hood Mountain.

Programs go virtual during pandemic

When the pandemic prevented SCRCP from leading in-person activities, SCRCP's community engagement team pivoted to the virtual environment to reach existing and new audiences online. The team connected people to the natural world via webinars, livestreams, videos and downloadable coloring pages, quests and scavenger hunts.

With schools closed to in-person learning for much of the 2020-21 school year, SCRCP produced virtual field trips to keep students and teachers learning about nature. The programs, which reinforce Next Generation Science Standards, included virtual instruction for the classroom, a science challenge to be completed independently and an interactive follow-up session so students could share what they learned. The team provided 55 virtual field trips for 2,038 schoolchildren.

SCRCP launched "Explore! Sonoma County Parks," a YouTube channel that offered fresh video content for the public while they sheltered at home during the various shutdowns. The 19 videos feature bilingual storytelling, crafts and webinars. Titles include "Make Your Own Nature Paint Brush," "Whose Nest?," "Las Araña Muy Ocupada" and "Sonoma Coast Tide Pools." All were produced by parks staff.

Youth, ages 13-16, experienced the first YES! River (Youth Exploring Sonoma! River) program on the Russian River. Designed for teens who might not have such opportunities, the five-day program introduced them to topics such as river ecology, water safety, water sports and career opportunities. Participants reported an increased understanding of the river's ecological, historical, and cultural significance. The program will be an annual offering.



The first-ever Yes! River class learn to kayak.

Exploring nature through play

SCRCP constructed and opened a nature-inspired outdoor play area where kids and families can connect with the natural world at Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. Forgoing the brightly colored steel and plastic found at conventional playgrounds, the Red Tail Play Area draws inspiration from the natural landscape of Taylor Mountain, using landform and natural construction materials, like rock and wood, which blend with the surrounding environment. The Red Tail Play Area is the first of its kind in southeast Santa Rosa, adjacent to a region that has been traditionally underserved with outdoor recreation opportunities.



The new, natural Red Tail Playground at Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.

Wildlife corridors improved, monitored

Throughout fiscal year 2020-21, the natural resources team removed more than 3 miles (16,000-plus feet) of dilapidated fencing. Most of that fencing was barbed wire, which poses a threat to wildlife and impedes their movement across parklands. Parks' wildlife cameras have recorded footage of mountain lion kittens struggling to get over old fencing and a coyote catching its leg on fencing. Removing barbed wire fencing helps populations thrive and reduces human/animal conflicts. The goals each year are to remove more fencing than is installed and for any new fencing to be wildlife-friendly. The team focused its efforts on Crane Creek Regional Park, Helen Putnam Regional Park, Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, Ragle Ranch Regional Park, Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve and the future Mark West Creek Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.



More than three miles of barbed wire fencing was removed.

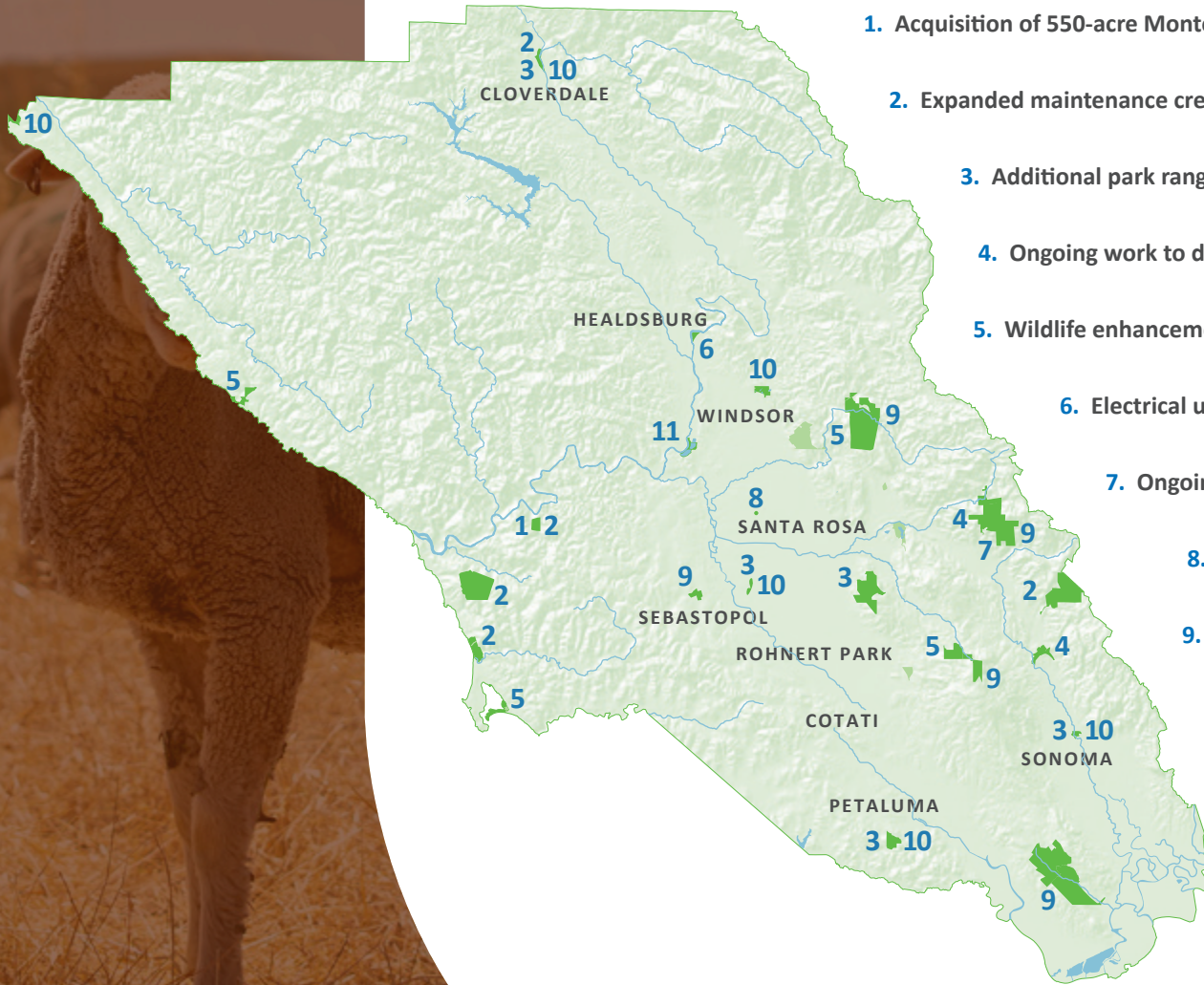
Climate change programs initiated

Facilities at Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach are now all electric. Regional Parks discontinued use of natural gas and updated the electrical service and panel to be ready for EV charging stations and solar panels. The project aligns with Regional Parks' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prioritize renewable energy.

Students and teachers learn to be "Climate Change Agents" in this field trip that delves into climate change and resilience through the backdrop of the stunning views and oak woodlands of Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. Through exploration, games and journaling, students learn the science behind Earth's changing climate and how human activities make an impact on the climate system. They also learn how to take action to reduce climate change locally and globally and become the agents of positive change in their community.

For more information:
parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov

Regional Parks Measure M Project Highlights



1. Acquisition of 550-acre Monte Rio Redwoods
2. Expanded maintenance crews for new parklands
3. Additional park ranger patrols for public safety
4. Ongoing work to develop and expand shaded fuel breaks for fire safety
5. Wildlife enhancements and monitoring
6. Electrical upgrades at Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach
7. Ongoing stabilization and forest recovery work due to Glass Fire
8. Virtual environmental educational offerings for diverse audiences
9. Grading, paving and fencing projects
10. Targeted seasonal grazing with sheep and goats
11. Youth program expansion Youth Exploring the Russian River (YES! River)



City Parks Across Sonoma County

The nine incorporated cities in Sonoma County share one-third of the monies raised by Measure M, more than \$4.2 million in fiscal year 2020-21. Here is a summary for how each city invested their Measure M dollars this year.

Cloverdale

Cloverdale used \$52,506 in Measure M funds to pay for a variety of improvements and deferred projects. Hiring temporary part-time staff allowed the city to complete maintenance projects critical to the safety and well-being of the community. Crews tackled fire-fuel suppression projects and improvements to major trail systems. This work in Cloverdale's open spaces created a safe environment for people who enjoy the trails. For everyone who uses the parks regularly for recreation and organized sports, repaired play structures and maintenance of recreational equipment and facilities make returning to play and sports — post-COVID restrictions — safe and inviting. And everyone benefits from the updated landscaping.



Maintenance work in Cloverdale's open spaces created a safe environment for people who enjoy the trails.

cloverdale.net



Cotati

Cotati spent \$9,423 on an ongoing project to update and revitalize Kotate Park. The project is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2022. When the project started, the park had the oldest and most outdated playground equipment in Cotati. The city is constructing two play areas (one for children 2 to 5 years old and another for 5- to 12-year olds) and will build Cotati's first outdoor fitness area to promote active lifestyles for adults. Beyond people living in the immediate neighborhood, the project is expected to bring more people to explore the beautifully updated Kotate Park.



Cotati is revitalizing Kotate Park, which is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2022.

cotaticity.org





Healdsburg

Healdsburg used \$153,578 to fund Camp HBG 2.0 Distance Learning Care. When local schools made the decision to remain virtual for the school year, Healdsburg’s community services department team, along with representatives from Corazón Healdsburg and Healdsburg Unified School District, developed plans for providing full-day childcare and a distance-learning camp. This was a successful continuation of Camp HBG, which launched in June 2020 during the pandemic when working families were struggling with childcare and the need to return to work. Camp HBG 2.0 served 120 students and their families and employed nearly 60 staff. Measure M funding and generous community support ensured no family was turned away based on their ability to pay.

healdsburg.gov



Camp HBG 2.0 offered distance learning.



Petaluma opened the Bond Park playground

Petaluma

Petaluma applied \$75,000 in Measure M funds to rehabilitating many multi-use park pathways, addressing deferred maintenance issues. The project improved the safety and access of heavily used pathways, such as Prince Park. The improved section gives park users access from the Lynch Creek Trail to the Wiseman Park Pathway. This section of the trail is complete and future reconstruction projects that will maintain park pathways and improve access for all users remain a high priority.

Petaluma has been long committed to using water efficiently, including expanding its urban recycled water system that irrigates many of the natural grass athletic fields. It also manages irrigation for 47 parks and several recreation centers. The city used \$119,161 in Measure M funds to upgrade parks irrigation controllers. The total budget for the project was \$169,161 plus staff installation. This is the first phase of what Petaluma hopes to be many projects to significantly increase water conservation practices. The WeatherTRAK system, installed by local company HydroPoint in 2006, replaced the antiquated conventional irrigation timers with a proven system that uses weather data to automate irrigation schedules on a daily basis. This fiscal year’s upgrade included switching the old 2G networks to all wireless communications carriers. From remote workstations, city staff can efficiently monitor and irrigate trees and vegetation, detect leaks in real time, as well as turn off different zones, which is a plus during drought conditions.

Some \$56,000 of Measure M funds, leveraged with \$34,000 of Petaluma city funds, were used to replace the playground at Bond Park. The project is scheduled to be completed in October 2021. The new playground replaces unsafe equipment and play surfaces with new and inclusive play features that provide age-appropriate opportunities for children to develop



their sensory, motor, cognitive and social/emotional skills while providing a community space for their parents and grandparents to gather. Future Measure M funds will be used to replace other playground equipment in neighborhood parks each year.

Thanks to \$440,000 of Measure M funds (via a 10-year interfund loan) tennis and pickleball players have modern and safe courts in Petaluma's Lucchesi, McNear and Del Oro parks. The courts at Lucchesi Park were redesigned, going from four tennis courts to three tennis courts and adding four dedicated pickleball courts. In addition, the entire damaged and cracking court area was resurfaced with a concrete slip-sheet, making the new courts both safer and more durable. The tennis courts in McNear were also resurfaced and double striped to allow them to be used for tennis and pickleball. Since the completion of the project, the pickleball courts have seen near constant use.

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Rohnert Park

Rohnert Park used \$40,000 of Measure M funds on park beautification projects, including adding new picnic tables, installing new landscaping and enhancing turf throughout the parks. In the past several years, the city allocated general fund dollars toward capital projects in the parks, leaving aesthetic improvements without funding. When parks look nice, they become a more inviting place for residents to recreate and spend time with their families. In addition, it encourages people to take better care of the park spaces.

Rohnert Park's community services department pivoted to create safe events for the community during the stay-at-home orders for 2020-21, paid for with \$40,000 of Measure M funds. Families enjoyed a free drive-in movie for Halloween, offered on two nights and with activities provided to enjoy in the car. The holiday tradition of photos with Santa became a drive-thru event. Families stayed in their vehicles and Santa stood outside for the photos. The I Heart Rohnert Park series provided residents with an opportunity to scour the city through an app-based hunt. Participants earned points to win Rohnert Park swag at the drive-thru event. Ultimately, these events allowed people to feel engaged in something bigger than themselves and provided a distraction from the pandemic.

Rohnert Park was able to solve a staff shortage by using \$200,000 to hire a parks maintenance worker and a community services coordinator. While the shortage created gaps in services, adding these full-time positions allows the city to provide quality services and programs to residents. These positions support two important areas funded by Measure M — park beautification and community events.

rpcity.org 



The holiday tradition of photos with Santa became a drive-thru event in Rohnert Park.



A rendering of the planned playground at Fir Ridge Park.

Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa conducted eight virtual community meetings in fiscal year 2020-21 to solicit community input on Measure M funding priorities. Staff analyzed the responses provided during the meetings and from online surveys and a preliminary, long-term expenditure strategy is in development for city council approval. The robust marketing and outreach effort allowed the city to engage with and obtain responses from more than 1,600 community participants.

The city contracted for a parks condition assessment that will be used to produce a priority deferred parks maintenance report. The report will identify capital needs within the city park system and make recommendations for the areas of highest priority. The report is expected to be completed in early 2022 and will be presented to the community for discussion in early spring 2022.

Measure M funding is also supporting October 2017 wildfire recovery efforts for fire damage sustained to public landscaping in the Fountaingrove and Coffey Park burn scar areas. A design consultant completed the landscape redesign and will be involved in the construction bidding process, as well as provide oversight of the design during installation. This new landscaping is designed to be resistant to fire and will follow requirements for planting landscaping within wildland urban interface areas. Construction bidding is in process and the entire project is expected to be completed in 2024.

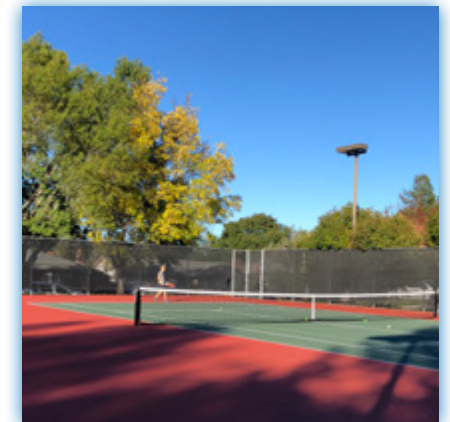
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Sebastopol

Sebastopol resurfaced the Brook Haven School tennis courts, using \$29,800 of Measure M funds for this project. These joint-use tennis courts, adjacent to Libby Park, are available to the public as well as school students. These courts were in great need of resurfacing and are the only public tennis courts in the Sebastopol.

Sebastopol has completed the design, engineering work and public review with the city's planning commission and city council for the Ives Park pathway replacement project, using \$13,710 in Measure M funds. Additional funding will be used in 2021-22 for construction. The main pathway throughout this centrally located park is degraded and in need of replacement. The project will remove excess asphalt, replace the deteriorated pathway and make it ADA accessible. The park includes a playground, picnic areas, walking paths and a new community sculpture garden. It also hosts activities including softball, baseball, summer concerts and the



Newly resurfaced tennis courts adjacent to Libby Park in Sebastopol.



Ives Pool swimming facilities. The first phase will add an ADA path to the picnic area, which already has new ADA tables, as well as replace the degraded pathway in the southwest area of the park. The first phase will be out to bid in fall 2021 and will be funded with a combination of Measure M, Prop 68 State Park funds and City Park Improvement funds. The new pathway will enhance the park experience for all users.

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Sonoma

Sonoma used \$26,592 in Measure M funds for a variety of projects in the Montini Open Space Preserve. Vegetation management included removing invasive plants and restoring native plants, as well as reducing fire fuel in this 98-acre preserve situated a few blocks from the historic Sonoma Plaza. The city will be applying the reserves to a future Measure M project that will enhance Depot Park with a restorative center, which will include water bottle filling stations, signage incorporating walking/hiking and biking maps, upgrading the restrooms, new landscaping (bioretention area), bike parking and trash and recycling containers.

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Sheep graze on Montini Open Space Preserve in Sonoma.

Windsor

Windsor used \$3,650 in Measure M funds to install three black iron benches on Brooks Creek Trail. The 1.5-mile multi-use trail runs along the western edge of the Brooks Road Senior Community, which has 200 homes. The trail is heavily used for daily exercise, connectivity to the Safeway shopping center and to access the Windsor Senior Recreation Center. Prior to the installation, there wasn't a good spot for walkers or cyclists to stop and rest. Now, benches are located at both ends of the trail, as well as at the halfway point.

Windsor upgraded 61 of 72 raised beds in the community garden, using \$10,000 Measure M funds. The project will continue in spring 2022 to replace the remaining nine beds. Originally constructed of recycled wood with a lifespan of 10 years, the boards were rapidly deteriorating after 11-plus years of use. The reconstruction project used new redwood, which has an expected lifespan of 25 years or more. Members and patrons of the community garden, as well as the local food bank that distributes fruits and vegetables to those in need, will benefit from the upgrade.

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Volunteers install new redwood raised beds in Windsor's community garden.



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