Parks and Open Space Program (65%)

a. Protect or Restore Natural Resources and Maintain Existing County Parks and Open Space Preserves.

i. Enhance biodiversity, and control populations of invasive, non-native weeds in communities throughout Marin.

ii. Repair, maintain, and/or replace deteriorating recreation facilities and infrastructure in county parks, on county regional pathways, and locally through partnerships. Facilities and infrastructure include, but are not limited to, children’s playgrounds, bathrooms, water fountains, water lines, picnic areas and tables, the swimming pool at McNear’s Beach Park, signs, sea walls, kayak and canoe launches, fishing piers, paved multiuse pathways such as Mill Valley/Sausalito bike path and Corte Madera Creek bike path, tennis courts, basketball courts, the skate park at John F. Mcinnis Park, landscape plantings, parking lots, irrigation systems, and ball fields.

iii. Implement trail projects to protect water quality, sensitive habitats and natural areas (including habitat for rare and endangered species); reduce erosion; avoid unstable slopes; improve trail safety and sustainability; improve trail enjoyment and recreation opportunities; and reduce maintenance costs, in accordance with the Marin County Parks Ordinance No. 3760 Exhibit A Page 1 of 5 Road and Trail Management Plan. Project types may include, but are not limited to, rerouting existing trails; decommissioning (closing) unauthorized and redundant trails with concurrent habitat restoration; converting redundant or unnecessary fire roads to trails (in consultation with Marin fire agencies); building new or modifying existing trails when necessary to improve trail safety and/or achieve connections to other trails or destinations; and entering into arrangements with private landowners for essential trail connections.

iv. Protect and restore wetlands along Marin’s coastline and bay shoreline to protect wildlife habitat, including habitat for shorebirds, waterfowl, and endangered wildlife such as the California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.

v. Protect water quality and fish habitat by reducing erosion and sedimentation, and/or engaging in restoration projects in streams and creeks within county parks and preserves including, but not limited to, Coyote Creek, Miller Creek, Lagunitas Creek, Corte Madera Creek, Rush Creek, Novato Creek, and Las Gallinas Creek.

vi. Repair, maintain, and/or replace deteriorating facilities and infrastructure in open space preserves that orient and inform visitors, enable public access, protect natural resources, enhance safety, and prevent slope instability and
flooding affecting downstream areas. Facilities and infrastructure include, but are not limited to, signs, gates, fences, flood prevention and drainage improvements, slope stability improvements, culverts, retaining walls, and bridges.

vii. Augment current visitor services for parks and open space preserves via rangers, programming, and partnerships - to protect natural resources; support visitor safety and enjoyment; and support volunteerism and environmental education.

b. Reduce the Risk of Wildfire In County Parks and Open Space Preserves.
The purpose of this element is to reduce the risk of wildfire on and adjacent to county parks and open space preserves. **Twenty five percent (25%) of the Parks and Open Space Program's annual amount** shall be used for direct services to fund fuels reduction crews made up of Parks staff or through a contractor, fire department or other partner to provide on the ground fuels reduction services to reduce the risk of wildfire in county parks and open spaces throughout Marin in close consultation with fire agencies, and while protecting biodiversity and ecosystem services including the following:

i. Reducing flammable fuels in the wildland urban interface in accordance with the priorities described in the County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

ii. Conducting prescribed burns in partnership with local fire agencies.

iii. Maintaining defensible space in Park and Open Space lands adjacent to nearby communities

Staff will develop an annual fuels reduction work plan with input from the community and local fire agencies and in partnership with the Marin Wildfire Protection Authority ("MWPA"). The outcomes of this work will be published and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors each year. Staff will partner with MWPA through an MOU to maximize coordination and joint-decision making for vegetation management and evacuation route clearing, to delineate non overlapping areas of responsibility, to identify and prioritize the most urgent projects impacting community/public safety, and to reduce costs. Any unspent funds below the annual required spending within this allocation will be accumulated, carried over, and accrued for expenditure in future years, not to exceed ten (10) years after the termination date of the sales tax.

c. Preserve Natural Lands
The purpose of this element is to enable fulfillment of the Marin County Parks Strategic Plan goals related to the permanent preservation of land for public open space, community separators, wildlife corridors, greenbelts, and habitat. **Ten percent (10%) of the Parks and Open Space Program's annual amount** shall be used for the following purposes; however, the annual amount or its balance may be accumulated, carried over, and accrued for expenditure in future years, not to exceed ten (10) years after the termination date of the sales tax extension.
i. Acquire land or conservation easements from willing sellers through direct purchase or partnerships for the purposes of permanently protecting and/or restoring natural areas, streams, bay lands, and native ecosystems with high natural resource values; or to improve access to parks and recreation facilities.

ii. Implement public access, safety, and environmental protection improvements on lands and conservation easements purchased under this program on or after April 1, 2013.

iii. To the extent possible, these funds would be used to leverage matching funds from public and private partners.

Sustainable Agriculture Program (20%)
The purpose of this Program is to support and enhance ecosystem services, climate resiliency, and the protection, restoration, and sustainability of Marin County agricultural working lands and food systems. Twenty percent (20%) of revenues generated annually by this Measure shall be made available for the following uses.

a. Thirty percent (30%) of the Sustainable Agriculture Program's annual amount shall provide competitive matching grants to qualified organizations to support work on sustainable food systems, climate beneficial management, and improving natural resource values on Marin's working lands, including: carbon capture farming practices, environmental restoration, regenerative agriculture, improving ecosystem services for water quality and soil health, local food supply sustainability and community gardens, wildlife corridor and habitat improvements, providing for public access, increasing access to low-cost farmland and farming for low-income and underserved communities.

b. Twenty percent (20%) of the Sustainable Agriculture Program's annual amount shall provide matching grants to the Marin Resource Conservation District for the purpose of implementing carbon farm plans and similar projects on working agricultural lands which will support and enhance water quality and soil health, biodiversity, wildlife corridors, riparian zones, erosion control, climate resiliency, and safeguard wildlife habitat and pollinators.

c. Fifty percent (50%) of the Sustainable Agriculture Program over the life of the measure shall be used for the purchase of perpetual agricultural conservation easements (including those on land already encumbered by agricultural Ordinance No. 3760 and purchase of additional real property interests to protect and permanently preserve Marin County farms and ranches for productive agricultural use through voluntary transactions with landowners, and monitoring and enforcing existing easements.

d. This program's annual amount, or its balance, may be accumulated, carried over, and accrued for expenditure in future years, not to exceed ten (10) years after the termination date of the sales tax.

City, Town, and Applicable Special District Program (15%) The purpose of this Program is to assist Marin's municipalities and applicable special districts in managing their parks, open space preserves, recreation programs, and vegetation to promote biodiversity and reduce wildfire
risk. Fifteen percent (15%) of the revenues generated annually by this Measure shall be made available for the following uses.

a. Provide grants to cities, towns, and applicable special districts (special districts that provide for parks, open space and/or recreation in unincorporated areas), to maintain, restore, and/or renovate existing parks, preserves, and recreational facilities; to construct new parks and recreational facilities or acquire parklands; or to engage in vegetation management to reduce wildfire risk, promote biodiversity, or control invasive non-native weeds on private, municipal, or district lands.

b. Funds shall be available through a grant allocation process that will be designed in concert with the cities, towns, and applicable special districts. The grant allocation process, but not the individual projects, shall be subject to approval by the Marin County Board of Supervisors. This program's annual amount, or its balance, may be accumulated, carried over, and accrued for expenditure in future years, not to exceed ten (10) years after the termination date of the sales tax.