



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): First

Title:

Hudeman Slough Operating Agreement with California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a new Operating Agreement with the State of California, Department of Fish and Wildlife, for Hudeman Slough Fishing Access. (First District)

Executive Summary:

Hudeman Slough is owned by California Department of Fish and Wildlife. 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. With \$1.5 million in State grant funding for Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Improvements, the State requests Regional Parks to operate and manage the facility for another 25 years.

Discussion:

The County, through its Regional Parks Department, operates and maintains Hudeman Slough Public Fishing Access pursuant to agreements with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Funding for initial development and subsequent modification of this facility came from the State Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB).

The original Operating Agreement between CDFW and the County was entered into in 1962. The term of the agreement was for 20 years. A new agreement was approved on January 12, 1987 for a term of 25 years, or until January 12, 2012. When WCB funded Hudeman Slough disabled access improvements in 2001, the State requested that the 1987 agreement be amended to extend the term an additional ten years, or until January 12, 2022.

More recently in 2012 and 2019, WCB contributed funding for design and environmental review followed by funding for permits and construction documents to renovate this aging facility. Major renovation is needed to restore paddling and small motorized boating access tidal waterways that link to San Pablo Bay and to upgrade the facility's accessibility to meet current codes. The facility has been closed since storm events in 2017 caused the dock to fail. Final construction documents are planned for completion early 2022. Construction will include replacing the boat ramp and dock, adding a new low freeboard dock, repaving and expanding parking, a new permanent restroom, and disabled access improvements.

In March this Board approved application for WCB and Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) grants for

construction. The WCB \$754,000 grant was approved for funding on November 18, 2021. The DBW \$754,000 grant is planned for approval in February 2022.

Now, because the current operating agreement is ending and new State funding is allocated for improvements, the State now requests a new operating agreement for a term of 25 years or until 2046. The proposed new operating agreement was drafted by CDFW and modified with input from Regional Parks and County Counsel. A resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute a new operating agreement is recommended for approval.

Strategic Plan:

Operating Hudeman Slough for another 25 years will continue to serve Sonoma County residents and fulfill State grant funding requirements.

This item directly support the County's Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

Pillar: Organizational Excellence

Goal: Goal 4: Seek out grant funding to enhance programs and improve infrastructure

Objective: Objective 1: Secure a total of \$60 million in grant funding by 2026 for strategic priorities, including technology tools, climate resiliency, and other capital projects.

Prior Board Actions:

June 8, 2021 received the County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2020-2025, including subject Hudeman Slough Boat Launch project.

March 2, 2021 by Resolutions 21-0092 and 21-0093 approved applications for \$754,000 Wildlife Conservation Board and \$754,000 Division of Boating and Waterways grant funds for Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Improvements construction.

February 4, 2020 by Resolution 20-0036 approved application for \$130,000 Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Funds for engineering, permits, and construction documents for Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Improvements.

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.

May 15, 2001 by Resolution 01-0577 approved Amendment No. 1 to Operating Agreement for Hudeman Slough Public Fishing Access, extending term to January 12, 2022.

October 7, 1986 by Resolution 86-2110 approved assuming the operation and maintenance of Hudeman Slough Public Fishing Access by entering into a new Operating Agreement for a 25-year period.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 21-22 Adopted	FY22-23 Projected	FY 23-24 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:

Hudeman Slough is already included in Regional Parks' operations budget. No additional funding is requested to manage this facility.

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

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

Operating Agreement