



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 5/23/2023

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Permit Sonoma
Staff Name and Phone Number: Reg Cullen, 565-2502
Vote Requirement: 4/5th
Supervisory District(s): Fourth

Title:

Ordinance No. 3836R Permit and Extensions to Sonoma County Regional Parks; ROI23-0003

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution issuing a roiling permit (Ordinance No. 3836R) and necessary permit extensions to Sonoma County Regional Parks for annual beach grooming and installation and removal of a summer flashboard dam at Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach. (Fourth District) (4/5th Vote Required)

Executive Summary:

The recommended resolution will issue a roiling permit to the Sonoma County Regional Parks for beach grooming and summer flashboard dam installation at Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach between 1 June and 22 September 2023. Permit and permit extensions for work within a channel or stream must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion:

Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach requires annual grooming and maintenance activities to be opened for public use; the manner in which Sonoma County Regional Parks Department prepares and operates the beach is consistent with previous years. The beach provides an annual summer recreational swimming area on the Russian River.

Section VIII of Ordinance No. 3836R requires that an application for a permit be filed with the Board of Supervisors prior to the performance of certain prescribed work or operations in a river, stream, or channel which may decrease the clarity of these waterways.

Resolution No. 94-1053 of the Board of Supervisors requires that applications for permits describe the work or operations in detail, including expected impacts on the clarity of the waterway and any proposed monitoring or mitigation measures to avoid unreasonably decreasing the clarity of the waterway, the purpose of the work or operations, the manner in which the work or operations will be carried out, and the time within which the work or operations will be completed. A site plan showing the exact location of the proposed work is also required. Applications must also identify past roiling permits issued under Ordinance No. 3836R. Pursuant to the Resolution, applications must be accompanied by a copy of the agreement required by Section 1601 et seq. of the California Fish and Wildlife Code and water discharge permits applicable to the work or operations, if any, pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

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Applications by public agencies must also be accompanied by evidence of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15261, for ongoing projects that have not been modified in any way that creates new significant effects on the environment, and Public Resources Code Section 21169, for grandfathered projects, as the activity is ongoing maintenance and operation of Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach which commenced in 1953, prior to CEQA's enactment in 1970.

The application submitted by Sonoma County Regional parks complies with the requirements of the 3836R Ordinance. The applicant proposes to groom the beach and install and remove a flashboard dam at the beach for summer seasonal use and further represents that no significant residual impacts affecting water clarity of the Russian River will result.

The work is proposed to commence no earlier than 1 June 2023 and is scheduled to be completed by 22 September 2023. It should be noted that the work described in the application has been performed in accordance with permit requirements in past years. As described in the application and demonstrated in practice in previous permitting periods, the work will likely require greater than 30 days to complete. To accomplish this, the permit may be extended for additional 30-day periods if such permit extensions are approved by the Board of Supervisors as requested in this agenda item. The Director of Permit Sonoma shall confirm the need for each permit extension immediately prior to the expiration of the current permit period to ensure that the work is not yet complete, and an additional 30-day period extension is necessary. Three 30-day extensions may be required.

According to the requirements of the 1988 ballot measure creating the 3836R Ordinance, the permit and extensions require a 4/5 approval vote by the Board.

Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable

Racial Equity:

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

No

Prior Board Actions:

05/18/2018: The Board approved the most recent permit for this work; ROI18-0004

FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Not Applicable

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Not Applicable

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Board of Supervisors Resolution

Attachment 2: Application

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Attachment 3: Map

Attachment 4: Army Corp of Engineers Authorization

Attachment 5: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Authorization

Attachment 6: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Authorization

Attachment 7: CEQA Exemption

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

Not Applicable