



Legislation Text

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Supervisor Santiago recommending an application be submitted to California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC) for grant augmentation in the amount of \$800,000 for continued support in design and planning efforts associated with the 56-Acre project in South Lake Tahoe.

On December 8, 2006, the California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC) awarded a planning grant in the amount of \$698,750 to the City of South Lake and the County of El Dorado for development of conceptual alternatives for the proposed 56-Acre Recreation Improvements Project. The purpose of this planning grant was to enable the City and County to generate conceptual alternatives for public amenities which would result in numerous improvements to this key south shore property. As envisioned, these improvements were to address the need for enhanced lake access, improved pedestrian and bicycle circulation throughout the site and adjacent properties, along with cultural, historical and visitor information.

The City and County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (Cooperative Agreement) to coordinate planning efforts. Next, the City and County took applications from members of the public to participate in the project through appointment to the Project's Steering Committee. The intent of the Steering Committee was to represent various constituencies and user groups at the site and function as an advisory board to the City Council and County Board of Supervisors.

The goal of the project is to enhance and optimize a variety of public access, cultural, interpretive and camping facilities at the existing South Tahoe Recreation Area.

In its 2006 planning grant award, the CTC *anticipated 'a subsequent planning phase will serve to refine a preferred alternative and complete necessary environmental documentation.'*

The Master Planning Phase has now been completed and the initial grant money has been expended. Additional money is needed to complete the project analysis and prepare environmental documents. The CTC has advised that additional funding is available and the County and City can now request a Planning Grant augmentation to continue the design and planning process.

- 1.) Application for grant augmentation shall be submitted to the CTC by the City of South Lake Tahoe with county approval; and,
- 2.) Upon notification that grant augmentation has been awarded, county staff shall continue to work with the CTC, the consulting firms and the City of South Lake Tahoe to complete the environmental document and construction documents for Phase 1.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize staff to work with City of South Lake Tahoe to submit joint application to the California Tahoe Conservancy for the 56-Acre Recreation Improvements planning grant augmentation.

