

RESOURCES AGENCY

PROPOSITION 12 SIERRA NEVADA CASCADE PROJECTS AWARDED FUNDING

1. Spears Ranch - \$250,000 – Placer County

Grant funds would be used as part of a \$3.526 million acquisition of 961 acres along Coon Creek in western Placer County which is under heavy pressure from development. Once acquired, the property will become a new public open space and passive recreation area. The acquisition will also protect a large area of unfragmented blue oak woodland and is a key step in implementing the Placer Legacy Program to achieve open space and agricultural conservation goals.

2. Auburn School Park Preserve - \$300,000 – City of Auburn (Placer County)

Grant funds would be used as part of a \$2.729 million project to create an open space park in the center of the City. The park will protect and preserve endangered oak woodlands, daylight and restore a buried stream, and provide recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities. The grant funds will assist with the development of the interpretive nature center and trail, information kiosks for local and regional trails, picnic area and pathway connections with parking and pedestrian access points.

3. Susan River Trail Acquisition - \$246,000 – City of Susanville (Lassen County)

Acquire 3 parcels totaling 2 acres providing key linkages in the Susan River Parkway running through the center of the city of Susanville. To date, 1.5 miles of greenbelt has been acquired along the Susan River for the parkway. The 3 parcels are critical linkages in the project through the center of town and tying into the city-owned little league park.

4. Castle Street Park - \$250,000 – Siskiyou Land Trust (Siskiyou County)

In cooperation with the City of Mt. Shasta, the land trust will acquire a 7.5-acre parcel located in the center of an area built up in urban use within walking distance of downtown Mt. Shasta. The parcel will be used for a passive recreational park and ecological reserve. The property consists primarily of wetlands with two small streams at the head of the Sacramento River watershed. Future phases would include a series of boardwalks and interpretive displays

5. Gould Park Site Acquisition - \$97,578 – Placer County

Acquire 18 acres in Cisco Grove, Placer County along the north and south banks of the Yuba River. \$100,000 in other funds has been obtained to complete the

acquisition. Property provides public access to the South Fork Yuba River and will be developed into a passive recreational park. Historic stone structures on the north side of the property offer opportunities to describe and display history of the area.

6. Twain Harte Creek and Trail Improvements - \$293,700 – Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County)

Funding would be used to create a 1.8 mile non-motorized trail accessing both the community park and Twain Hart Creek, install picnic tables, barbeques, seating, improve restroom facilities, and address and reconstruct eroded creek banks to prevent future erosion through the park. Total project is estimated at \$423,000, with community support and in-kind donations providing the balance.

7. Dehy Park Improvements - \$416,584 – Inyo County

A total of \$1.2 million in improvements is planned for this park expansion, located in Independence along Highway 395. Grant funds will be used to clear approximately 2.66 acres recently added to the park, remove existing structures, install new fencing, lighting, drinking fountains, picnic tables, barbeques, revegetation of the area, and construction of an 8-foot wide footbridge across Independence Creek. This project is part of a larger effort to augment the Eastern California Museum walking/bike trail. The park is heavily used by the community as well as the traveling public (over 1.9 million vehicles annually).

8. Hammond Grove Park Improvements - \$192,500 – Yuba County

The park is adjacent to both Dry Creek and the Yuba River. Grant funds would be used to: improve landscape, signage and access at park entrance, grade, pave and landscape 2 parking areas and install picnic tables at the parking site along the river, provide fencing and landscaping around park host area, irrigate, revegetate and restore current road section to be abandoned, providing 10-15% expansion of the park, and add picnic tables and barbeques for group picnic/meeting area. The County also plans to improve the access road within the park at a cost of \$15,000.

9. Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park - \$417,600 – Madera County

Development of 241 acres of county-owned parcel into a regional park providing picnic, hiking and recreational opportunities. Site includes native oak woodlands, meadows, streams and a small pond. Agency grant is piece of \$1.5 million project; funds will be used to remove hazards on site, rehabilitate existing buildings into visitor's center, interpretive center and interpretive barn, provide water and waste infrastructure and create picnic areas.

10. Connector Trail - \$296,963 – Town of Mammoth (Mono County)

Phase I: Construct 1800 linear foot connector trail (8 feet wide) from Mammoth Creek Park Main Trail to Meridian Blvd through US Forest Service parcel.

11. Cow Creek Watershed Easement – Hathaway Ranch - \$200,000 – Shasta Land Trust (Shasta County)

Grant funds will be used with other public and private funds totaling \$1.57 million to acquire a conservation easement on the 6,755-acre Hathaway Ranch in Shasta County to protect significant resources and the working landscape. The terms of the easement will open the acreage to the public ten times per year for visits led by the land trust. The easement will protect riparian habitat, grazing land, and timber resources. The Agency's grant is the first increment of funding for this easement.

12. Memorial Trail Access Enhancement - \$177,540 – Town of Paradise (Butte County)

Grant funds will be used to pave 2,141 linear feet of unpaved section of a seven-mile Class 1 bike path through the Town of Paradise, completing a linkage between two paved sections, and develop rest stops along the trail for trail users, and a handicap-accessible parking facility for trail access.

13. Mono Basin Trail Enhancements - \$13,760 – Mono Lake Committee (Mono County)

Update content of 19 signs and install 2 benches along the trail; combined with \$6,000 grant from USFS, this is a \$20,000 project in total.

14. Lake Isabella Park Enhancement Project - \$150,000- Kern County

Remove closed restroom facility and construct a new one at a more secure location to preclude vandalism. Lake Isabella Park is a community park bordered on two sides by Erskine Creek. Kern County revised original request of \$220,750 to \$150,000 after locating less expensive restroom units.