

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 8/11/03
Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
Agenda Date: 8/26/03
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

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 Riding and Hiking Trail from William F. Horton, Trustee, Horton Family Living Trust; Carpinteria Area, First Supervisorial District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Accept the Grant of Easement for Riding and Hiking Trail from William F. Horton, Trustee, Horton Family Living Trust located on APN 155-180-063, 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. 5, A High Quality of Life for All Residents; and with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

A proposed public Franklin Trail, connecting the community of Carpinteria to the Los Padres National Forest, has been contemplated and planned for since the adopted Recreational Element of the 1980 Comprehensive Plan. Though access by permissive use had previously existed from Carpinteria to the forest, that use over time was restricted and access to the public forest lands above the community is no longer possible. The above referenced grant represents a voluntary donation by the property owner of a public trail easement to the County that is the last link to complete a chain of public easements through private properties to connect from Carpinteria High School to the National Forest. Though much work still remains to be done such as to negotiate and comply with conditions of access on adjacent trail easements and the Forest Service lands, and to permit, fund and develop the trail to open it for public use, the donation of this trail easement by the Horton family is a significant milestone.

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County Parks and Matt Roberts, City of Carpinteria Parks Director, have been working cooperatively in negotiations for the trail easement with Mr. Horton and the agencies will continue to work together for the implementation of the Franklin Trail. The agreed upon location for the trail easement through the Horton property is generally along the western side of the property. The location will provide for separation from agricultural activities on the Horton property while providing a pleasant trail experience for the public. The trail easement through the Horton property is 1.25 miles long and fifteen feet wide and the donation has an appraised value of \$135,000.

Mandates and Service Levels: No changes in programs or service levels at this time.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: None associated with the acceptance of the grant. Future fiscal and facility impacts yet to be determined may be forthcoming as the implementation of this trail project moves forward.

Special Instructions: Clerk of the Board to forward the Grant of Easement to the County Clerk Recorder for recordation. Clerk of the Board to forward a copy of the minute order and one certified copy of the recorded Grant of Easement to County Parks, Attn: Claude Garciacelay.

Concurrence:

County Counsel

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