



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

August 5, 2015

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Approve contribution of \$5,000 from the Open Space fund to the Marin Open Space Trust for the restoration of Sky Ranch

RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize the Town Manager to do everything necessary and appropriate to transfer funds from the Open Space fund to the Marin Open Space Trust (MOST) for the restoration of Sky Ranch.
2. Appropriate \$5,000 from the Open Space fund.

DISCUSSION

In January 2015, the Town Council contributed \$50,000 in Measure A park funds and \$10,000 from the Fairfax Open Space Committee donations toward the MOST acquisition of Sky Ranch. The Town's General Plan identified Sky Ranch as a property to acquire for open space purposes. Sky Ranch is pivotal to connecting existing open space on the Mt. Tamalpais watershed and Bald Hill area to our community, and preserving it for future generations.

The next step in the process is the restoration of the property for public use. The Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC) is recommending that the Council donate \$5,000 from the Town's Open Space Fund to the Marin Open Space Trust for restoration work at Sky Ranch. This \$5,000 is in addition to the Measure A funds (\$5,000) the Council has already allocated for this purpose. FOSC indicates that restoration is needed to stabilize the soil, remove invasive species, and revegetate barren areas. This work will return the land to its natural beauty and make it safe and attractive for recreational day use.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The Open Space fund has approximately \$26,000 in undesignated fund balance. After the \$5,000 contribution, \$21,000 would remain available for future open space/parkland purchases. The \$5,000 was collected from FOSC fundraising efforts.

ATTACHMENTS

None