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

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A	)	RESOLUTION NO.
RECREATONAL TRAIL AT THE	)	
COUNTY OWNED BARON RANCH,	)	
GAVIOTA COAST AREA	)	

WHEREAS in 1990, the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Department of Public Works 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, the opening of a trail at Baron Ranch 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; and

WHEREAS, the trail will be located on property which is not needed by the County for landfill or biological resource impact mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of Public Works, which administers the Baron Ranch property, and the County Parks Department have agreed to cooperate in the management of public access on the property;

## NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

- 1. The recitations above are found to be true and correct.
- 2. The 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). The trail shall be initially restricted to pedestrian use. Additional uses may be considered in the future by the managing entities as long as the primary use of the property is not affected.

The trail shall be managed in a cooperative manner between the 3. Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division and the County Parks Department to for the benefit of the recreating public to provide for and establish types of use, hours of operation, necessary temporary closures, etc. The remainder of the property will continue to be managed by the RR&WMD. County Parks shall have responsibility for obtaining any required 5. permits, installation of any required infrastructure or improvements and shall also be responsible for day to day operations and the on going maintenance of the trail. The trail use shall be governed by the rules and regulations found in 6. County Code, Chapter 26 that governs Parks and Recreation in the County of Santa Barbara. 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. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 by the following vote: AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT: JOSEPH CENTENO, CHAIR **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** APPROVED AS TO FORM: ATTEST: **DENNIS MARSHALL COUNTY COUNSEL** MICHAEL F. BROWN CLERK OF THE BOARD By: Deputy

APPROVED:

Director of Parks

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