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Staff Report

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From: Community Development Director Tony Konkol

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SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 15-06, Amending Oregon City's Local Legacy Share Allocation Projects for the 2006 Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve proposed Resolution No. 15-06, Amending Oregon City's Local Legacy Share Allocation projects to include the design and construction of the Riverwalk to Willamette Falls and to remove the projects Holcomb Creek watershed acquisition and Meyers Road / Caufield Creek watershed area acquisition.

BACKGROUND:

In November of 2006, Metro placed a Natural Areas bond measure on the ballot that was approved. As part of the bond measure a direct allocation to local government park and open space providers of a portion of the bond money was included. The direct allocation, known as the Local Legacy Share Allocation, is available to local communities to use on qualified projects and acquisitions that preserve and protect natural areas and benefit clean water.

On February 15th, 2006 the City Commission of Oregon City adopted Resolution No. 06-04 which recommended four projects/areas to Metro for Oregon City's Local Legacy Share Allocation component of the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure. The list of recommended projects, or any amendments to the list, must be adopted in resolution form and forwarded to Metro. Last year the City Commission amended the list to include acquisition of areas along the Willamette River (Resolution 14-10).

The design and construction of the Riverwalk to Willamette Falls is recommended for inclusion on the list of Oregon City projects. The Riverwalk project provides numerous opportunities for water quality improvements, public access, habitat preservation and restoration. The Holcomb Creek watershed acquisition and Meyers Road / Caufield Creek watershed area acquisition areas are recommended to be removed from the list due to lack of funding. The remaining funds available in the Local Legacy Share Allocation, approximately \$340,580, will be directed towards the design and construction of the Riverwalk and utilized in coordination with additional City and non City funds for the project.