

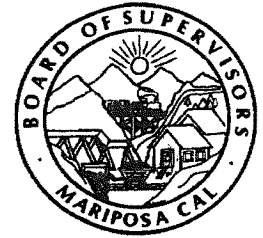


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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE ORDER

TO: SARAH WILLIAMS/Planning Department
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE/Clerk of the Board *RL*
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Approving the Submittal of an Application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Strategic Lands Conservation Program to Acquire the Parcels Necessary for Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway from Willing Sellers; Approve a Letter of Support; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter
RESOLUTION: **19-406**

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on **July 9, 2019**:

H.3. Planning RES-2019-406

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Sarah Williams introduced Mikey Goralnik who gave the staff report. During public comment, Bridget Fithian/Sierra Foothill Conservancy spoke in support of this item. Board discussion ensued regarding the nature of the Board's support, as mentioned in the resolution.

Dallin Kimble/County Administrative Officer advised that a commitment is only needed if the grant is awarded and that a budget action would be necessary to identify funds at that time. Steven W. Dahlem/County Counsel noted that the second resolution discusses funding. Mr. Goralnik advised that the application does have a dollar amount listed. County Counsel advised that the amount listed on the application would then be what the Board is being asked to authorize. Supervisor Cann requested that future grant applications be attached to the item. A motion to approve the item as presented was made by Supervisor Long and seconded by Supervisor Jones. After Board discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn to allow Supervisor Jones to make a motion that included the amount for Board support.

AMENDMENT:

The item was approved, amended to include a commitment of \$60,000 from the

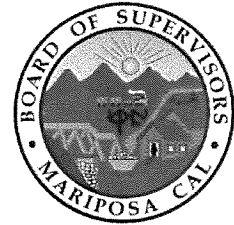
County to fund it, if awarded.

RESULT: **ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey



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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-406

MEETING: July 9, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director
RE: Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Acquisition Strategy

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Approving the Submittal of an Application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Strategic Lands Conservation Program to Acquire the Parcels Necessary for Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway from Willing Sellers; Approve a Letter of Support; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter.

If successful, this funding would be utilized to acquire, from willing sellers, the real estate needed to implement the community's vision for Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway. Specifically, this includes the following APNs: 012-140-034; 012-140-039; 012-143-004; 013-130-078; 013-230-053; and 013-130-0450.

These parcels have been identified in the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Concept Plan and the ongoing Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan as essential to the continued success of the Mariposa Creek Parkway project. Both previous planning efforts identified these parcels as necessary to extend reach of the existing Creek Parkway to provide access to destinations upstream of the current terminus at 8th Street, and to provide increased access to residents and potential Parkway users from upstream locations along Joe Howard Street and elsewhere in the Creek Corridor.

In addition, the master plan effort has revealed these parcels as being critical to achieving a range of community benefits that had not previously been identified. These include a larger network of recreational trails up to around Mariposa's ridgeline, strategic opportunities for vegetation management and hazardous fuel reduction, and other green infrastructure benefits such as enhanced water quality and wildlife habitat. The Planning Department has managed the master planning process with essential participation from community stakeholders including the Sierra Foothill Conservancy, with whom the County is collaborating on this grant application.

The Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Concept Plan realizes the following vision:

"The Park will provide a pedestrian and bicyclist corridor...wide enough for two-way traffic...for walkers, joggers or bicyclist...will tie together a number of tourist facilities and destinations....residents near the park will also use the creek trail."

Resolution - Action Requested 2019-406

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The County adopted the Mariposa Creek Parkway Project as a project via Resolution 88-60 and thereafter incorporated a planned alignment and overall concept for development of an integrated Parkway system as Figure 31 within the Mariposa Town Plan adopted via Resolution 92-38.

The 2016-2017 Overall Work Program (OWP) approved via LTC Resolution 2017-6 on February 28, 2017 referenced Phase 3 of this project as Work Element 9.

The LTC adopted Resolution 17-7 on March 14, 2017 approving the Mariposa Transportation Center Feasibility Study - Phase I. The Transportation Center Study references completion of Phase/Segment 3 of the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

On August 8, 2017 the LTC adopted Resolution 2017-14, approving the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Concept Plan and Phase I and II Enhancement Program (“the Plan”).

On February 13, 2018 the LTC adopted Resolution 2018-8, authorizing submittal of an application for a Caltrans FY 2018-29 Transportation Planning grant to complete a master plan for the Mariposa Creek Parkway. This grant was awarded, and has resulted in the development of a comprehensive master plan for the Mariposa Creek corridor. This plan, the completion of which is anticipated in the next 3-5 months, has been the product of extensive stakeholder engagement including the Creek Week event. The master plan identifies the parcel acquisition that would be funded by this grant as an essential task for successful implementation of the Mariposa Creek project.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Alternatives include delay to the next funding cycle or use of alternate funding sources. Additionally, alternatives could include approving submittal of the application, approving and authorizing signature of the letter of support, and authorizing a different amount of funding to serve as leverage for the application, or not authorizing release of the funds to support acquisition

Failure to approve this action will result in not realizing the active transportation, recreation, conservation, and economic benefits of the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

ATTACHMENTS:

LOS_BOS (DOCX)

190709 Draft Resolution for SNC Application (DOCX)

190628 BoS Diagram (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

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July 9, 2019

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To the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Review Panel,

I'm writing on behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to encourage you to favorably consider Mariposa County's application to the Strategic Land Conservation Grant Program in support of the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Acquisition project. By providing safe and convenient access to a celebrated natural amenity in our community, this project will have enormous benefits on a range of social, cultural, and ecological priorities in Mariposa County.

On July 9th, 2019, the Board of Supervisors formally passed a resolution endorsing the grant application. This, coupled with the significant amount of staff time that we have dedicated to supporting efforts like the Phase III Concept Plan, the Transportation For America State of the Art Training, and the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan, constitutes a significant investment for our rural community in a resource that we truly believe will transform life in Mariposa County. From public health to tourism, economic development to natural resource conservation, and cultural interpretation to natural hazard resiliency, we understand the profound and comprehensive potential for this project to benefit our community, and as the Board chair, I can tell you we are collectively excited to be involved in the project.

Our landscape—its heritage, stories, and bounty—is essential to who we are as a community. The Mariposa Creek Parkway is special because the cross-cutting benefits it offers both occur in and derive from one of the county's truly special landscape resources. The project will interpret and celebrate the historic sites and ecological features that make Mariposa special, welcoming visitors and residents into the Mariposa Creek corridor to experience and connect with the riparian foothills environment. It will link bicyclists and pedestrians to destinations throughout the community, encouraging our community to be healthy and active outside while connecting people to homes, jobs, and businesses. Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway will also contribute to the development of an environmentally oriented and culturally rich activity center with appeal to visitors from around the world.

The Mariposa Creek Parkway will serve the entire community, bolstering our economy and improving our health by conserving, adapting, and celebrating our natural assets. The acquisition effort supported by the Strategic Land Conservation grant is necessary for achieving this essential community benefit project, and along with the rest of our community, the Board of Supervisors has made it a priority. This is a tremendous opportunity, one which has the Board of Supervisors' full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miles Menetrey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Miles Menetrey
Board of Supervisors Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Resolution No. 19-406 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION
TO THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY STRATEGIC LANDS
CONSERVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 2012 Mariposa County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies regional and local issues to be addressed including to “expand and fix transportation and parking issues for better access to the Mariposa County experience.”; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 RTP identifies multi-modal enhancement as projects that include separated bike lanes, shared bike routes, sidewalks, transit amenities, improved parking, street furniture, signage, and trails and staging area enhancements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians; and

WHEREAS, the LTC adopted Resolution 17-7 on March 14, 2017 approving the Mariposa Transportation Center Feasibility Study - Phase I, including a key active transportation element, Phase 3 of the Mariposa Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the LTC adopted Resolution 18-8 on February 13, 2018 authorizing submittal of an application for a Caltrans FY 2018-29 Transportation Planning grant to complete a master plan for the Mariposa Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, that application was successful, and the draft master plan that it has funded identify APNs: 012-140-034; 012-140-039; 012-143-004; 013-130-078; 013-230-053; and 013-130-0450 as crucial to realizing the community vision articulated in the previously mentioned planning processes, as well as the community’s preference expressed in additional stakeholder engagement processes such as Creek Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors authorizes submission of a grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s Strategic Land Conservation program to acquire from willing sellers the parcels that constitute Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors discussed identifying matching funds to support implementation of this acquisition effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves the attached letter of

support, and authorizes the Board chair to sign the letter.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes submittal of a grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Strategic Land Conservation program to acquire from willing sellers the parcels that constitute Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway, and authorizes the Planning Director to execute all necessary agreements to implement this resolution.


ON MOTION BY Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Smallcombe, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 9th day of July, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY

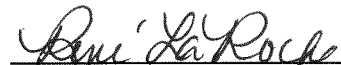
NOES: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE


Miles Menetrey, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel