



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: County Parks  
Department No.: 052  
For Agenda Of: September 28, 2010  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
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Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Loon Point Trail Improvements; First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Approve the Plans and Specifications for improvements of the Loon Point Beach Access Trail (Attachment 2); and
- B) Accept the improvements to the Loon Point Beach Access Trail as offered to be constructed by the adjacent Property owner upon determination that the completed work is in conformance with the approved Plans and Specifications (Attachment 3).

**Summary Text:**

Loon Point Beach Access Trail suffers from periodic erosion due to seasonal storm water runoff. Consequently, this popular beach access trail becomes a safety hazard at certain times of year and a periodic maintenance problem for Santa Barbara County Parks. The 1986 grant of easement for this trail access included unusually stringent language mandating very high maintenance standards or the grant could be revoked.

County Parks has worked with staff from the First District Supervisor's office, First District Park Commissioner, local residents, and representatives of the owners of the adjoining property to develop a public-private partnership to improve the trail and adjacent property. The result is a plan in which County Parks was a co-applicant to establish additional landscape improvements to the adjacent properties (APN 005-260-013 and APN 005-260-014) that would also benefit the trail easement (Coastal

Development Permit 10CDH-00000-00008). This plan was approved by the Zoning Administrator on April 5, 2010 and County Planning & Development then issued all necessary permits for the improvements.

In particular, the installation of a boulder boundary retaining wall along the western perimeter of the 10-foot-wide trail easement and the provision of a concrete drainage swale at the base of the wall would permit storm water to be directed into the swale and off the trail. Contemporaneous with these improvements, County Parks plans to re-grade the wearing surface of the Loon Point Trail to sheet storm water runoff into the swale and thereby protect the trail from erosion and gullies.

While the easement expressly provides that the County is solely responsible for maintenance of the Loon Point Beach Access Trail easement, the property owner (CalProp III, LLC and CalProp IV, LLC) has agreed to assist County Parks in its maintenance effort by financing the design and construction of enhancements to the trail area that would improve public access and promote public safety with improved drainage and erosion control, enhanced landscaping, and protective fencing. We estimate the direct value of the new drainage swale and related public safety improvements including permits and design to be \$95,000. The value of these improvements exceeds the \$5,000 value threshold for non-cash donations in the Santa Barbara County "Acceptance of Gifts by County" policy, requiring that the Board of Supervisors determine the acceptance of this non-cash donation.

County Parks therefore recommends that the Board of Supervisors accepts the design of the improvements to be installed pursuant to the plans approved under the Coastal Development Permit (10CDH-00000-00008) as fully consistent with the grant.

**Performance Measure:**

This public-private partnership in which the property owner installs drainage improvements and other public safety installations will substantially benefit the Loon Point Trail and the residents and visitors who use the trail. The private improvements will also provide a long term benefit by reducing the maintenance costs due to erosion, and provide an improved visual experience for trail users.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

County Parks plans to re-grade the wearing course of Loon Point Trail concurrently with the installation of the other improvements, using trail maintenance resources.

Budgeted: No, Budget Revision Request will be submitted once the project is complete.

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time</u></b>
		<b><u>On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Project Cost</u></b>
Other Donations	\$ 95,000.00		\$ 95,000.00
Total	\$ 95,000.00	\$ -	\$ 95,000.00

**Staffing Impacts:** None.**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Grant of Easement, September 22, 1986

Attachment 2 - Landscape Design of Improvements, March 2010

Attachment 3 – Acceptance Letter

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