

### **A. Statement of Planning Objectives**

This proposed Planning project is for a feasibility study/report to assess potential sites for restroom facilities along the portion of the Rubicon Trail within El Dorado County. This project will involve the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) by County staff for a consultant to perform a feasibility study and prepare a Feasibility Study Report, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following tasks and deliverables:

1. Assessment of existing restroom facilities and site conditions within the project area. This should include: conducting a field survey to document existing restroom sites and determination of whether or not the existing facilities are structurally safe and meet sanitary standards; evaluation of the integrity of the existing materials; listing of any existing deficiencies.
2. Evaluation of the feasibility of replacing existing substandard restrooms (e.g. outhouses) with a new facility, or to remove the existing structure(s) in its entirety.
3. Analysis and assessment of potential alternative sites for restroom facilities to include a brief environmental analysis of impacts associated with each alternative site (as well as existing sites with substandard restrooms), including any significant environmental, historical, cultural or natural resource constraints/issues.
4. Identification of restroom facility options to include: design, floor plan, capacity, estimated costs associated with procurement of the building and construction materials, construction costs, and on-going maintenance requirements.
5. Development of a prioritized list of recommended restroom facility sites to include suggested restroom facility type and the scope of environmental documentation that would be required pursuant to CEQA and NEPA for each potential site.

Deliverables to include but not limited to:

- a) Existing Conditions Draft Working Paper
- b) Draft Feasibility Study Report
- c) Final Feasibility Study Report

In general, the scope of work shall only include tasks for which the consultant deems necessary to reach a sound, researched recommendation regarding the feasibility of upgrading existing restroom facilities and/or constructing new restroom facilities at other sites along the Rubicon Trail in El Dorado County.

The Final Feasibility Study Report will be used by the County to develop an overall restroom facility implementation plan, and to seek future funding opportunities (such as subsequent OHMVR grant cycles).

### **B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation**

The proposed Planning Project will provide the County with a much needed assessment of potential sites for restroom facilities along the Rubicon Trail. Currently, in the El Dorado County portion of the Trail, there are only two USFS approved restroom facilities (double-vault, waterless), one located at the Wentworth Springs Campground, and the other located at the Loon Lake campground. Single-hole, substandard outhouses are located at six unapproved USFS sites, and 20 single-hole outhouses, privately owned and maintained, are located at Rubicon Springs.

In the past, there have been trail closures due to unmanaged human waste. This proposed Planning Project will identify potential sites for future sanitary restroom facilities. The County will use the Project report to develop a restroom facility implementation plan. As funding and resources become available for construction of new sanitary restroom facilities, this problem should be alleviated, preventing future closures of the Rubicon Trail, thus, sustaining OHV Recreation/Opportunities in the Project Area.

### **C. Statement of Activities**

This proposed Planning project will involve the following activities undertaken by the Applicant (County DOT staff):

- 1) Prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to perform a feasibility study and prepare a Feasibility Study

Report for restroom facilities along the portion of the Rubicon Trail within El Dorado County.

- 2) Release the RFP, evaluate bid proposals received, select consultant, and award contract.
- 3) Manage the consultant contract to ensure that the scope of work specified in the contract is satisfactorily performed.
- 4) Incorporate the recommendations in the Final Feasibility Study Report into the County DOT's Maintenance and Operations Plan for the Rubicon Trail.

**D. List of Reports**

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**1. Timeline for Completion**

Attachments:

[Planning Project Timeline](#)

**2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[Rubicon Trail Restroom Photos](#)

[Potential Waterless Restroom Floor Plan](#)

**3. Optional Project-specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Rubicon Trail Map and Existing Restroom Sites](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
 Agency: El Dorado County Transportation Department  
 Application: Planning - Rubicon Trail Restroom Facilities Feasibility Study

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	El Dorado County Transportation Department						
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Planning - Rubicon Trail Restroom Facilities Feasibility Study	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>					
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration						
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	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Other-Admin Analyst - RFP prep	42.000	66.900	HRS	0.00	2,810.00	2,810.00
	Other-Proj Mgr - RFP review&eval	20.000	102.000	HRS	0.00	2,040.00	2,040.00
	Other-Contract Prep & Review	52.000	82.400	HRS	0.00	4,285.00	4,285.00
	Other-Contract Admin	48.000	66.900	HRS	0.00	3,211.00	3,211.00
	Other-Grant Admin	20.000	66.900	HRS	0.00	1,338.00	1,338.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				0.00	13,684.00	13,684.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-Consultant - Feasibility Study/Rep	1.000	200000.000	EA	160,000.00	40,000.00	200,000.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
<b>7</b>	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
	Administrative Costs-Indirect	48.000	66.670	HRS	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					160,000.00	56,884.00	216,884.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					160,000.00	56,884.00	216,884.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>160,000.00</b>	<b>56,884.00</b>	<b>216,884.00</b>

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	0.00	13,684.00	13,684.00	
2	Contracts	160,000.00	40,000.00	200,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		160,000.00	56,884.00	216,884.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA.  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

The proposed Planning project does not involve "ground disturbing" activities and therefore, would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are not a "Project" under CEQA.

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

- Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

- Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

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**1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)**

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 76% or more (10 points)  51% - 75% (5 points)  
 26% - 50% (3 points)  25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Planning Project - Q 2.**

**A Planning Project - Page 1**

2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.  
 Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents  
 Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation  
 Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

**B. Planning Project - Page 2**

Explain each statement that was checked

The proposed Planning project will address all of the issues checked above as it involves feasibility of building on USFS land under a Special Use Permit.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 6 or more items checked (4 points)  4 to 5 items checked (3 points)  
 2 to 3 items checked (2 points)  1 or no items checked (No points)

**3. Motorized Access - Q 3.**

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- Camping  Birding  
 Hiking  Equestrian trails  
 Fishing  Rock Climbing  
 Other (Specify)

**4. Public Input - Q 4.**

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

- Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Discussed with stakeholders and the general public at Rubicon Oversight Committee (ROC) monthly agendized meetings.

**5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.**

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points)
- Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

A public comment period as part of the permit process. Stakeholders include: US Forest Service (USFS), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), User/Trail Support Groups (e.g. Rubicon Trail Foundation (RTF), Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR), Jeepers Jamboree.

**6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.**

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 4 or more (4 points)
- 2 to 3 (2 points)
- 1 (1 point)
- None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

USFS Pacific Ranger District, Rubicon Trail Foundation (RTF), Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR), Rubicon Trail Partnership, Inc. (RTP)

**7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.**

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
- Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
- Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
- Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
- Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Restroom facilities have been identified as a need for sanitation improvements as part of an overall management and operations plan to be developed for the Rubicon Trail.

**8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.**

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points)
- Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Reference Document

**9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.**

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

A significant part of this planning effort seeks to identify impacts including water quality, runoff, etc.