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Board of Supervisors
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RE: Resolution approving application for Proposition 50 California River Parkways Grant
Funding for acquisition of the historic Chili Bar facility.

Dear Board Members:

Recommendation:

The Department of General Services recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve by Resolution and authorize staff to submit a joint application for grant funding from the Proposition 50 California River Parkways Program. This program specifically funds projects which provide river access to the public. If the application is approved, the funding would be used to acquire the Chili Bar put-in facility on the South Fork of the American River.

Background:

On February 4, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved authorizing the General Services Department to work with community organizations to access the monies available through grant funding provided by the Californians for Clean Water and Coastal Protection Bond Act (Proposition 50).

Reason for Recommendation:

The California Resources Agency is making available a second round of Proposition 50 River Parkways Program funds for projects that provide access to river parkways. General Services staff recognizes this funding as an excellent opportunity to acquire Chili Bar, an historic put-in facility on the upper reach of the South Fork of the American River. With this acquisition, the County's ability to provide river education, safety, and regulatory efforts on the upper reach of the river would be greatly enhanced. Acquisition of Chili Bar would also assist the County in implementing the programs and goals of the County's River Management Plan.

General Services staff recently learned of the current owners intent to sell Chili Bar and contacted the American River Conservancy (ARC) to explore their interest in the acquisition of the Chili Bar facility. In order to maximize the competitive advantage for the program funds, the ARC suggested that the County participate in a joint application to the State Resources Agency with the ARC as the lead agency. The ARC has agreed to take full responsibility in preparing the grant application. The ARC has a long history of successful grant applications, including a June 2006 award of \$2.3 million for the first round of Proposition 50 California River Parkways Program funds to improve public access along the South Fork of the American River.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with applying for the grant. If the grant application is successful, additional funding would be needed to make physical improvements to the site. The State Department of Boating and Waterways has grant funding available that can be used for these purposes, and the County has been successful in obtaining Boating and Waterways grants in the past.

Action to be Taken Following Approval:

1. Board Clerk shall forward two certified copies of the signed Resolution to General Services.
2. General Services shall submit the Resolution and grant application to the American River Conservancy.
3. The American River Conservancy shall finalize the grant application and submit it to the State under the Proposition 50 California River Parkways Program.
4. General Services will notify the Board should grant funding be awarded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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