



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 5/14/2024

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks
Staff Name and Phone Number: Steve Ehret, 707-565-2041
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): First

Title:

Notice of Intent to Acquire approximately 101 acres located at 1616 Los Alamos Road, Santa Rosa, to incorporate into Hood Mountain Regional Park & Preserve.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution which:

- 1) declares the Board's intention to purchase approximately 101 acres located at 1616 Los Alamos Road, Santa Rosa ("Property"), to incorporate into Hood Mountain Regional Park & Preserve;
- 2) schedules 9:30 a.m. on June 4, 2024 as the time when the Board of Supervisors will consider the authorization of the purchase, and;
- 3) directs the Clerk to publish the Notice of Intent pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Sects. 25350 and 6063.

Executive Summary:

Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Sections 25350 and 6063, Regional Parks seeks Board of Supervisors authority to publish a notice of intention to purchase approximately 101 acres adjacent to Hood Mountain Regional Park & Preserve.

Discussion:

Regional Parks has entered into a purchase agreement with the landowners to purchase the 101-acre subject Property for a purchase price of \$555,000. The Property is contiguous with the east side of Ag + Open Space Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve and with the west side of Hood Mountain Regional Park & Preserve, and therefore, is a strategic acquisition for wildlife habitat connectivity, trail connectivity, and will support community wildfire protective measures.

Regional Parks intends to appear before the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 2024 to seek authorization to purchase the 101-acre Property; which will be financed with funding from Sonoma Land Trust, Parks for All Measure M, Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, and anticipated grants from two regional private foundations. A successful acquisition will eventually add to the County's current 17,977 acres of Regional Parks facilities and services to our community.

Closing is proposed to take place on or before June 7, 2024. In the meantime, Regional Parks will be conducting a series of due diligence investigations including a boundary survey and hazardous materials inspection and securing the final grants necessary to acquire the property.

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California Government Code Section 25350 requires that the Board of Supervisors publish a notice of its intention to purchase property for park purposes prior to authorizing the acquisition. The notice must contain a description of the property proposed to be purchased, the price, the seller, and a statement of the day and time the board will meet to authorize the purchase. This notice is to be published in a local newspaper once a week for three successive weeks all prior to the June 4, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. The proposed language for this notice is an attachment to this Summary Report.

Regional Parks requests the Board’s authority to publish a Notice of Intent of County to Purchase Real Property pursuant to California Government Code Section 25350 and 6063.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

None

FISCAL SUMMARY

| Expenditures | FY23-24 Adopted | FY24-25 Projected | FY25-26 Projected |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Budgeted Expenses | \$230,000 | | |
| Additional Appropriation Requested | | | |
| Total Expenditures | \$230,000 | | |
| Funding Sources | | | |
| General Fund/WA GF | | | |
| State/Federal | | | |
| Fees/Other | | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | \$230,000 | | |
| General Fund Contingencies | | | |
| Total Sources | \$230,000 | | |

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

While the publication of the Notice of Intent will have no fiscal impacts, \$230,000 is available in this year’s Hood Expansion CIP budget. The remaining \$325,000 for the purchase price will be paid directly into escrow from the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation. The Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation contribution includes a \$250,000 grant from the Sonoma Land Trust, \$50,000 grant from the Stollmeyer Foundation, and \$25,000 from the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation’s Bill & Dave Hood Mountain Legacy Fund.

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| Staffing Impacts: | | | |
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| Position Title (Payroll Classification) | Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step) | Additions (Number) | Deletions (Number) |
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Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Resolution
Notice of Intent
Map

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

None