



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

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

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 1/24/2023

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**To:** Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma Regional Parks  
**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Melanie Parker, 707-565-2355  
**Vote Requirement:** Majority  
**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**  
Parks for All Measure M Annual Report, 2021-2022

**Recommended Action:**  
Receive the findings and conclusions from the Citizens Oversight Committee on “Parks for All” Measure M Annual Report 2021-2022.

**Executive Summary:**  
The Citizens Oversight Committee for “Parks for All” Measure M, conveys their findings and conclusions to the Board of Supervisors and to all the City Councils that the third Annual Report for this ten-year measure is complete, and that it meets the intent of the ordinance.

**Discussion:**  
“Parks for All” Measure M passed in November 2018 authorizing a one-eighth cent special use tax county-wide to support county and city parks. Per Ordinance #6238, the Board of Supervisors established a Citizens Oversight Committee (hereinafter “the Committee”) to monitor the implementation of this measure. Per the ordinance, the Committee shall receive an Annual Report no later than six months after the conclusion of the fiscal year. The Committee received and reviewed the second Annual Report in November 2022. The Committee adopted a resolution finding that the 2021-2022 Annual Report meets the intent of the measure and conveys to the public how funds were spent to support the parks, and what fund balances remain to spend on parks in future years.

The Annual Report is also a tool for communicating to the public the impact of these dollars in providing essential parks services to the community.

**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

**Prior Board Actions:**

On January 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors received the 2020-2021 Parks for All Measure M Annual Report.

On January 26, 2021, the Board of Supervisors received the 2019-2020 Parks for All Measure M Annual Report.

On February 4, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the bylaws of the Citizens Oversight Committee.

On May 14, 2019, the Board of Supervisors appointed the first seven members of this Oversight Committee, one from each district and two serving in an at-large capacity.

On May 14, 2019, the Board of Supervisors voted to create a Citizen Oversight Committee for “Parks for All” Measure M.

On January 8, 2019, the Board of Supervisors passed the Implementation of 2018 Parks Measure M executing all agreements necessary with the State to implement the tax.

On August 7, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted the “Sonoma County Parks Improvement, Water Quality, and Fire Safety Measure Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance” and adopted a resolution calling a special election for November 6, 2018.

On July 10, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution introducing a proposed ordinance imposing a 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent transaction and use tax in Sonoma County for Regional Parks and City Parks and waiving further reading.

On June 13, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received a report on the potential parks ballot measure and directed staff to return in July to place the measure on the ballot.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Adopted</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected</b>	<b>FY 24-25 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>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

None

**Staffing Impacts:**

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

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

None

**Attachments:**

- Parks For All Measure M Annual Report 2021-2022, English Version
- Parks For All Measure M Annual Report 2021-2022, Spanish Version
- Findings and Conclusions from the Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee, November 15, 2022.

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

None