



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 10, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Director, Public Works, 568-3010
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SUBJECT: No Parking Zone on Refugio Road in the Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt a Resolution establishing a “no parking” zone on Refugio Road in the Gaviota Coast area of the Third Supervisorial District; and
- B. Find that the proposed action is for the operation, leasing or licensing of an existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical feature, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

Public Works received a request from area residents to establish a “no parking” zone on Refugio Road, north of Calle Real in the Gaviota Coast area. Through a series of outreach meetings and discussions with Caltrans, residents, and businesses, a plan was developed to limit some parking areas and leave others for parking to enhance the safety and utility of the area for the traveling public. The plan (as shown in Attachment A) creates defined areas for short term (loading) and long term parking while restricting parking in areas where parking on the shoulder may block the traveled way.

Public Works prepared the attached Resolution establishing “no parking” zones at the following locations:

- On the southeast corner of the intersection of Calle Real with Refugio Road on the south side of Calle Real between the centerline of Refugio Road and a point 130 feet east of the centerline of Refugio Road.
- On the east side of Refugio Road from a point 260 feet north of the centerline of Calle Real to a point 875 feet north of the centerline of Calle Real.
- On the west side of Refugio Road from a point 400 feet north of the centerline of Calle Real to a point 799 feet north of the centerline of Calle Real

The Resolution also establishes a loading zone at the following location:

- On the east side of Refugio Road from a point 13 feet north of the centerline of Calle Real to a point 135 feet north of the centerline of Calle Real.

Background:

Parking restrictions are established or rescinded based on safety, necessity, and potential effect on the community. Public Works weighs all of these factors and presents any recommended changes to the Board of Supervisors for approval. These parking restrictions may include no parking, time limited parking, loading zones, vehicle height restricted parking, angle parking, handicapped parking, or any combination of these restrictions.

Refugio Road is a two lane rural mountain road that runs in the northerly and southerly directions connecting US 101 in the south to State Route 246 and State Route 154 in the Santa Ynez area. From US 101 to West Camino Cielo, Refugio Road has a paved surface that varies in width from 22 feet to less than 14 feet. North of West Camino Cielo, Refugio Road has a long winding dirt section that is closed to the public. Parcels along Refugio Road are occupied by large ranches including single family homes, commercial ranches and orchards, and the Circle Bar B Ranch hotel.

With the recent increase of global positioning systems navigation devices, large trucks and other oversized vehicles have tried to travel Refugio Road from US 101 to State Route 246 by the directions of the devices. The County has posted signs stating “NO ACCESS TO SANTA YNEZ VALLEY USE 101”, “ROAD CLOSED 7 MILES AHEAD”, “NO TRUCK ROUTE”, and “NO TRUCKS SEMI OVER 38 FEET KINGPIN TO REAR AXLE, NO TURNAROUND” to inform motorists of the condition of the roadway. Large trucks are unable to turn around on Refugio Road except at a large dirt area north of Calle Real. To do so, this area must be free from vehicles and other obstructions and this is the reason staff is recommending no parking restrictions. Staff recommends that your Board approve the attached Resolution to post “no parking” signs in this area, and to formalize where shoulders are wide enough to accommodate parking and where they are not.

A Coastal Development Permit was obtained for this work and it was determined to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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			
Road Fund	\$500.00		\$ 500.00

Narrative:

Approximately \$500 will be required for sign installations. These funds are available in the Department 054, Program 2310, Org 0400, Account 7121

Special Instructions:

Please send one copy of the executed documents and a certified, stamped Minute Order to Gena Valentine Felix in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, ext. 3064.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A: Vicinity Map
2. Resolution
3. Notice of Exemption

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