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Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 4:40 PM  
To: sbcob  
Subject: Live Oaks



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February 14\_\_, 2022

RE: Dept. Agenda Item A-4: Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Tina Handerhan

live oaks parks member for many years~  
Sent from my iPhone

## de la Guerra, Sheila

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**From:** Kathy Rosenthal <ksrvaquera@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 6:25 PM  
**To:** chip Wullbrandt  
**Cc:** sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; steve.lavanino@countyofsb.org; Kevin Gleason; Jimmy Loizides  
**Subject:** Re: Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update

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Wonderful letter Chip! Thank you!!!

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> On Feb 14, 2022, at 2:38 PM, chip Wullbrandt <cwullbrandt@icloud.com> wrote:

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>> Dear Supervisors,

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>> Over the past couple of years I have participated in efforts concerning expansion of agri-tourism uses (the AG Enterprise Ordinance) and on similar efforts through the Recreation Master Plan on a public/private "pilot project" concept to link private agricultural tourism projects along important recreational connector corridors as a way to expand and "speed up" implementation of hiking, biking and equestrian trails linking those corridors and creating attractive and supportive experiences, such as country inns and other tourism support opportunities in those corridors. These agricultural and experiential tourism opportunities will enhance and expand access for residents and visitors alike, help with local economic recovery, and provide a long term source of environmentally friendly revenue to the County through collection of additional transient occupancy tax.

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>> Over the past year, Wood consultants and the 3rd District Supervisors office have facilitated excellent public workshops where these concepts have been further explored, including with great public support. This has especially been the case with concepts in the Santa Ynez Valley, where the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan Land Use Action (LUA) Item 4 has long provided that the County shall support expansion of Agricultural Tourism, and where there is great support for biking, hiking and equestrian trails to link the townships and historic alternative transportation corridors. These concepts were also very well-received at detailed workshops held with the Santa Barbara Vintners Association and other similar stakeholder groups.

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>> On behalf of several clients interested in furthering such public/private efforts, we strongly urge the Board to expand the scope of the Recreation Master Plan and provide support for private projects that provide public and/or private recreational benefit, including the expansion of agricultural and experiential tourism.

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>> We also urge that additional priority trail corridor areas be added for public and public/private recreational opportunities, including in particular:

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>> 1) a Santa Ynez Valley Townships Connector Triangle, consisting of a set of connecting trails along Highway 246 from Solvang past Santa Ynez to the Highway 154 roundabout, then along Highway 154 to past the Refugio/Roblar area and to Los Olivos, then back along Alamo Pintado through the town of Ballard and back to Solvang;

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>> 2) from the proposed Santa Ynez River Trail near Buellton along the Nojoqui Creek corridor to Alisal Road, and then along Alisal back to Solvang, with potential future connections along Santa Rosa Road and to Lompoc; and

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>> 3) along the Foxen Wine trail from Los Olivos, with potential connections back to Los Alamos, Orcutt and on to the Santa Maria Mesa area.

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>> Finally, we urge that the County establish a stakeholder advisory committee, including with those agriculture and agricultural tourism representatives who have been working on the above efforts, to advise the County and assist with coordination of this public/private partnership.

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>> I look forward to the opportunity to provide further comment in person at your Board meeting on February 15, 2022, and to answer any questions you may have.

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>> Chip Wullbrandt

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**de la Guerra, Sheila**

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**From:** Beverly McCurdy <bodiegold2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 6:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Re: Dept. Agenda Item A-4; Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update

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Dear Honorable Supervisors:

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As a long time COUNTY TAXPAYER, I have ridden there for 45 years. It is a special place. It would be devastating to lose or have to compete with bikers who ride like kamikaze pilots. (There are reasonable bikers, as well, but how does a horse owner know she will be safe?)

I respectfully request that the equestrian Master Plan be developed for the Live Oak Camp ("**Live Oak Camp Master Plan**") area of the Cachuma Recreation Area specifically to RESTORE the Horse Camp as shown in the Cachuma Recreation Master Plan.

As the world accelerates at an exponential pace, there are fewer and fewer safe places for horses and riders. I would love to be able to continue camping there with my horse. I camp with the Santa Barbara Sage Hens.

As I stated, I would appreciate understanding and support as we consider developing the Live Oak Camp Area as THE County-owned Equestrian Recreation facility. Santa Barbara County. It is still the only County along the coast of Southern California without dedicated equestrian facilities. In the Santa Ynez Valley, where our equestrian traditions run so deep, this issue really matters to us.

I respectfully ask for your support of the proposed Live Oak Master Plan.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Beverly A. McCurdy  
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Santa Barbara, CA. 93110  
(805) 9642126

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**From:** Jane Murray <ltvolunteer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:38 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** County-wide Recreation Management Plan comments

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Jane Murray

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Carpinteria, CA 93013

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