



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): First

Title:

Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Application

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for the Wildlife Conservation Board Public Access grant program in the amount of \$130,000 for Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Improvements and to execute all documents which may be necessary to carry out and administer the grant. (First District)

Executive Summary:

Regional Parks is seeking \$130,000 for the Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Improvement project to restore paddling and small motorized boating access to tidal waterways that link to San Pablo Bay. Since closing for boating access in 2017 because of the failing dock and other safety concerns, preliminary plans and environmental review have been approved. Funding is now needed to complete engineering, permits, and construction documents to restore public boating access. This work will make this project "shovel-ready" for replacing the boat ramp and dock, adding a new low freeboard dock, repaving and expanding parking, a new permanent restroom, and disabled access improvements.

Discussion:

Regional Parks is requesting the Board's support and authority to apply for \$130,000 from the Wildlife Conservation Board's Public Access grant program to fund engineering and permits for the project. Should this funding be awarded, project engineering and permits are anticipated to be completed in fall 2020.

Hudeman Slough Boat Launch ("Hudeman Slough") provides boating access at no cost for fishing, hunting, bird watching, wildlife photography, and waterway exploration through dozens of miles of surrounding sloughs, Sonoma Creek, Napa River, and San Pablo Bay. Natural tidal silt deposition has twisted the dock beyond repair and is currently closed for safety reasons. Replacement is needed before the dock can be reopened to the public.

Regional Parks is planning to renovate the existing boat launch facility at Hudeman Slough so that it is usable for all types of boating recreation. The project involves removal of the existing boat ramp and dock and the reconstruction of a new ramp, dock and gangway system. Other project components include the addition of a low freeboard, accessible kayak launching dock, a permanent restroom building, and resurfacing of the parking lot. The plans also call for an accessible path between the parking lot, restroom facility, and the dock and ramp. The facility improvements will support motorized boats under 24 feet long, personal water craft,

row boats, canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards.

Renovation plans and environmental review were approved by this Board in 2018. Since this time Regional Parks has been working to secure funding for final engineering, permits, and construction. In July, a pre-application was submitted to the Wildlife Conservation Board for grant funding from their Public Access program. We were invited to submit a full application in September. In December, Wildlife Conservation Board staff recommended grant funding. A resolution authorizing application is needed prior to the Wildlife Conservation Board meeting scheduled February 26, 2020, at which time it will award the grant.

The Wildlife Conservation Board has been a Hudeman Slough funding partner for decades. Hudeman Slough is owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and operated by Regional Parks. The State acquired the property in 1961 and constructed the facility in 1962 with the County agreeing to manage and operate the facility since that time. Most recently, the Wildlife Conservation Board provided grant funding for completing the preliminary design and environmental review. On June 27, 2019 the Wildlife Conservation Board solicited proposals for their Public Access program in July 2019 with funding from Proposition 68. Regional Parks will seek grant funding for construction in 2021.

Prior Board Actions:

June 11, 2019 received the County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2019-2024, including subject Hudeman Slough Boat Launch project.

January 9, 2018 by Resolution 18-0011 approved preliminary plans for the Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Facility Renovation project and adopted the mitigated negative declaration for the project.

August 21, 2012 by Resolution 12-0412 authorized the Director of Regional Parks to apply for \$200,000 in Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Funds for rehabilitation of the Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Facility.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 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:

There is no fiscal impact to this item. If the grant application is approved, this funding and the related expenditures will be included in the FY 2019-2020 budget during consolidated budget adjustment. Matching funds will be allocated from funds already dedicated to this project.

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:

Resolution

Map

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

None