

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: September 18, 2025

AGENDA OF: October 14th, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Consider and take appropriate action on the City of Castroville entering into a non-binding agreement with the Wildlife Habitat Federation to develop a Conservation Management Plan for the Castroville Regional Park with the understanding that there will be no cost to the City of Castroville.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Please provide a recommended motion for the related item.

CONSENT: I move to authorize the City of Castroville to enter into a non-binding agreement with the Wildlife Habitat Federation to develop a Conservation Management Plan for the Castroville Regional Park with the understanding that there will be no cost to the City of Castroville.

BACKGROUND:

In July and August 2025, both the Friends of Castroville Regional Park (FCRP) and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend that the City of Castroville enter into a non-binding agreement with the Wildlife Habitat Federation (WHF). The purpose of this agreement is to develop a Conservation Management Plan for Castroville Regional Park, ensuring long-term stewardship of the park's natural resources. Both organizations emphasized that this partnership would be provided at no cost to the City of Castroville or to FCRP, making it a beneficial opportunity to enhance conservation efforts without financial impact on the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING: □ Budgeted □ Requires Budget Amendment

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to Mayor and Council re. Wildlife Habitat Federation Final
- Parks board letter- WHF Aug 2025

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 3 Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 4

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