

FY2010 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All requests will be evaluated before the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. The panel will convene on the following days; Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2009. All proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009.

Date Submitted: March 2, 2009

Project Name: Crystal Springs Regional Trail, South of Dam Segment

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)*

San Mateo County Department of Parks, which is located in the 12th Congressional District.

Amount Requested *(if requesting report language, please attach.):* \$950,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status *(e.g., "Public Law 107-111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act"):*

The County is requesting your support in seeking funding to assist with this project through the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Appropriation's bill's Transportation and Community and System Preservation (TCSP) account.

Local Contact *(Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact.):*

Local Contact: Mary McMillan, Deputy County Manager, 400 County Center, First Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063

D.C. Contact: Eve O'Toole and Dustin McDonald

Organization's Main Activities. *(Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, private, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)*

A public agency, San Mateo County is one of 58 counties in the State of California. Within the County are twenty-three agencies and departments including the Department of Parks.

Through stewardship, the San Mateo County Department of Parks preserves our County's natural and cultural treasures, and provides safe, accessible parks, recreation and learning opportunities to enhance the community's quality of life.

The Department operates 17 separate parks, three regional trails and numerous other county and local trails encompassing 15,680 acres, which are located throughout the County and represent a wide variety of natural settings including a coastal marine reserve, a bayside recreational area, coastal mountain woodland areas, and urban sites.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. *(Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)*

San Mateo County Departments of Parks and Public Works is providing \$100,000 for this project.

Description	Amount
Design Phase	
Construction Plans, Specifications and Permits	\$100,000
Construction Phase	
General Conditions	\$37,700
Demolition	\$11,200
Grading, Drainage and Rock Work	\$186,150
AC Paving	\$191,614
Other Construction (Highway Guard Rail)	\$14,250
Fencing, Site Furnishings and Signage	\$288,490
Planting	\$2,500
Design and Construction Contingency	\$138,096
Project Management	\$80,000

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. *(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)*

Project goal is to extend the popular Crystal Springs Regional Trail (also known as California Hiking and Riding Trail and Juan Bautista de Anza National Recreational Trail) from the Crystal Springs Dam along a San Francisco Water Department service road to exit onto Highway 35 at Highway 92.

County Parks will build a 4,800 linear foot long multi-use trail that consists of a 10'-wide asphalt trail with 2'-wide gravel shoulder on west side and an asphalt v-ditch on east side. Trail improvements will support recreational opportunities for pedestrian and equestrian access. Trail user amenities include six benches, restroom, and two trash receptacles. Safety features include two roadside signs, pedestrian gates, chain link fence and bicycle bollards. Funding for this project will provide resources to complete the last unfunded segment of Crystal Springs Regional Trail from City of San Bruno to Highway 92 in City of San Mateo.

The Department is in the process of developing plans, specifications and permits for this project, which are scheduled to be completed in April 2009. Following completion of the plans and permits, the project will be prepared to commence and can be completed in eight months. This section of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail will then be put into service for the community.

How will this earmark serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

The Crystal Springs Regional Trail system is extremely popular with County residents and visitors. Hikers, joggers, cyclists and equestrians use this trail seven days per week from sunrise to sunset. It is also an important bicycle commuter route. Estimates indicate over 300,000 users per year for the trail. County Park rangers are responsible for maintaining completed sections of the trail, opening gates, and cleaning restrooms.

What is the local significance of this project?

The Crystal Springs Regional Trail is also part of the alignment of a State of California Trail (California Hiking and Riding Trail) and national historic trail (Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail).

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? *(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)*

Current estimates indicate over 300,000 uses per year for the trail, with an expected increase beyond this level following completion of this segment.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the proposal.)*

Mark Church, President of Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo
Sierra Club
Peninsula Hiking and Bicycle Coalition
Responsible Off-Road Mountain Peddlers

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? *(Federal, State, Local or private pending?)*

San Mateo County Departments of Parks and Public Works is providing \$100,000 to advance this project.

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project? *(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)*

No.

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members *(if any)*.

Please attach any additional relevant materials.



February 25, 2009

Congresswoman Jackie Speier
400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 410
San Mateo CA 94401

RE: Support for funding for Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam

Dear Congresswoman Speier,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, I am writing to support efforts to secure federal funding for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam.

The various segments of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, including the historic Sawyer Camp trail, just to the north, provide important safe and accessible walking and biking opportunities that are very important to the community. The paved trail segments serve the County's senior community, providing safe places to walk and exercise. The same trail is a very popular place for young families with strollers or children learning to ride bikes. In a short walk on a weekend, one can see many multi-generational families from the varied ethnic communities that make up San Mateo County enjoying a family outing on the trail. I often saw the late Congressman Tom Lantos and his wife Annette enjoying Sunday morning walks on the trail.

The existing trail segments are very popular and expansion is greatly desired by those who frequent the trail. This expansion will complement the public campaigns to urge 30 minutes of walking a day for better health by providing a beautiful, safe and free opportunity to exercise with friends or family.

Federal funds for this very popular trail are good investment of public dollars.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Julia Bott
Executive Director

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Congresswoman Jackie Speier
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February 25, 2009

RE: Support for funding for Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam

Dear Congresswoman Speier,

On behalf of the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club I am writing to support efforts to secure federal funding for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam.

The various segments of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, including the historic Sawyer Camp trail, just to the north, provide important safe and accessible walking and biking opportunities that are very important to the Sierra Club membership who hosts over 300 outings in San Mateo County annually. In addition, the paved trail segments serve the County's senior community, providing safe places to walk and exercise. The same trail is a very popular place for young families with strollers or children learning to ride bikes. In a short walk on a weekend, one can see many multi-generational families from the varied ethnic communities that make up San Mateo County enjoying a family outing on the trail.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Melissa Hippard
Chapter Director

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February 28, 2009

Congresswoman Jackie Speier
400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 410
San Mateo CA 94401

RE: Support for Federal Funding for Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam

Dear Congresswoman Speier,

We are writing to support the San Mateo County Parks Foundation's effort to obtain Federal funding for the expansion of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam project.

As you are no doubt aware, it took almost 20 years to convince the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to allow public access to the Crystal Springs Watershed. Subsequently, the various segments of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, including the historic Sawyer Camp trail, have provided safe and accessible walking and biking opportunities in majestic off-road open space that have proven extremely valuable to the citizens of San Mateo County.

Unfortunately there are still undeveloped gaps between segments of the trail to the north and south of SR 92. It is indeed a rare event when the SFPUC is willing to make more land available for trail expansion. If San Mateo County was to lose the opportunity to take advantage of enhancing this highly desirable amenity through lack of funding, it might take years for the SFPUC to again offer the land.

Therefore, we respectfully request you to facilitate funding for implementation of this next step to eventual completion of a regional recreation and transportation network that has immensely proven value in San Mateo County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Vanderlip
Chairman, Bike San Mateo County

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400 South El Camino Real, Suite 410
San Mateo, California 94401

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Dear Congresswoman Speier,

I am writing on behalf of the San Mateo County Parks Foundation to support its effort to secure federal funding for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam.

The existing segments of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, including the historic Sawyer Camp trail are very popular, and expansion is greatly desired because they provide safe and accessible walking and biking opportunities that are very important to the Peninsula community. The expansion of the trail to State Route 92 will provide the safest alternative to cyclists who now have to negotiate past dangerous on/off ramps to US 280 on a narrow, twisting 2-lane SR 35. It will also provide the safest access to Canada Road which is one of the most popular bicycle routes in San Mateo County.

Plans for the expansion of SR 92 from Skyline to the SR 92/SR 35 split at the top of the mountain are presently on hold until the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Caltrans can reach agreement. However there is no doubt that this portion of the road will see future widening. When that happens there will be routine accommodation required for bicycle use. If the South of Dam trail segment is in place, it will serve to facilitate bicycle access to Half Moon Bay and the Coast-side.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pat Giorni

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March 2, 2009

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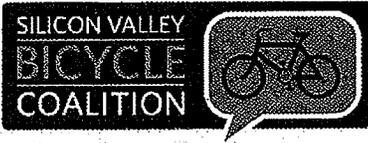
Dear Congresswoman Speier:

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC), I am writing to support efforts to secure federal funding for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam. The various segments of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, including the historic Sawyer Camp Trail, provide much-needed walking and biking opportunities for residents throughout San Mateo County. The trail's beautiful location and scenery is an ideal backdrop for such activities, and the popularity of the existing trail segments is a testament to their appeal.

The SVBC's mission is to promote bicycling for everyday transportation. Cycling has obvious health and environmental benefits, and we believe that encouraging bicycling among people of all ages is likely to provide lasting benefits to the entire community. We are requesting the completion of the South of Dam section of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail because it will provide an important gap closure, and the completed path is likely to attract more cyclists.

Gap closures have been a crucial transportation and recreation requirement in San Mateo County for the past 30 years, and the SVBC has prioritized trail connection as one of its primary programs. Many people prefer the perceived safety of a recreational trail, free from the challenges of navigating motorized traffic. Recreational trails provide safe places for children and novice riders to develop their cycling skills and discover the joys and benefits of bike riding. Such trails often serve as a first step on the path to cycling as a form of transportation. Furthermore, regional trails are often used by bike commuters during the less popular weekday morning and evening hours because they provide efficient routes unencumbered by motorized vehicle traffic.

Our communities need more than just road construction; we need additional space for recreation. The existing segments of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail are very popular and can be quite crowded, particularly on the weekends. Their popularity clearly reflects the need for additional recreational trails, and trail expansion is



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greatly desired by the many cyclists and non-cyclists who use the trail. The Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam project is a perfect means of addressing this need, and the use of federal funds for closing the gap in this very popular trail would be a sound investment of public dollars.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Corinne Winter
Executive Director

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Cc: Dave Holland, Director, San Mateo County Department of Parks, via email.

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