

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE	)	RESOLUTION NO.
LOCATION AND USE OF A	)	
RECREATIONAL TRAIL AT THE	)	
COUNTY OWNED BARON RANCH,	)	
GAVIOTA COAST AREA	)	

WHEREAS in 1990, the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department for the County of Santa Barbara (RR&WMD) purchased real property and improvements located at 14550 Calle Real, also known as Baron Ranch, for the primary purpose of preventing urbanization in the vicinity of the Tajiguas Landfill; and

WHEREAS, since the acquisition of the property, the RR&WMD has continued the agricultural operations at the Ranch and is currently using a portion of the property as an important mitigation site for biological resource impacts associated with operations of the Tajiguas Landfill; and

WHEREAS, when the property was acquired, the Board of Supervisors indicated a desire to open the Baron Ranch to public access and identified this access as an additional benefit associated with the purchase of the property; and

WHEREAS, since December 2011, the opening of a trail at Baron Ranch has provided the public the opportunity to experience a six mile trail loop within the coastal canyon environment at Baron Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department, Parks Division (PARKS), RR&WMD and the volunteer trails community now desire to modify and establish the trail in a new location that provides further separation between trail users and the agricultural operations, and to expand the days of operation of the trail from three days a week to seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity now exists with permits granted by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service to connect the trail to Camino Cielo at the Santa Ynez Range ridgetop with connections to Gaviota State Park; and

WHEREAS, the RR&WMD, which administers the Baron Ranch property, and PARKS agree to continue to cooperate in the management of public access on the property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, acting as the governing body of the County of Santa Barbara, as follows:

1. The modified trail at Baron Ranch shall be a non-motorized, natural surface recreational trail able to accommodate multiple uses (i.e. hiking, biking and equestrian use), and be available for use seven days a week.
2. The modified trail location shall be established in a cooperative manner between the RR&WMD and PARKS for the benefit of the recreating public and to protect the primary use of the property, which is agriculture and habitat restoration.
3. PARKS shall have responsibility for obtaining any required permits, installing any required infrastructure or improvements and conducting day-to-day operations and the ongoing management and maintenance of the modified trail.
4. The trail use shall be governed by the rules and regulations found in Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 26, which provides for and establishes the types of use, hours of operation, necessary temporary closures, and the safe, healthful and orderly use of County recreation areas.
5. Guidance for the planning, operations and maintenance of the trail shall be provided by the "Baron Ranch Public Access Trail Plan" prepared by the County of Santa Barbara, dated September 2006 and revised in January 2009. Said plan is incorporated herein by reference.
6. The remainder of the property shall continue to be managed by RR&WMD.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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PETER ADAM, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: \_\_\_\_\_