



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Community Services  
Department No.: 057  
For Agenda Of: August 21, 2012  
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If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5ths Vote

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Board Member(s) Herman D. Parker, Director, Community Services (805) 568-2467  
Contact Info: Claude Garciacelay, Planner, Parks Division (805) 568-2469  
**SUBJECT:** **Agreement Between the County of Santa Barbara and the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County for Construction of the Franklin Trail; First Supervisorial District.**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** P&D and Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County for the construction of the Franklin Trail (the Agreement) (Attachment 1);
- b) Authorize the use of Park Development Mitigation Funds from South Coast East Development Mitigation Fee Fund (Fund 1404) in the amount of \$75,000 as County's contribution towards the planning, permitting and development of the Franklin Trail;
- c) Approve Budget Revision Request 0002466 in the amount of \$75,000;
- d) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore these actions are within the scope of the project covered by the Mitigated Negative Declaration (12NGD-00000-00003) approved and adopted by the Board for this project on March 13, 2012, and that therefore no new environmental document is required.

**Summary Text:**

Construction of the Franklin Trail will be managed by the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County working along with the Friends of the Franklin Trail, a local non-profit, utilizing contract as well as volunteer labor and resources. The trail will be built on County-held public trail easements on private properties, on Carpinteria High School through a Use Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 22, 2009, and utilizing existing City of Carpinteria road and trail right-of-ways. This Use Agreement sets the framework and responsibilities of the parties with regard to planning, permitting and construction of this public-private project for the development of the Franklin Trail. County's contribution to the fundraising effort is proposed at \$75,000 from the Parks Development Mitigation Funds for the South Coast East Development Area. Once trail construction is complete, the trail improvements will be gifted to the County of Santa Barbara. Commitments from the Montecito Trails Foundation and the Friends of the Franklin Trail will assure on-going maintenance of the trail.

**Background:**

The Franklin Trail is a part of the original Parks, Recreation and Trails map of the 1980 Comprehensive Plan and a vision of the Carpinteria community. The trail is proposed to connect the City of Carpinteria to the crest of the mountain and beyond to the back country of the Los Padres National Forest. The distance from the proposed trailhead to the crest is seven miles; one half mile within City jurisdiction, four and a half miles within County jurisdiction and two miles within the Federal forest to the crest. The current project proposes the development of the first five miles of trail, the beginning of which would run through less than a mile of property within City jurisdiction near Carpinteria High School, and the remaining five miles of which is within County jurisdiction. The trail will be a multiple use recreation trail for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers.

With the beginning of a local fundraising effort in 2010 and the resultant formation of the Friends of the Franklin Trail, a local non-profit, the vision for the trail began to materialize. Early on, the cooperation and involvement of the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County became crucial to provide fundraising, accounting and project management expertise. In early 2012, their fundraising effort helped reach the projected goal of \$395,000 necessary for design, permitting and construction of the first five miles of trail. The Agreement between the County and Land Trust for Santa Barbara County sets the framework and responsibilities between the parties to develop the trail.

At its regular meeting of October 27, 2011, the Santa Barbara County Parks Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the use of funds from the Park Development Mitigation Funds in the amount of \$75,000. These funds will be used along with the donated funds to complete the trail. The County's recommended commitment of \$75,000 is included in the total project goal of \$395,000. The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, with the assistance of the Friends of the Franklin Trail and coordination with the Community Services Department, will manage the planning, permitting and construction of the trail with the completed improvements being gifted to the County. Commitments from Montecito Trails Foundation and the Friends of the Franklin Trail will assure on-going maintenance of the trail.

Next steps for this project include an exchange of easements on one of the subject properties for improved trail routing and separation of trail users from existing agricultural operations. The new easement and quitclaim of easement is anticipated to come to the Board for approval in the coming

months. Coastal development permits from both the City of Carpinteria and the County will be necessary for the project, and construction is proposed to begin in the fall/winter of 2012-13.

**CEQA:**

The Board adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project on March 13, 2012, which can be accessed through the following link:

<http://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1079097&GUID=21AA7439-042F-4CFC-ACF2-C2112AFE9711>

Pursuant to CEQA Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of the mitigation measures. Therefore, the award of the contract is within the scope of the project covered by the MND and, therefore, no new environmental document is required.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The Franklin Trail project is a part of the County Capital Improvement Plan (Page B-53). The requested funding of \$75,000 is available in Park Development Mitigation Fund Number 1404 (South Coast East Demand Area); this \$75,000 will be the County contribution to the total estimated project cost of \$395,000. The remainder project funding has been raised by the local non-profit group, Friends of the Franklin Trail and is held by the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County. The Budget Revision Request will provide for the transfer of the \$75,000 from the County to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County subsequent to Board approval for use on the project.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a copy of the executed Agreement and minute order to Claude Garciacelay, Community Services Department – Parks Administration.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County for Construction of the Franklin Trail

Attachment 2: Budget Revision Request 0002466

Attachment 3: Mitigated Negative Declaration 12NGD-00000-00003

**Authored by:**

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