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### **County Regional Parks to Develop First Trail System in Deer Creek Hills Preserve** *Dry Creek Parkway to expand their trail system as well*

Sacramento, Calif. – The Board of Supervisors approved the Department of Regional Park's request to move forward with grant applications to fund two open space projects last week:

- The creation of the Deer Creek Hills Preserve North Pond Interpretative Trail and facilities; and
- Acquiring additional acreage within the Dry Creek Parkway to further develop the existing trail system

“These projects will help Regional Parks meet an overarching goal of connecting existing areas of open space within Sacramento County to create a continuous preserved area, which both protects area wildlife and provides many additional possibilities for passive recreation,” said Jill Ritzman, deputy director of Regional Parks. “By investing in our trail systems, not only will we be encouraging people to use trails to get outside and walk, we will also be creating an inter-connecting trail system that brings these areas together.”

The acquisition of the Deer Creek Hills Preserve, a 4,062-acre preserve located near the City of Folsom, was completed in September 2003. The North Pond Interpretative Trail will be the first fully developed trail within the Preserve, with trailhead facilities including a restroom, parking, solar security lighting, interpretive signage and two bridges. The trail access area will also serve as a 13-mile trail corridor that will connect the Deer Creek Hills Preserve with the American River Parkway.

The Dry Creek Parkway, located in northern Sacramento County, is a six mile riparian corridor prone to flooding and is one of the last open space areas in the area. The Recreational Trails Grant will allow Parks to acquire funding to purchase four remaining properties under private ownership located within the Dry Creek Parkway. This land acquisition will allow Parks to move closer to developing the existing Dry Creek Parkway Trail, which will connect the City of Sacramento's Ueda Trail and the Placer County Greenway Trail.

The applications will be submitted to the National Recreation Trails Program, funded by the Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. This Program requires a 12 percent cost sharing agreement with Regional Parks for grant approval. Regional Parks will be working with local groups and use Proposition 40 funds to meet these requirements for both projects and there will be no impact to the County general fund.