

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

November 13, 2023

Sonoma County Community Development Commission
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On or about November 20, 2023, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants funds as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title I, Public Law 93-383, 88 Stat. 633, 42 U.S.C. 5301-5321, as amended, to undertake a project known as **Steelhead Beach ADA project** for the purpose of providing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to public facility Steelhead Beach Regional Park.

Steelhead Beach Regional Park, 9000 River Road, Forestville, Sonoma County, California 95436 (APN 082-130-027-000) is a 9.57 acre public park. The project proposes Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant improvements for accessibility. The project scope of work includes, but is not limited to: demolition of existing non-conforming curb ramps, concrete sidewalk, and construction of new curb ramps with tactile warnings and code compliant striping, pavement markings and signs; demolition of existing damaged asphalt concrete path of travel and construction of replacement asphalt concrete paving; replacement of existing drinking fountains (2) and concrete pads with new accessible drinking fountains and concrete pads with code compliant wheelchair approaches; replacement of existing picnic tables and barbecues with accessible models; minor alterations to the existing restroom building to adjust fixture heights and locations, as well as adjusting metering faucets for compliance with current codes; and replacing an existing non-compliant path to the river with a path that meets the Outdoor Recreation Access Route guidelines in the California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines adopted by the State of California. The majority of the work will take place in areas previously disturbed during original construction activities or within

the existing restroom building. The path of travel improvements to the river will require ground disturbing activities, such as grading and compaction operations, to a maximum depth of 24 inches and a width of approximately 7 feet.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$75,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is available electronically at the following URL:

<https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, Attention: Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Associate, (707) 565-7520 or Veronica.Ortiz-DeAnda@sonoma-county.org . All comments received on or before November 19, 2023 will be considered by the Sonoma County Community Development Commission prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission certifies to U.S. HUD that Michelle Whitman, in her capacity as Executive Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. U.S. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Sonoma County Community Development Commission to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

U.S. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Sonoma County Community Development Commission's certification for a period of fifteen days

following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission; (b) the Sonoma County Community Development Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by U.S. HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to RROFSFRO@hud.gov . Potential objectors should contact HUD at RROFSFRO@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michelle Whitman, Executive Director

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