



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Regional Parks

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Elizabeth Tyree, (707) 565-2575

**Vote Requirement:** 4/5th

**Supervisorial District(s):** Third

**Title:**

Cooper Creek Acquisition Funding

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Budget Resolution adjusting the FY 2019-20 Taylor Mountain Expansion Capital Project budget by \$73,057 to accept contribution from the Parkland Acquisition Trust Fund for the Cooper Creek acquisition addition to Taylor Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve (4/5<sup>th</sup> Vote Required) (Third District)

**Executive Summary:**

Regional Parks is seeking funding to acquire the Cooper Creek addition to Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. The total cost is \$1.35 million and \$1,246,943 in state and local grant funding plus local park mitigation fees and Parks for All Measure M have been secured. The remaining \$73,057 needed is available from the Parkland Acquisition Trust Fund's allocation for the City of Santa Rosa. Santa Rosa City Council authorized the Trust Fund use for the Cooper Creek acquisition on February 25, 2020.

**Discussion:**

The Sonoma County Parkland Acquisition Trust Fund was established from the sale of old Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa following the earthquake and demolition of the former County courthouse. In 1970 the Board created the Parkland Acquisition Trust Fund and approved the deposit of \$50,000 into the Fund. In 1974 the Board authorized by minute order an additional \$60,000 deposited in the Trust Fund. The purpose of the fund is to offer matching funds for park land acquisition, providing up to half the cost of acquisition to cities for mutually agreed upon projects. Cities or funding partners provide the matching funding for the total cost of acquisition.

Managed by Regional Parks, the Trust Fund has contributed to seven projects since 1974. The amounts of the funding available reflects the size of each incorporated city's population in 1970 when the fund was established plus interest earned. The most recent allocation was requested by the City of Petaluma supporting \$75,930 for Tolay Lake Regional Park acquisition.

Since the last appropriation in 2005, the fund has been accumulating interest on the remaining balance and the current balance is \$133,988. The attached funding table shows funding available to each city, projects funded, and remaining funding. Based on this analysis, the City of Santa Rosa's remaining allocation would be \$73,057.

In partnership with Sonoma Land Trust and with the support of City of Santa Rosa, Regional Parks seeks to secure the remaining funding needed for acquisition of the 54-acre Thomas Florian Frazier property (APN 038-261-010) in southeast Santa Rosa, also known as the Cooper Creek property. Acquisition cost is \$1.35 million. A total of \$1,162,000 in state grant funding and a Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Matching Grant have been secured. The Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, Sonoma County Trails Council, and Redwood Empire Mountain Bike Alliance provided another \$7,750. Grant funds are matched with \$100,000 in local Parks for All Measure M proceeds and \$7,193 Park Mitigation Fees designated for this project. Santa Rosa’s remaining Parkland Acquisition Trust funds would provide the remaining funding needed for Cooper Creek Acquisition. Responding to Regional Parks’ request, the City of Santa Rosa supports the use of up to \$73,057 of the Trust Fund to complete this acquisition. On February 25, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-0178 the Santa Rosa City Council authorized the use of the Sonoma County Parkland Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire the Cooper Creek property.

Regional Parks recommends that \$73,057 from the Parkland Acquisition Trust Fund be contributed to the Taylor Mountain Regional Park Expansion project and seeks authority of this Board to have the Auditor make the budgetary adjustments per the attached resolution.

**Prior Board Actions:**

February 11, 2020 by Resolution No. 20-0046 Board of Supervisors approved the acquisition of the Cooper Creek Addition to Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve  
June 11, 2019 received the County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2019-2024, including subject Taylor Mountain Expansion project

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 19-20 Adopted</b>	<b>FY20-21 Projected</b>	<b>FY 21-22 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested	73,057		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>73,057</b>		
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	73,057		
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>73,057</b>		

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

Appropriate up to \$73,057 from the Parkland Acquisition Trust fund to the Taylor Mountain Expansion capital project to contribute to the Cooper Creek acquisition 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

Funding Table

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

Resolution from the City of Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa City Council Summary