



## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 7/11/2023

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**To:** Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

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

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Minona Heaviland, 707-565-2041

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** First and Fourth Districts

**Title:**

Grant Application to Wildlife Conservation Board for Mark West Creek Restoration Planning Project

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt a resolution approving the application by Sonoma County Regional Parks for a grant in the amount of \$1,062,928 to plan and design habitat restoration implementation projects at Mark West Creek Regional Park to benefit the health and function of the Mark West Creek watershed, and authorize the Regional Parks Director and/or Deputy Director to execute all documents necessary to carry out and administer the grant.

**Executive Summary:**

The Mark West Creek Restoration Planning Project will create designs for restoration projects that, if approved and completed, would benefit the health and function of the Mark West Creek watershed through improved water quality, enhanced streamflow, improved fish passage, and enhanced habitat for salmonids, including endangered coho salmon.

Mark West Creek Regional Park is currently undergoing a Master Plan to prepare for opening this new 1,192-acre park to the public, and the restoration plans and interpretation developed through this project will be incorporated into the final Master Plan for the park.

**Discussion:**

Mark West Creek has been identified by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as critical to the recovery of Central California Coast coho salmon. This planning project will accelerate recovery by advancing designs for over 12-acres of wetland and creek restoration projects within Mark West Creek Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.

In 2022, Regional Parks assessed riparian areas on the property and identified over twenty locations to enhance salmonid habitat and stream flow in the park. This project will develop implementation ready restoration, fish passage, and stormwater management projects, as well as develop education and interpretation programs to protect, restore, and enhance habitat for coho salmon in the Mark West Creek watershed.

Upon grant award, Regional Parks staff will begin procuring services for contractors to conduct surveys, data collection, design, and engineering services.

**Strategic Plan:**

This item directly supports the County’s Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

**Pillar:** Climate Action and Resiliency

**Goal:** Goal 5: Maximize opportunities for mitigation of climate change and adaptation through land conservation work and land use policies

**Objective:** Objective 2: Develop policies to maximize carbon sequestration and minimize loss of natural carbon sinks including old growth forests, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and rangelands. Encourage agricultural and open space land management to maximize sequestration

**Racial Equity:**

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

No

**Prior Board Actions:**

None

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 23-24 Adopted</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Projected</b>	<b>FY 25-26 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

Currently, there are no fiscal impacts to the County. Regional Parks anticipates There are no fiscal impacts to the County. If the grant is awarded, the revenue and expenditure appropriations will be added to the FY2023-24 budget in an upcoming Quarterly Consolidated Budget Adjustment item.

**Staffing Impacts:**

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<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

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

None