



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Catherine Kutsuris, Conservation and Development Director

Date: January 7, 2014

Subject: Allocation of Park Dedication Funds to Develop a Plan to Install Parklets In El Sobrante

RECOMMENDATION(S):

AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller to transfer \$5,000 from Park Dedication Funds Account 8136 27570 3610 to the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development to help finance a study to develop parklets in the El Sobrante area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No General Funds are involved. The cost of the study is estimated at \$15,000; \$5,000 will be paid from Park Dedication funds with the balance coming from the Department of Conservation and Development.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) is requesting \$5,000 in park dedication funds to help support a planning effort related to developing a parklet(s) in El Sobrante. Parklets are small public parks set into the existing streetscape that provide both a visual interest and function while enhancing the overall appearance of the street. Parklets are created by re-configuring road/parking spaces and/or sidewalk areas to provide a public amenity including outdoor space for benches, landscaping and planter boxes, bike racks, or outdoor dining space for nearby restaurants or cafes. The essential defining element of

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/07/2014** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 7, 2014

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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parklets is that they represent public space that is open and accessible to all.

Potential key objectives of a parklet program may include:

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

bringing additional vibrancy and vitality to the streets by creating non-paying public spaces;

- making the area more pedestrian friendly and by doing so draw more people to local businesses;
- creating green spaces to beautify and upgrade the area;
- helping create a traffic calming effect.

It is expected that the results of this planning effort will be used to inform and support a potential County-wide parklet effort.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The allocation of Park Dedication funds will ensure that sufficient funding is available to complete the study in a timely manner.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Development of parklets in the El Sobrante area supports the following community outcome established in the Children's Report Card: *Communities are safe and provide a high quality of life for children and families.*