



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fourth and Fifth
Districts
Department No.: 0240 and 0250
For Agenda Of: December 13, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: 10 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Board Member(s) Supervisor Joni Gray, 737-7700
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SUBJECT: Formation of Orcutt Trails Commission, Orcutt Area, 4th Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions: a) Adopt a Resolution establishing the Orcutt Trails Commission;

b) Approve the appointment of seven (7) regular members and one (1) alternate member to serve on the Orcutt Trails Commission;

c) Find that the formation of the Commission is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 15320, as it consists of the organization or reorganization of local government agencies; and

d) Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The adoption of the Orcutt Community Plan (OCP) included planning for approximately 42 miles of trail within the OCP area. The formation of the Orcutt Trails Commission will provide the opportunity to consider how best to accomplish the goals and policies of the OCP for trails within the community of Orcutt. The Commission will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and to County Departments, and serve at the pleasure of the Board. Though the OCP has planned for many miles of trail, few opportunities currently exist for public trail use. The Commission will be tasked with seeking opportunities for public trails.

Background: Supervisors Gray and Lavagnino propose the formation of the Orcutt Trails Commission. The acquisition by the County of over 200 acres of open space in the Rice Ranch area provides an opportunity to develop the trail program planned for this area in the OCP and as part of the Rice Ranch Specific Plan. The Commission will be composed of local residents focusing on creating, building and maintaining the trails planned for the open space, as well as other trail opportunities in the Orcutt area. The Commission is to be made up of residents from the local area involved in hiking, mountain biking, cycling, dog walking, scouting, equestrian riding, trail cross country running and other trail users.

The purpose of the Commission, therefore, is to find opportunities for and complete projects envisioned in the OCP and other trail opportunities that may be present. The Commission is an Advisory Body as described in Government Code Section 54952(b) and is subject to the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) In its advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and other County departments, the Commission shall work cooperatively with the County to realize trail projects. Commissioners will draft By-Laws to be reviewed and approved by County Counsel, set their meeting dates, be responsible for fund raising and labor volunteer recruitment to accomplish their plans.

Commission members will serve four (4) year terms, with the option of re-appointment. No commissioner will receive a stipend or allowance for services rendered. Fund raising by the Commission shall be consistent with County policies for the solicitation of donations and all funds shall be gifted and held in trust by the Community Services Department, Parks Division, specifically to be used to further the implementation of the OCP trails. No funds will be withheld for administration or County overhead costs. All proposals and plans for development of trails shall comply with adopted trail standards, with development and environmental permits as required.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Resources needed will be based on the level of activity necessitated in the future by the Commission.

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution to Establish the Orcutt Trails Commission

Attachment B: List of Citizens to be Appointed to the Commission

Authored by:

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