



Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Board Order

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A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to:

Adopt Resolution No.: 21-048

a. Approve and authorize the Auditor Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Adopted Budget, Fund 001, Budget Unit 8510, Appropriations Unit RMA104, to increase appropriations and revenues by \$116,789 for the Parks Operations, where the financing source is the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program to manage wildfire risk at Jacks Peak County Park through fuel load reduction (4/5th vote required).


PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of February 2021, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Askew and Adams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
(Government Code 54953)

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting February 23, 2021.

Dated: February 26, 2021
File ID: RES 21-036
Agenda Item No.: 25

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California


Julian Lorenzana, Deputy

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
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WHEREAS, Jacks Peak Park is an 892-acre County park, which is at high risk for a wildfire due to its location, environment and vegetation in the understory of the Monterey Pine forest;

WHEREAS, to address the potential risk of a wildfire at Jacks Peak County Park, in June 2018, the Resource Management Agency - Parks applied for a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Health Grant Program and was awarded \$116,789 for the proposed project;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 18-374 to ratify the submittal of the grant application and authorized the Director of the Resource Management Agency to execute an Agreement with the State accepting the grant award;

WHEREAS, while no habitable structures lie within the proposed project, this forested area’s proximity to the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and the unincorporated communities of Carmel, Carmel Valley, Alta Loma and Laurels Grade is cause for concern as it poses risk to public health and safety of nearly 90,000 residents and properties;

WHEREAS, the proposed project lies between Carmel Valley and the greater Monterey area, and may serve to help strategically facilitate wildfire containment;

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2020, there were three separate wildfires that started within days of one another: The River Fire caused by a lightning strike on August 16th that burned 48,088 acres, 30 structures destroyed (13 homes, 17 other structures); the Carmel Fire in Cachagua on August 18th that burned 6,905 acres, 73 structures destroyed (50 homes, 23 other structures); and the Dolan Fire, on August 18th that burned 124,924 acres, 19 structures destroyed (14 homes, 5 other structures);

WHEREAS, funds received through this grant will help with removing fuels in the form of dead and dying trees, downed vegetation, and ladder fuel (live or dead vegetation growing up from the ground into the tree canopies); fuel material would be cleared utilizing the County Basic Defensible Space & Vegetation Management Guidelines of implementing a 100 foot defensible barrier around existing Park roads, buildings and maintenance facilities;

WHEREAS, the management approach consists of removing the fuel material using equipment, hand crews and goat grazing within the project area of approximately 40 acres;

WHEREAS, Parks staff has worked with Cal Fire and County Fire representatives, representatives with the local Chapter of the Monterey Bay Area Native Plant Society and members with the Friends of Jacks Peak Park, on the fuel reduction project;

WHEREAS, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program is a reimbursable grant program where the county will be required to cover the project costs up front and once project tasks are completed, the County will submit an invoice for reimbursement of the \$116,789 in grant funds;

WHEREAS, staff is requesting an increase in appropriations and revenues as this grant was not included in the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget for Parks Operations; and it is anticipated that all work will be completed by June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this action supports the Board of Supervisors' Infrastructure and Public Safety Strategic Initiatives allowing for the reduction of fuel load in Jacks Peak Park which in the event of a wildfire would help protect County infrastructure such as buildings and roads and provide for greater public safety as it could reduce the risk and intensity of a wildfire in the park and adjacent communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to approve the following:

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