



Paradise Recreation & Park District

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Committee: Recreation & Park Committee (*McGreehan/Rodowick*)
Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Via Teleconference and Terry Ashe Recreation Center Room B

Notice:

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AGENDA:

The Committee will meet to:

1. Review Resolution #22-07-1-515- Butte Creek Canyon Acquisition (McCord)
2. Review Resolution #22-07-1-516- Lake Concow- Planning

CLOSED SESSION: None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. BOD.Butte.Creek Concow.Resolutions.Report.2022.0720

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Staff Report

July 20, 2022



DATE: 7/15/2022
 TO: Board of Directors (BOD)
 FROM: Dan Efseaff, District Manager
 SUBJECT: Resolution #22-07-1-515 and Resolution #22-07-2-516

Report in Brief

The District is applying for grants to further its mission for its citizens and to provide information to help guide future decisions. Item 1 is to provide funds for an acquisition in Butte Creek Canyon (recreational facilities and programming has been a long time identified goal for the District). Item 2 is to develop a feasibility study, conduct outreach with citizens, and develop partnerships to explore recreational opportunities around Lake Concow. The resolutions and project summaries are attached. These items will be reviewed at the Recreation and Park Committee and then brought forward for the consideration with the BOD to meet he July 22, 2022, deadline for submission.

Recommendation: Approval of Resolutions.

Attachments:

- A. Butte Creek Canyon Project Narrative
- B. Resolution #22-07-1-515
- C. Lake Concow Planning Project Narrative
- D. Resolution #22-07-1-516

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Project Narrative

July 15, 2022

The project involves the purchase of approximately 20 acres of Sierra foothills land surrounding about 2000 linear feet of Butte Creek and associated riparian and upland habitat, containing several existing structures that can be readily repurposed for a variety of public uses. There is little legal public access and therefore ability to intimately enjoy the exceptional environmental and historic values in Butte Creek Canyon. This project, along with preparation and implementation of a management plan under a subsequent planning grant, would thus provide for the preservation of and carefully managed public access to this unique area.

As no physical impact to the environment would occur with purchase of the project site, a categorical exemption per Sections 15316 and 15325 of the CEQA Guidelines is being submitted with this application, along with a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, survey and title documentation, and a current fair market appraisal.

An initial study to determine the scope of environmental review and any necessary mitigation would be prepared for the subsequent management plan which would be developed with full public input. That initial study would assess potential impacts resulting from public access and maintenance of the property under the management plan.



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RESOLUTION #22-07-1-515

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PARADISE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSITION 68
SIERRA NEVADA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC LAND
CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM OF 2019 UNDER THE PARK AND WATER BOND
ACT OF 2018**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local assistance grants program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the SNC require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the SNC; and

WHEREAS, the District has held a long-time interest in developing recreational programming and opportunities in Butte Creek Canyon for District residents; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to provide citizens with the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the canyon while providing environmental education and addressing trespassing, littering, and other natural resource impacts from unsanctioned use in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, if selected, the District, as Applicant, will enter into an agreement with the SNC to carry out the project through the purchase of the McCord Property (APNs 017-050-009, 017-050-010, and 017-050-011) in Butte Creek Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors has identified the Butte Creek Canyon Acquisition (McCord) in Oroville, California project (SNC Grant #1439-LC) as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Paradise Recreation and Park District located in the County of Butte, State of California, that this Board:

Approves the submittal of an application for the Acquisition of the McCord Property in Butte Creek Canyon, California project (SNC Grant #1439-LC); and

Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification requirements in the application; and

Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the resource(s) consistent with the long-term benefits described in support of the application; or will secure the resources to do so; and

Certifies that Applicant will comply with all legal requirements as determined during the application process; and Appoints the Paradise Recreation and Park District, District Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to: applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

This Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Paradise Recreation and Park District at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of July 2022 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Al McGreehan, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Mary Bellefeuille, Secretary

Project Narrative

July 15, 2022

Over the past 30 years, the Concow Basin has suffered through regular 10-year cycle of wildfires that have decimated the community. This has exacerbated the already poor economic conditions and public health issues in this tight knit community.

And yet, this is an area with surprising beauty and untapped recreational and community building opportunities that could center on lands already in public ownership.

Contained in this basin is a lovely 300-acre lake with clear water and a tree lined shore. Unique to many lakes at this low elevation, the management of the man-made lake means that water levels remain relatively high throughout the year. The entire shoreline is in public ownership with the Thermalito Water and Sewer District (TWSD). However, recreational opportunities are limited to a couple of parking and a short trail to shoreline fishing. There are no sanctioned trails, few amenities (no restrooms, picnic areas, trash cans, etc.). Kayaks and swimming are currently prohibited.

The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD) has been a part of the community for over 50 years with 2 key community assets - swimming programs at the local school pool and a small park that just before the Camp Fire, we invested new play equipment, picnic tables, drinking water, interpretive signs, and other amenities.

Recently, TWSD and PRPD have engaged in discussions to establish a Memorandum of Understanding to explore the feasibility of recreational development with a community centered approach. The intent of the MOU will be to explore options, public access, conduct outreach, develop priorities and partnerships, for a multi-year, multi-phase recreation and management plan. We anticipate completion of the MOU later this year.

Eventually, the project could model PRPD's recent partnership with the Paradise Irrigation District, which have resulted in elevated recreation and resource management and over \$6 M in funding for recreational investments and enlightened fuels management.

The project would explore planning for a future access, trails, and paddling opportunities and linkages to other publicly owned resources and future opportunities. In addition, proper stewardship of the shoreline forest could aid in conservation and fire protection goals.

PRPD seeks funding for a well-defined planning and outreach effort to fortify this partnership and provide a pathway for successful future phases. Key tasks include:

- Inventory and mapping of lands in public ownership
- An evaluation of recreational development feasibility

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Lake Concow: Planning

- Public engagement and organizational coordination (we anticipate a high level of local and regional interest)
- Development of phases, projects, costs, and identification of funding sources for phases
- Plan for operation and future programming
- Explore educational opportunities
- Exploration of agreements or mechanisms to formalize partnerships
- Environmental compliance
- Remaining funds would be used for initial community-based volunteer efforts, funding, signage, and initial site improvements.

A Land management plan for TWSD lands, PRPD's Crain Park (approximately 450 acres), and potentially new PRPD additions to integrate management, protect resources, sustainably provide recreation, and manage fuels. The plan would also estimate costs, evaluate resources available to complete the work, and funding sources. The plan would also complement a comprehensive examination of Wildfire Risk Reduction Buffers funded through FEMA and CALOES.

Importantly, this project could provide much needed sustainable economic opportunities to an economically disadvantaged community with few options and community assets.

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RESOLUTION #22-07-2-516

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PARADISE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
2022 VIBRANT RECREATION AND TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local assistance grants program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the SNC require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the SNC; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the SNC to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors has identified the Planning Effort for Lake Concow: Recreation and Land Management Planning for a Vibrant Future project (SNC Grant #1423-RT) as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals.

WHEREAS, the District has provided a decades old commitment to managing Crain Memorial Park and providing recreational opportunities for local residents in the Concow and Yankee Hill area; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to engage with potential partners (including the Thermalito Water and Sewer District and other organizations with a strong presence in the area) and citizens to explore needs and opportunities in the Concow Basin; and

WHEREAS, the District has identified the feasibility study of recreation planning project as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals and to inform future directions in the area.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Paradise Recreation and Park District located in the County of Butte, State of California, that this Board:

Approves the submittal of an application for the Planning Effort for Lake Concow: Recreation and Land Management Planning for a Vibrant Future project (SNC Grant #1423-RT); and

Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification requirements in the application; and

Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the resource(s) consistent with the long-term benefits described in support of the application; or will secure the resources to do so; and

Certifies that Applicant will comply with all legal requirements as determined during the application process; and Appoints the Paradise Recreation and Park District, District Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to: applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

This Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Paradise Recreation and Park District at a special meeting held on the 20th day of July 2022 by the following vote.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Al McGreehan, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Mary Bellefeuille, Secretary