

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-10

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE October 5, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Apply for the State of California, Habitat Conservation Fund Program, Wildlife Area Activities Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to apply for funds available through the State of California, Habitat Conservation Fund Program, Wildlife Area Activities Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund associated with applying to the State of California, Habitat Conservation Fund Program, Wildlife Activities Project. The matching funds will be provided by the Tuolumne River Trust and if awarded, the Department will return to the Board of Supervisors for authorization to accept the specific amount of funding to be awarded.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-635

**THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.**  
**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

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**DISCUSSION:**

On September 24, 2010, Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation was notified by the Tuolumne River Trust of the Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program. This grant program consists of approximately \$2 million per year to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for grants to cities, counties, and districts to provide for nature interpretation. These programs bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas, to protect fish, wildlife and native plant resources or to acquire or develop wildlife corridors and trails. Under the Wildlife Area Activities projects guideline provided by the HCF Program, Stanislaus County and Tuolumne River Trust suggests this as a good opportunity to leverage additional monies for the Stanislaus County Outdoor Youth Ambassador Program.

The Stanislaus County Outdoor Youth Ambassador Program is currently funded by the awarded grants in the amount of \$8,500 from Recreation Equipment, Inc. and \$20,000 through the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, a private, nonprofit foundation that was established in 2004 as part of a Pacific Gas and Electric Company settlement. The \$28,500 existing funds will be used to meet the match requirement of the HCF Program. The Tuolumne River Trust has committed the use of these monies as matching funds for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program grant application.

The Habitat Conservation Fund is a local assistance program of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services. Its intent is to fund urgent need projects that protect rapidly disappearing wildlife habitat that support California's unique and varied wildlife resources. These grants have a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 and require a non-state dollar-for-dollar match and only cities, counties, the City and County of San Francisco or Districts as defined by Public Resources Code Sections 5500 or 5780 are eligible. The amount of this grant request will not exceed the matching funds available, which is \$28,500. If awarded, Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation will receive up to \$14,100 for the use of the County's park facilities.

Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation will serve as the lead applicant and will partner with the Tuolumne River Trust in the grant application process. Additional grant partners may be identified and may include the City of Patterson, and the Stanislaus County Police Activities League. The collaborative project entitled, the "Stanislaus County Outdoor Youth Ambassador Program" is to engage eighty youth between the ages of thirteen and seventeen in exploring wildlife areas and outdoor opportunities in their own backyard. Through lessons and overnight camping events, youth will be immersed in the natural, cultural, and historic richness of Stanislaus County by engaging them in a series of activities based on the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights as developed by the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks, and Tourism. Outlining the fundamental outdoor experiences every child in California should experience, youth from the County's eastside (Empire area) and westside (Patterson area) will: discover California's past, splash in the water, play in a safe place, camp under the stars, explore nature, learn to swim, play on a team, follow a trail, catch a fish, and celebrate heritage.

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**POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval of this agenda item to authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to apply for State of California, Habitat Conservation Fund Program, Wildlife Area Activities Project funds is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priority of Effective Partnerships by partnering with organizations supporting valued recreational experiences, developing community pride and a lasting stewardship of natural, cultural, and the historical richness of the County.

**STAFFING IMPACTS:**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Date:

No.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY APPROVING THE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the HCF Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the HCF Program; and,

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; and,
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the required match and sufficient funds to complete the project; and,
3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and,
4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the contract shown in the grant administration guide; and,

**ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,  
State of California**

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5. Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and,
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Approved and Adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution number \_\_\_\_\_ was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote: