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Dear Supervisors:

The Rice Ranch 306.26 acres of open space was accepted by the approving Board through Resolution 11-410, 12/13/2011, and the reasons for acceptance all follow the text of Govt. Code 51084. Attached to Resolution 11-410 is a separate resolution of the same date allowing public use of the trails on the open space.

Resolution 11-410 (12/13/2011) cites the following reasons for acceptance:

- 1) "It would set aside important biological resource areas of regional importance."
- 2) "In its unimproved state it has scenic value and biological value."
- 3) "And, will provide benefits to the Rice Ranch subdivision."

It seems inappropriate that while resident groups are encouraged to fund raise (OCP Policies Compendium, Revised 2008), that resident groups are allowed to diagram Phase II trails on the open space with inattention to the biological aspects of the site called for in Resolution 11-410. The diagramming occurred through the wetland area of Rice Ranch (a wetland confirmed by CA. Dept of Fish and Wildlife, pers.comm. P & D) and through potential restoration sites noted on diagram 2-12 of the Rice Ranch 2003 FEIR.

OCP Dev. STD PRT-0-4.3 defines the diagramming and maintenance task as that of Rice Ranch Development. It is respectfully submitted that your Board might consider appointing a biologist as consultant to the Orcutt Trails Commission as a means of addressing Resolution 11-410.

Respectfully,

Lillian Smith 3/6/15
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Cc: Mr. John Zoravick, Senior Planner