



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Board of Supervisors

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, 707-565-2241

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Fifth

**Title:**

Fee Waiver - The Bird Rescue Center

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Fee Waiver of \$18,495.01 to The Bird Rescue Center for a Use Permit. (Fifth District)

**Executive Summary:**

The Bird Rescue Center, previously housed on County-owned property on the Chanate Campus and displaced once the County sold the property to a private developer, has secured a long-term lease of approximately 5 acres of a 46+ acre parcel located at 3184 Guerneville Road to create a new facility.

**Discussion:**

For almost 50 years, The Bird Rescue Center, a non-profit organization, has been serving Sonoma County and its communities. The Bird Rescue Center is the only wildlife organization in Sonoma County dedicated to all species of native wild birds. Previously housed on County-owned property on the Chanate Campus and displaced once the County sold the property to a private developer, The Bird Rescue Center has secured a long-term lease to create a new facility including a new avian rehabilitation and education center and aviaries, and a building dedicated to caring for resident education birds. The proposed facility will be open to the public every day from 9am-4pm, and staff will be on-site 8am-5pm September-April, and 7am-8pm May-August. 32 permanent staff positions and approximately 15 volunteer staff positions are proposed. The Bird Rescue Center handles approximately 3,000 birds of over 150 different species during the course of a year.

**Strategic Plan:**

**Racial Equity:**

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

No

**Prior Board Actions:**

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY23-24 Adopted</b>	<b>FY24-25 Projected</b>	<b>FY25-26 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$18,495.01		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$18,495.01		
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies	\$18,495.01		
<b>Total Sources</b>	\$18,495.01		

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

\$18,495.01 is General Fund Contingencies is requested for this fee waiver.

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

N/A

**Attachments:**

Application packet

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

None.