



Legislation Text

File #: 2019-0595, **Version:** 1

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

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

Staff Name and Phone Number: Melanie Parker, (707) 565-2355

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee

Recommended Actions:

Adopt a Resolution Creating the Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee

Executive Summary:

"Parks for All" Measure M passed in November 2018 authorizing a one-eighth cent special use tax countywide for a ten-year period to support county and city parks. Per Ordinance Number 6238 the Board of Supervisors shall establish a Citizens' Oversight Committee to provide transparency and ensure fiscal accountability.

Discussion:

The Parks Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee shall review the receipt and expenditures of the revenue from the transactions and use tax, including the County's annual independent audit. The committee's review shall be completed in conjunction with the County's budget process. The committee shall produce an annual oral or written report on its review which shall be considered by the Board at a public meeting. An annual Sonoma County Parks Improvement, Water Quality and Fire Safety Measure Report shall be prepared by Regional Parks and each city no later than the last day of the sixth month following the end of each fiscal year. The Report shall be submitted to the Citizens' Oversight Committee for review. The Committee shall submit their findings and conclusions to the County Board of Supervisors and City Councils. The Report will also be made available to the public.

The structure of the committee shall be further defined in a set of bylaws to be adopted at the first meeting of the committee. To preserve the integrity and independence of the oversight process, the committee's responsibilities shall not include decision-making on spending priorities, financing plans or tax rate projections or assumptions and the committee shall have no authority to direct, nor shall it direct, County or City staff or officials.

Prior Board Actions:

July 10, 2018, Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution introducing proposed ordinance and conducting a public hearing; August 7, 2018, Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 6238 providing for a local transactions and use tax; and January 8, 2019 Board of Supervisors approve Implementation of Measure M

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

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Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll)	Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)	Additions (number)	Deletions (number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

The staffing impacts are diminutive, involving only minor attention by Regional Parks' Deputy Director, Melanie Parker, and Executive Assistant, Laura Cordes.

Attachments:

Resolution

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

Ordinance No. 6238