

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: September 18, 2012  
Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution of the Albany City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**REPORT BY:** Jeff Bond, Community Development Director

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**SUMMARY**

The Council is requested to authorize a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for improvements to the trail network on the Bulb.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve Resolution No. 2012-55 authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

**BACKGROUND**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, together with California Department of Fish and Game and the California State Lands Commission, is offering grants for recreational projects that compensate the public for the loss of use and enjoyment of public beaches, parks, and other public or natural resources as a result of the Cosco Busan oil spill. Approximately \$6.8 million in grant funds are available for projects. Funding was received as part of settlement of litigation related to the Cosco Buson spill. The Program is designed to fund projects that enhance the following shoreline recreation, activities:

- Recreational fishing (including both shore-based fishing and fishing from vessels),
- Non-fishing shoreline recreation (including dog-walking, surfing, kite-boarding, etc.),
- Recreational boating (including both motorized and non-motorized boating), or

**DISCUSSION**

Staff reviewed with Foundation staff the range of potential uses of funds. Based on feedback received, the proposed project is the repair and restoration of a portion of a one-mile network of trails on the Bulb. The proposal would be an extension of work that the East Bay Regional Park District will be undertaking on the Neck. The City and the District agree that the permitting process, staging of materials, construction fencing, security, could

be managed in a synergistic manner. In addition, coincident projects could minimize restrictions on public access that may be necessary during the work.

The trails have evolved over time, and in many places have uneven surfaces, protruding metal and construction debris, and are eroding. The project would be to trim back vegetation, remove debris, create a sub grade approximately slope to drain, and finish with a 12-foot wide shared use decomposed granite path. In order to minimize costs, the work would be focused on areas with the highest public use and most cost effective repairs, with specific location of repair and restoration prioritized on elimination of safety hazards and stabilization of the trail network. Due to limited use of these trails by heavy vehicles, the repair and restoration of the trails is expected to have a significant project life.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The improvements to the Waterfront contributes to the implementation of Climate Action Plan Green Infrastructure Policy Objective GI-1 (Expand and Enhance the City's Green Infrastructure), which calls for enhance the community's urban forest and other landscapes to maximize carbon sequestration, reduce storm water runoff, and augment neighborhood aesthetics. In addition, improvements to the Waterfront contribute to the implementation of Transportation and Land Use Objective TL-1: (Facilitate Walking and Biking in the Community), which calls for expansion and enhancement of bicycle and walking infrastructure throughout the City.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The grant request is for \$250,000.

### **Attachments**

1. Resolution No. 2012-55