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INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: May 14, 2012

TO: City Council  
FROM: Parks And Recreation  
SUBJECT: FYI Pogonip East Multi-Use Trail Timeline and Estimated Costs

APPROVED:

DATE:

5/16/12

At the City Council Hearing on March 27, 2012, Parks and Recreation staff was asked to provide City Council with an updated schedule and costs associated with the construction of the East Multi-Use Trail in Pogonip.

**Project Status/Timeline**

*Project kick off:*

The initial phase of project construction has begun with the completion of wildlife surveys the week of April 30, 2012, followed by the removal of invasive vegetation along sections of the trail alignment. In addition, the California Conservation Corps (CCC) has mobilized a crew to eliminate large sections of invasive plant species along the southern trail alignment. The majority of this work by the CCC's, was at no cost to the City. Discussions are also underway with Americorp and California Department of Forestry (CDF) to utilize their crews for removal of the under story and brush as well as some trail construction. Temporary Parks and Recreation staff with trail experience has been assigned to the East Multi-Use Trail project to provide trail construction and volunteer oversight.

*On-going volunteer efforts*

Volunteer efforts are being very well coordinated and organized. Working with Parks and Recreation staff, the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz volunteers have developed scopes of work for 50 to 100 foot sections of the trail alignment and are scheduling one to two work sessions per week. The first work session is being targeted for weekends while the second session takes place during the week in the late afternoon.

*Parks and Recreation Commission Sub-Committee*

On May 7, 2012, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to elect three members to a Sub-Committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission which will advise staff on implementation of the Pogonip Master Plan Amendment, including development of signage of multi-use trail, and review of existing bail schedule for citations. In addition, the Sub-Committee will monitor on-going trail construction efforts.

*Project timeline*

The project began the week of April 30, 2012 with the completion of the wildlife surveys and initial removal of invasive plant species. Parks and Recreation trail staff assigned to the project will complete a minimum of 40 hours of trail work weekly. Central Zone, Park Ranger and Parks Division staff will supplement this effort with periodic scheduled work days. With these efforts, along with a high estimation of volunteer hours, staff estimates trail completion no later than December 1, 2012.

**Estimated Project Costs**

<u>Task</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Status</u>
Environmental Consulting	\$20,000	Completed
Notice of Determination filing fees	\$ 2,151	Completed
Permit Assistance and Wildlife Surveys	\$ 4,615	Began 4/30/12
*CA Fish and Game fees	\$ 1,000	Pending
*Geologist soil monitoring	\$ 1,500	Pending
Bridge Materials	\$15,000	Pending
**Bridge Construction (labor)	\$10,000	Pending
Trail Machine and Operator	\$ 0	Pending
***Trail Construction (CCC, CDF, Americorp)	\$ 3,000	Pending
***Trail Construction (City staff)	as-needed	began 5/5/12
Trail Construction (volunteers)	\$ 0	began 5/5/12
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Sub-Total	\$57,266	
MBOSC expected contribution	\$25,000	
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Total Estimated City Costs	\$22, 266 to \$32,266	

*\* Estimated costs, a determination of permit requirements is currently underway.*

*\*\*State Parks and Parks and Recreation are partnering on construction of bridges for both agencies, thus reducing any construction labor costs.*

*\*\*\*Agency and City staff resources are budgeted and available to be utilized when necessary based on the amount of volunteer participation.*

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