



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

December 4, 2013

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Discussion of the use of proceeds from the Marin Parks, Open Space, and Farmland Preservation Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance (Measure A)

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Revise the composition of the Advisory Committee to substitute a member from the Volunteer Board for a Parks and Recreation Commissioner (PARC).
- 2) Provide input to the Advisory Committee regarding issues/policies to consider in the development of the workplan.

DISCUSSION

In October 2013, the Council approved the formation of an Advisory Committee comprising of two Councilmembers, two PARC members, and two OSC members to prepare a workplan for Council consideration. The Council has appointed its two members. OSC has also appointed two members to participate. PARC indicates that its newest member will participate on the Committee. The Volunteer Board would also like to appoint a Board representative to the Committee. This representative would fill the position not filled by PARC.

As background, Measure A levies a one-quarter of one-percent transactions and use tax (sales tax) in Marin County. Measure A allocates 15% of the revenues from the sales tax increment to a City, Town, and Special District Program to assist Marin's municipalities and special districts. As a condition of receiving the funds, the Town must submit a work plan detailing the proposed uses of the funds which can be used for the following:

- i. To maintain, restore and/or renovate existing parks, preserves and recreational facilities.
- ii. To construct new parks and recreational facilities or acquire parklands.
- iii. To engage in vegetation management to reduce wildfire risk, promote biodiversity or control invasive non-native weeds on private, municipal, or district lands.

At its November meeting, the Council approved the agreement with the County of Marin, but requested this item be continued with regard to the Advisory Committee action. The Council wanted an opportunity to provide input on the use of the proceeds to the Advisory Committee. The Committee has yet to meet, but staff anticipates that the Committee will be able to meet and recommend a workplan to the Council in January or February.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County estimates the Town will receive over \$21,000 in revenue for the first installment of taxes received. We anticipate that the Town will receive over \$40,000 per year in Measure A funds. The Town will receive the funds approximately 30 days after the workplan is submitted to the County.