



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 11, 2020

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Resolution Number: _____



4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Accepting The Findings and Recommendations As Contained In The Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study

Whereas, the adopted 2010 Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan identified the Lower Russian River Trail as a multi-use Class I Bikeway for the exclusive use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized modes; and

Whereas, the Lower Russian River Trail project limits is broadly described in the 2010 Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and

Whereas, in April 2018, the County of Sonoma entered into funding agreements with Caltrans, Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, Monte Rio Recreation and Parks District, Russian River Recreation and Parks District, and other funding partners to prepare a feasibility study for the Lower Russian River Trail that is necessary to define the project limits, solicit public input, and evaluate existing site conditions for opportunities and constraints; and

Whereas, in January 2020, the draft feasibility study was completed and available for public review. Based on many variables such as existing site conditions and land ownership, the draft feasibility study identified a preferred trail alignment and alternatives; and

Whereas, comments on the draft feasibility study were received from the public, stakeholders, and partner agencies. Comments have been incorporated into the final Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study; and

Whereas, the Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study provides broad guidance and recommends pursuing opportunities that will assist in the implementation of the Lower Russian River Trail and alternatives, a planned recreational and non-motorized transportation corridor that, when complete, will provide a 19.3-mile long trail connecting the Russian River communities from Forestville to Highway 1 and provide connections to other existing and planned pedestrian and bicycle networks; and

Whereas, Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study will serve as an informational document to assist responsible agencies in future processes involving planning, environmental analysis, design, and construction of trail segments; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby accept the findings and recommendations for the preferred trail alignment and alternatives within the County as contained in the Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Sonoma County Regional Parks Director may make minor technical adjustments to the Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study before publishing and distributing the Study as appropriate.

Be It Further Resolved that the Sonoma County Regional Parks Director be directed to coordinate with responsible agencies on implementation strategies including but not limited to pursuing grant opportunities and other means of funding to develop the proposed trail improvements recommended in the Lower Russian River Trail Feasibility Study as deemed appropriate.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:	Zane:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Gorin:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.