



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works & Parks
Department No.: 054 & 052
For Agenda Of: September 15, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Director of Public Works, 568-3010
Director(s) Daniel C. Hernandez, Director of Parks, 568-2461
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, Resource Recovery & Waste
Management, 568-3603
Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner, 568-2469

SUBJECT: **Adopt a Resolution to Establish a Recreational Trail at the County Owned Baron Ranch, Gaviota Coast Area, 3rd Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

Adopt a Resolution to establish a recreational trail at the County owned Baron Ranch, Gaviota Coast, 3rd Supervisorial District.

Summary Text:

The Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of Public Works and County Parks have been working together to establish the opportunity for recreational trail use on the County's Baron Ranch. The resolution provides for the management and maintenance parameters of trail access into this coastal canyon on the Gaviota Coast, as well as establishes the responsibilities of the departments through cooperative management of public access on the property.

Background:

In 1990, the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Department of Public Works purchased real property known as Baron Ranch, for the primary purpose of preventing urbanization in the vicinity of the Tajiguas Landfill, and since the acquisition of the property has continued the existing agricultural operations at the Ranch. Resource Recovery and Waste Management is currently using a portion of the property as an important mitigation site for biological resource impacts associated with operations of the Tajiguas Landfill. When the property was acquired, the Board of Supervisors

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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.

Guidance for the planning, operations and maintenance of the proposed trail on the Baron Ranch property is provided by the “Baron Ranch Public Access Trail Plan” prepared by the County of Santa Barbara, dated September 2006 and revised in January 2009, which looked at the opportunities, constraints and potential for locating a public trail at Baron Ranch. The opening of a trail will provide the public the opportunity to experience a six mile trail loop within the coastal canyon environment at Baron Ranch and may also serve to provide the first link for a future opportunity to connect the trail to Camino Cielo with connections to Gaviota State Park and potentially the Santa Ynez Valley.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts related to establishing this management agreement. The County has received a grant of \$44,000 from the Goleta Valley Land Trust for one-time development costs for the trail. Total development costs are estimated to be \$62,500 with \$18,500 coming from in-kind services from Public Works, Parks and the Santa Barbara Trails Council.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Grant			\$ 44,000.00
In-kind Services			\$ 18,500.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,500.00

Narrative:

County Parks will manage and maintain the trail at Baron Ranch utilizing existing resources and personnel located in the South County Operations Division. The Santa Barbara Trails Council, a local non-profit trails advocacy and volunteer organization, has pledged to support ongoing maintenance efforts for this facility as well as to support future proposals to expand the Baron Ranch trail into the Los Padres National Forest.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board shall endorse the Board’s acceptance on the resolution. Clerk to provide copies of the executed resolution to Leslie Wells, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of Public works and to Claude Garciacelay at County Parks.

Attachments:

Resolution to Establish a Recreational Trail at the County Owned Baron Ranch, Gaviota Coast

Authored by: Claude Garciacelay, County Parks

cc: Leslie Wells, Resource Recovery & Waste Management