



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Date: August 10, 2021

Subject: Resolution supporting the grant application for Citizens for Greener Communities for Prop 68 funding for El Sobrante New Park Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2021/256 supporting the grant application of Citizens for Greener Communities for Proposition 68 funding for the El Sobrante New Park project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The application process does not have a fiscal impact. If the grant is approved it is one-time funding, ongoing operational and maintenance costs will be required and will return to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2018, California voters approved Proposition 68, which created a grant program to fund the creation or renovation of parks in California. The purpose of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program is to create and expand recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. The grant program is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Non-profit organizations are allowed to apply for grants. This year, Citizens for Greener

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/10/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, 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: August 10, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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cc:

Communities (GRECO), a non-profit organization in El Sobrante, applied for a grant in the amount of \$8,486,000 to fund the El Sobrante New Park project.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

This project is a proposal for a 1.5-acre creekside community park, located at 4001 and 4011 San Pablo Dam Road (APNs 420-010-001 and 420-010-002), adjacent to San Pablo Creek in downtown El Sobrante. The site is currently owned by a third party. Grant funds would be used by GRECO to purchase the property. GRECO's resolution of application for grant funds states that GRECO intends to transfer the entire project, acquisition, development, operations, and contract obligations to Contra Costa County if the State awards grant funds for the El Sobrante New Park project to GRECO.

GRECO has requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution supporting the organization's grant application. The attached resolution:

- Expresses the Board's support for GRECO's grant application.
- Authorizes the County to enter into negotiations with GRECO, and the current third-party owner of the El Sobrante New Park project site if necessary, for the County's possible acquisition, development, and operation of the El Sobrante New Park.
- Provides that the County's acquisition of the project site is contingent on compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and on the residents of County Service Area (CSA) R-9 approving a ballot initiative to fund the purchase, development, and on-going operation and maintenance of any improvements contemplated at the site for public use.

The attached resolution does not commit the County to purchasing the property. If the grant is awarded, a future agreement for the acquisition, design, construction, management, and long-term operation of the site is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2021/256