



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Planning & Development  
Department No.: 053  
For Agenda Of: 10/20/09  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Glenn Russell, Ph.D. Director, 568-2085  
Director Planning and Development  
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Development Review Division– South County  
**SUBJECT: Santa Cruz Island Airstrip Resolution**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Supervisory District: 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution in the matter of recognizing and approving repair and maintenance activities to the Santa Cruz Island Airstrip by The Nature Conservancy.

**Summary Text & Background:**

The Santa Cruz Island Airport was built in 1960, prior to County permit requirements. The airstrip has been in continuous use since its construction and as such, is considered legal-nonconforming by the County as acknowledged in a letter from Planning and Development to Mr. David Dewey dated October 12, 2006.

The Nature Conservancy now operates the Santa Cruz Island Airport and intends to undertake minor repairs and maintenance to the airstrip. Such activities would be limited to the repair of potholes and maintenance-related restriping of the landing surface to increase the safety and visibility of the airstrip. The Nature Conservancy proposes no intensification of the ongoing airport use or physical expansion of the airstrip dimensions.

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), as Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for the County of Santa Barbara, has jurisdiction over all public airports within the County. The Santa Cruz Island Airport is a private airstrip and is not part of the Santa Barbara County Airport Land Use Plan. Therefore, the County of Santa Barbara has jurisdiction over the proposed repair and maintenance activities.

In order to allow The Nature Conservancy to carry out the intended repair and maintenance activities, the County must formally “acknowledge” the intentions of The Nature Conservancy to carry out the project so The Nature Conservancy may seek appropriate permits from the State of California. Pursuant to Appendix C (Guidelines on Repair and Maintenance and Utility Connection to Permitted Development) of the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, the intended activities to be carried out including the filling of potholes and restriping of the airstrip can be

considered repair and maintenance. Such activities are exempt from permit requirements. Because the proposed repair and maintenance activities do not require County permits, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached resolution acknowledging The Nature Conservancy's intentions to carry out the proposed project.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Budgeted: Yes

The applicant submitted payment of \$1,752 to the Planning & Development Department for the proposed resolution including a \$1,500 deposit. The estimated staff cost to process the request is approximately \$1,545 (10 planner hours). Permit revenues are budgeted in the Development Review Permits section within the Development Review South Division, on page D-308 of the adopted 2009-2010 fiscal year budget.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

n/a

**Attachments:**

A. Resolution

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