

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

**DATE:** December 11, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Rafael Payan, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Assistance Agreement between Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and Big Sur Land Trust ParkIT! Project

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends the Board receive this report and consider authorizing Staff to enter an agreement between the Big Sur Land Trust and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) substantially in the presented form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$25,000.00

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

6949 Parks, Open Space and Coastal Preservation Assessment District

**FUNDING BALANCE:**

\$724,294.00

**DISCUSSION:**

The ParkIT! initiative is a community-based coalition to improve traffic safety and enhance public access to the northern Lobos-Corona Parklands. These include the Point Lobos State Natural Reserve (Point Lobos), Palo Corona Regional Park, and other sites. The initiative's core team includes the Big Sur Marathon Foundation, Big Sur Land Trust, California State Parks, Point Lobos Foundation, and MPRPD.

Phase One includes four components. Please see **ATTACHMENT 1** for project details.

Phase One envisions providing shuttle bus service to several destinations. These may include Monastery Beach, Point Lobos, San Jose Creek Trailhead at the Highway 1 entrance, and Palo Corona Regional Park at the Historic Barn Trailhead, accessed at the park's Highway 1 entrance.

Phase One initially proposes two primary shuttle bus patron parking areas. These include:

1. Construction of a parking facility for approximately 100-cars located on California State Parks' property at Marathon Flats; and,

2. Designating twenty-five (25) extant RCU parking spaces for this purpose. These will be clearly signed, identifying them as shuttle bus parking spaces, numbered 1 through 25. The enumeration will coincide with the Point Lobos/San Jose Creek reservation system's day-use permits.

Shuttle service to and from the RCU will allow visitors to take a one-way 4.5-mile hike from the RCU to San Jose Creek and return to the RCU parking area via shuttle bus, or vice-versa.

Phase One also includes implementation of a day-use reservation system at Point Lobos Natural Reserve.

In May 2019, the County and Caltrans authorized installation of "no parking" signage on the east side of the Hwy 1 across from Point Lobos' entrance. Other appropriate locations will also be explored.

Phase One requires a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) with full CEQA analysis. The County of Monterey and the California Coastal Commission have requested that all these elements be packaged into one CDP. To date, the participating coalition members have pledged funds for Phase One as follows:

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| Big Sur International Marathon Foundation | \$50,000  |
| Bis Sur Land Trust                        | \$50,000  |
| Point Lobos Foundation                    | \$25,000  |
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| Total                                     | \$125,000 |

These monies presently fund costs associated with the project's part-time Project Coordinator, the project's environmental review, and design for the Marathon Flats and possibly other parking lot-related improvements.

MPPRPD Staff respectfully recommends awarding a grant to the Big Sur Land Trust in the amount of up to \$25,000 for the purpose of completing the Phase One traffic study (\$11,620), and a topographic survey and corresponding map for the proposed parking area at Marathon Flats and possibly other locations (\$12,700). These analyses will help the project's consultants develop the engineer's estimate for the project's final design development, construction, and construction administration.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. [Assistance Agreement Between Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and Big Sur Land Trust Park IT! Project](#)