

Legislation Text

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Transportation Department recommending Chairman be authorized Agreement AGMT 06-1234 with Wetland Resources LLC in the amount of \$16,000 to be paid by the developer for the purchase of 0.10 acre of created seasonal wetlands in the Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank for the construction of the Silver Springs Parkway.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve.

**FUNDING:** Developer advanced with subsequent payment from the TIM fee program.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$16,000.00
Funding		
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other *	\$16,000.00	
Total Funding Available	\$	\$16,000.00
Change To Net County Cost		\$0.00

\* Developer advanced with subsequent payment from the TIM

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

There is no net cost to the County General Fund associated with this agenda item.

Background:

Reason for Recommendation:

Purchase of these wetland mitigation credits is necessary to satisfy a project requirement for the realignment of Bass Lake Road north of Bass Lake. Silver Springs Parkway (formerly known as Bass Lake Road Realignment) from Green Valley Road south to the existing Bass Lake Road was identified as an important link in the County's regional road system. The construction of Silver Springs Parkway from Green Valley Road south to the existing Bass Lake Road was previously authorized under Nationwide Permit 26 (Corps ID #199900384) on August 18, 1999. This authorization included the fill of 1.23 acres of waters of the U.S. for construction of approximately 1.2 miles of roadway. Mitigation for the project included the purchase of riparian habitat, seasonal marsh habitat, and perennial marsh habitat credits at an approved mitigation bank.

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A portion of the road realignment that runs through the proposed Silver Springs subdivision was constructed prior to the expiration of the Nationwide Permit 26 authorization; specifically, four of the culvert crossings were constructed. A subsequent authorization (Corps Permit Number 200500379) was approved by the Corps on August 04, 2006 to fill the remaining waters of the U.S. within the road corridor in order to construct the southern 1/4 mile of the realigned road that is south of the proposed Silver Springs subdivision.

Corps Permit Number 200500379 contains a Special Condition requiring the purchase of an additional 0.03 credits (0.03 acre) of seasonal wetlands at a Corps approved wetland mitigation bank. The Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank is approved by the Corps, and the subject Agreement will satisfy this Special Condition.

Whereas the extent of the obligation in the Corps Permit's Special Condition is for 0.03 acre, the Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank has a policy of selling credits in 0.10 acre increments. Accordingly, the subject Agreement reflects the purchase of Mitigation Units equivalent to 0.10 acres of created seasonal wetlands.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

- 1) Authorize the Chairman to sign two originals of the Agreement for Sale of Wetland Mitigation Credits; and
- 2) Forward an original of the fully executed Agreement to the Department of Transportation for further processing.

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Concurrences: County Counsel approved 11/01/06 and Risk Management approved 11/01/06