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## Laguna Park plans benefit from state grant approval

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With the leverage of a recently approved \$42,500 state grant, Sebastopol moved one step closer towards establishing a city park where Calder Creek meets the laguna east of Petaluma Ave.

The city is expected to spend an additional \$20,000 in matching funds in order to purchase the 11 acre parcel of land.

Southern Pacific Transportation Company, owners of the land "are willing and indeed interested in selling" to Sebastopol, said city council member Ann Magnie.

Circuit Rider Productions will be responsible for the clean-

up and restoration of the area to its original native state.

Sebastopol has already purchased a railroad right-of-way which abuts the Calder Creek property and which will be opened up to the public as an equestrian and bike path, according to a Circuit Rider spokesperson.

Next year, Sebastopol will re-apply for the other half of the \$92,000 grant originally requested.

The funds come from Proposition 70, passed in California in June 1988 which set aside monies for parks and wetlands restoration.