Funding Trails in CA: It’s a New Ball Game!

2014
California Trails and Greenways Conference
Recreational Trails Program

Purpose: To develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.
Recreational Trails Program

Funds come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund

Represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use.

Fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks.
RTP - Eligible Projects

CSP NON-MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Acquisition.
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Construction of new trails.
RTP – Project Example

CSP NON-MOTORIZED PROJECT

- City of Fullerton – Laguna Lake Park Regional Trail Project - $359,977
RTP - Eligible Projects

CSP MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Acquisition
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Maintenance of existing trails.
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and trail maintenance equipment.
- Safety programs
RTP – Project Example

CSP MOTORIZED PROJECT

- USFS Stanislaus National Forest
  Round Valley Trailhead
  $724,655
1992 – Governor Wilson authorizes CA State Parks

2007 – CA and NV host STAM in Lake Tahoe

2011 – CA wins “Outstanding State Trail Program” award

2012 – “MAP-21” authorization signed (with opt-out)

2013 – CA RTP application deadline
   Governor releases SFY 13/14 Budget Proposal

   SB 99 and AB 101 Split funds – State Parks and Caltrans
   State Parks announces $1.47 for non-motorized projects.
The RTP in CA now

State Parks working with Caltrans

- Per SB 99
- Richard Rendón – lead contact
- See Caltrans Division of Local Assistance website for Active Transportation Program (ATP) application information: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/index.html

State Parks non-motorized application due date not yet identified.
Other Grant Programs provide funds for trails

State Parks also administers:

- Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

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