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TO : Honorable Mayor & City Council  
FROM : Melvin K. Davis, City Manager  
SUBJECT : Council's Choices Under "Proposition 70"

It's not too early for the City Council to begin considering how you wish to use funds that will come to you, and what special grants you want to file for, under Proposition 70. You will recall, the voters state-wide, in June, approved a \$750,000,000 state park bond initiative.

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A. Laguna Funds - \$4,000,000

The bond issue provides \$4,000,000 to State Fish & Game Department to purchase Laguna de Santa Rosa lands in Sonoma County. There is no precise plan or list of properties, yet, that Fish & Game proposes to purchase. The City Council may want to direct City Manager to establish liaison with the State Department and be kept informed on what Fish & Game plans. I believe Chairman Bob Sharp of your former Laguna Committee is on an advisory committee for this same purpose.

B. Direct Grant - \$20,000 *Alvin Buckman + Joan Vilms*

You will recall during City's budget review, \$20,000 was listed in your Summary of Capital Improvement Projects, (page G) to show an amount of \$20,000 coming direct to City of Sebastopol from Proposition 70 bond issue. How do you wish to use the \$20,000? Potentials are:

- o.k.* (1) Use in concert/cooperation with Fish & Game (under A above).
- o.k.* (2) And/or use it to purchase the \_\_\_ acre parcel forested area owned by Southern Pacific, as recommended one or two years ago by the Planning Commission. (You might consider channeling the acquisition thru the Sonoma Land Trust).
- ? (3) Or, use it for Bicycle/Hiking Trail development, in coordination with County of Sonoma and their trail development.

There already has been 2 meetings of a county-wide staff committee, to see if the cities, districts, County & State can coordinate their plans. The more coordinated, hopefully, the better use of funds.

C. Other Grant Potentials

While the \$20,000 (above) comes direct to you, there are other funds available, but on a competitive basis. An application must be prepared and filed. Again, if the grant applications are coordinated on a county-wide basis, the more likely of State approval.

Potential grants City of Sebastopol might pursue are:

(1) Trails grant - (trail between Sebastopol & Santa Rosa;  
or Trail North of Sebastopol)  
70% State; 30% local match

(2) Historical Preservation Grant - (the Burbank Experimental  
*doubtful* Farm or the Railroad Depot; or?)

The City Council needs to make some tentative choices, or give  
direction to City Manager.

*W. C. Davis*