

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: August 07, 2019
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Consideration of Agreement with Big Sur Land Trust

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Board consider approving the Assistance Agreement between the Big Sur Land Trust and MPRPD in substantially the form submitted **(ATTACHMENT 1)**.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Up to \$50,000.

FUNDING SOURCES:

6890 – Trail Construction/Improvements

FUNDING BALANCE:

Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) remain in this account for use on other MPRPD trail improvements.

DISCUSSION:

The 1.5-mile long San Jose Creek Trail (SJCT) will provide a pedestrian recreation trail, linking California State Parks' Point Lobos Ranch and MPRPD's Palo Corona Regional Park through the former Whisler-Wilson Ranch.

In 2014, the BSLT, State Parks, and MPRPD entered an MOU authorizing the improvement of the SJCT and construction of three pedestrian bridges spanning this environmentally sensitive creek. BSLT secured a \$552,721 California River Parkways grant to fund the project.

As the project nears completion, several important additional scope items have been identified that must be completed in advance of the SJCT opening to the public. At the June 12, 2019 MPRPD Board meeting, funds in the amount of up to \$50,000.00 were awarded as a grant to assist with completion of the trail project and related improvements.

These funds will be used to help pay for materials and labor associated with the construction of split-rail or other similar fencing to protect sensitive archeological resources that are immediately adjacent to the access road leading to the SJCT trailhead. These funds will also help implement a revegetation and monitoring plan to restore riparian habitat disturbed during bridge construction.

Although a date for the SJCT's opening has not been identified, Staff supports this project, its opening to the public, and funding the remaining scope items so that they may be completed as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENT:

1. [Assistance Agreement between the Big Sur Land Trust and MPRPD – San Jose Creek Trail Project](#)