

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 1/5/04  
**Department Name:** Parks  
**Department No.:** 052  
**Agenda Date:** 1/27/04  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Terri Maus-Nisich  
Director of Parks

**STAFF CONTACT:** Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner  
568-2469

**SUBJECT:** Accept a Grant of Easement for Equestrian and Hiking Trail from Pacificor, Inc. on APNs 153-260-052 & 054; in the San Roque Canyon area, Second Supervisorial District

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors: Accept the Grant of Easement for Equestrian and Hiking Trail from Pacificor, Inc. located on APNs 153-260-052 & 054, and authorize the Clerk of the Board to endorse thereon the Board's acceptance.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The dedication of this easement represents a segment of the Arroyo Burro Trail in San Roque Canyon. This is one of the oldest trails in the south coast and was the subject of litigation initiated by the County in 1987 to preserve public historic use of the trail. In 1988, the County was successful and received favorable judgment for the public trail and the underlying property owner was required to grant public access. Through requests for development permits by subsequent owners of the property, it was discovered that the County had failed to have executed and record the grant documents, subsequent to the judgment. This action is necessary to officially grant the easement to the County for public use. County Parks began to work with the property owner to finalize the grant documents, and entered into a negotiation that resulted in requests from the owner for realignments of the original location to better facilitate the owners' use of their property as well as the public's use of the trail. County Parks and CRHATAC agreed with this realignment and this grant of easement, therefore, represents the realigned Arroyo Burro Trail through a portion of the property that was the subject of the judgment. County Parks anticipates that the remaining portion of the Arroyo Burro Trail will be dedicated by the property owner in the near future.

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**Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in programs or service levels

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

On-going maintenance of this trail is provided through volunteer efforts of local trail users and the Boy Scouts with County Parks providing technical assistance and maintenance, as necessary from time to time, to assist the volunteer efforts.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board to forward the Grant of Easement to the County Clerk Recorder for recordation. Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the recorded Grant to County Parks, attention Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
CRAHTAC