

SUBJECT: FY 10 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

RECOMMENDATION: Approve FY 10 Federal Appropriations Requests

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the list of proposed appropriations requests to be sought from our Congressional Delegation in FY 10.

Criminal Justice Information Control (CJIC) Law and Justice Systems Plan

Request: \$ 2,050,000

CJIC is the County of Santa Clara's criminal case management, history, and tracking application. It supports the day-to-day operational needs of all criminal justice agencies in the county. The system interfaces with multiple County, State, and Federal systems to provide access to key data for operational processes. CJIC was developed in the 1970s and re-engineered in 1995. While the technology used at the time was state-of-the-art, much of the software and hardware CJIC relies on is now obsolete.

There is a significant risk of the system failing due to unsupported technology and a lack of skilled resources. The County is unable to take advantage of new technology and its features. Also, as other user agencies update their systems with new generation technology, new interfaces with CJIC need to be developed so information sharing can occur. This work also includes research, documentation, and evaluation of local impacts and opportunities of new State and/or Federal criminal justice systems. This appropriation request would fund the development of a Law and Justice Information Systems Roadmap to reengineer CJIC and identify features in other systems that can be adapted for CJIC in order to meet the current and future needs of the County's regional law and justice community.

Martial Cottle Park Development

Request: \$1,000,000

Martial Cottle is a 288-acre jointly-owned County-State park currently under development. Once completed, it will be a regional park that informs and educates the public about the agriculture heritage and history of the Santa Clara Valley.

The County is in the midst of preparing the design and construction documents for the Phase I improvements. For context, it is estimated that environmental review and permitting will cost \$100,000; the cost of site preparation and site work is unknown; engineering and design will cost between \$ 2 – 4.5 million; and construction will cost between \$15 – 18 million.

The County would request funding to construct future improvements (trails, staging areas, park entry and roadway improvements, irrigation systems, water system connections, and agricultural support facilities) identified in a long-term park Master Plan and State General Plan for Martial Cottle Park.

Zebra and Quagga Mussel Waterway Prevention Program

Request: \$500,000

Zebra and quagga mussels are non-native, nuisance species that invade fresh water systems and damage water delivery systems. They easily attach to and grow on boats, which is one way they can spread to new waterways. Reservoirs in Nevada, Arizona, and Southern California have quagga mussel infestations, while zebra mussels have been detected in the nearby San Justo Reservoir in San Benito County. The mussels have not been detected in the County's reservoirs, and the Parks and Recreation Department has implemented a Vessel Inspection Program to prevent the introduction of these mussels through boats entering our reservoirs.

This appropriation request would help fund a monitoring, containment, and vessel inspection program to protect the waterways in Santa Clara County. This program would also have a beneficial effect of helping to protect statewide water facilities that provide water for California's agriculture.

Central Expressway

Request: \$750,000

This project would add an auxiliary lane on Central Expressway in the westbound direction between the entrance and exit ramps between Mathilda and Fair Oaks Avenues. The project would improve safety by eliminating the weaving, merging, and queuing of vehicles getting on and off the expressway. These ramps are short and sight distances are limited leading to the highest accident rate on the County's expressway system. The County received \$500,000 in FY 08 towards this project. The County would request additional funding to make further progress in accomplishing the project.

San Tomas Expressway Box Culvert

Request: \$3,000,000

The San Tomas Expressway box culvert structure is almost 4 miles long and runs from San Jose to Santa Clara. The structure, which varies in size but is approximately 10 feet high by 10 feet wide, was constructed between 1963 and 1968, and is deteriorating. Since portions of San Tomas Expressway are on top of the structure, there are safety concerns, as well as significant environmental and flooding issues associated with possible structure collapse. Since the preliminary estimate of repair to the entire structure, including design, exceeds \$10 million, the County is planning to repair the

structure in four phases. This request would help complete construction of phase one of four. The County received \$500,000 in FY 08 towards this project.

DeWitt Avenue

Request: \$2,200,000

This project would straighten an S-Curve on DeWitt Avenue to improve the line of sight for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and thereby enhance safety. This location has been the site of three fatalities in the last ten years as well as other automobile accidents (vehicles hitting roadside markers, utilities, or other vehicles).

The DeWitt S-Curve is located in a rural area of South Santa Clara County in the southwestern part of Morgan Hill, and the project is strongly supported by the City of Morgan Hill. The proposed project would straighten the existing horizontal curve, flatten the vertical curve by extending it, and widen the travel lanes. The County requested, but did not receive funding for this project in FY 08.