



**Paradise Recreation and Park District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting**  
Terry Ashe Recreation Center, Room B  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 6:00 pm  
**\*\*Rescheduled from September 9, 2020\*\***

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

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Pursuant to California Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Paradise Recreation and Park District will be closing the Board of Director’s Meeting to members of the public and non-essential District staff.

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**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.3 Resolution #20-09-1-486 Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program.** – In October 2019 staff submitted a proposal to seek grant funding from the California Natural Resource Agency to create a 20-mile loop multi-use, natural surface trail in Magalia. Funding covers outreach, planning, trail design and construction, and construction of recreational amenities. As a time sensitive item, staff requests the agenda be modified to include consideration of this resolution at the September 23, 2020 Board meeting.

**Recommendation:** Approve resolution #20-09-1-486 as presented

**9. BOARD COMMENT**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on October 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center (6626 Skyway, Paradise, California).

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DATE: 9/21/2020  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kristi Sweeney, Assistant District Manager  
SUBJECT: California Natural Resources Agency – Regional Trails and Greenways Grant Program Resolution #20-09-1-486

## Summary

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## 1. Background

In October 2019 staff submitted a proposal to seek grant funding from the California Natural Resource Agency create a 20-mile loop multi-use trail in Magalia. The natural surface trail would connect Lakeridge Park, to Paradise Lake, to Coutolenc Park, and back to the Magalia Reservoir.

The Project creates a multi-use trail loop that connects Magalia to recreation resources. The project provides legal access for the public and emergency vehicles, protects drinking water quality, and expands successful vegetation management efforts. The trail uses a curvilinear, natural surface design that will attract a variety of users and abilities and enhance the quality of life for citizens with limited recreational opportunities. The Paradise Recreation and Park District and strong partners are actively working to develop this trail network. The project furthers the creation of a backbone trail to connect Sterling City to Chico along the historic Butte County Railroad. Segments (Yellowstone Kelly Trail and Comanche Creek Trail) have already been developed. Future trail buildout (with the development of underground utility and park trails), will create a regional system that promotes sustainable economic opportunities and healthy life-styles. The trail will be built on public land and has the support of agency partners (Butte County, Bureau of Land Management, Paradise Irrigation District, Town of Paradise, and US Forest Service)

Staff were invited to present a “Virtual Site Inspection” to grant agents In July 2020. The agency notes that the applicants with the most competitive projects after the virtual site visits will be required to submit supporting documentation further demonstrating their ability to carry out the project. Staff have now been invited to submit final documentation as part of a third step in candidate selection. The District’s proposal is highly competitive but is dependent upon completion of several additional requirements, such as passing a Board of Directors resolution to approve and authorize the District to commit to the project if awarded funding.

## 2. Fiscal Impact

The District seeks agency funding of \$507,392 for the \$669,574 project. If awarded funding, the District would incur matching costs for environmental review, maintenance and administrative staff time, design and engineering totaling approximately \$162,181. District costs will be offset by other grant funding awards which cover costs for design and planning, and equipment. An already secured planning grant (North Valley Community Foundation) could cover a portion of the costs and additional funds have been set aside for planning and construction on Coutolenc, Paradise Lake, and Lakeridge. Community groups that offered support of the proposal have also expressed interest in volunteering for planning and trail construction, which could significantly reduce staff costs. In addition, the initiation of the project could spur additional funds on partner lands.

Completion of the project will incur long-term maintenance costs. The District could see incremental revenue from additional parking and event revenue. Development of amenities at Coutolenc could allow for rental or event revenue; however, that will need to be considered as part of an upcoming management plan for the site.

## 3. Permits and Environmental Review

If the project is awarded funding, CEQA and NEPA studies must be completed before any construction funds will be disbursed.

**4. Discussion**

The project builds on previous planning from the Butte County Resource Conservation District and supported by the Butte County General Plan. Project funding will allow for additional engagement and outreach with citizens and recreational users on the amenities and trail alignment, and the construction and installation of the trail, signage, and wildland park amenities (trailhead signs, parking, restrooms/portable restrooms, plantings). The project will allow for the leveraging of limited District resources to create a core of a multi-agency trail system. The District received tremendous support of the trails grant proposal from numerous community groups and agencies. Many of these groups offered volunteer time to assist with planning and building the trail system, which demonstrates the community's appreciation of expanding the trail network in our District. Previous master planning sessions and subsequent surveys of residents consistently demonstrates that trails are within the top 3 most requested features. The pandemic has further shown that people crave the outdoors in times of crisis and offering a robust trail system can provide a path to health and healing in nature.

**5. Recommendation**

Approve Resolution #20-09-1-486 as presented (Attachment A).

**Attachments:**

- A. Resolution

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### Resolution #20-09-1-486

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PARADISE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT OF APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS AND GREENWAYS GRANT PROGRAM

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

**WHEREAS**, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Magalia and Paradise Lake Loop and Butte County Rail Trail Project; and
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code; and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, and disabled access laws, and that prior to commencement of construction all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Certifies that Applicant will work towards the State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and

7. Appoints the 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).

Approved and adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020 by the following vote.

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

Approved and adopted the 23 day of September 2020. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 20-09-1-486 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors.

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Al McGreehan, Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Julie Van Roekel, Board Secretary

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 20-09-1-486 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors following a roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

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(Clerk)