



**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: April 9, 2013
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: N/A
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Herman Parker, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Deputy Director of Parks (805) 568-2475
SUBJECT: Approval of Design for the Franklin Trail, Carpinteria Area, First District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Planning and Development
As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the design for the construction of the Franklin Trail as per the plans reviewed by Parks Division staff; and
- b) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 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 Franklin Trail project covered by the Mitigated Negative Declaration (12NGD-00000-00003) approved and adopted by the Board for the Franklin Trail project on March 13, 2012, and that therefore no new environmental document is required.

Summary Text:

The design and plans for the Franklin Trail have been prepared by an outside engineering consultant hired and managed by the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County and the Friends of the Franklin Trail. The design utilizes trail standards adopted by the US Forest Service and utilized in County planning for trails. Parks Division staff has reviewed the design and plans, and finds them to be in conformity with trail standards used in the County for recreational trails. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the design and plans for the Franklin Trail.

Background:

Parks Division staff has had the opportunity to review the work of the consultant, Braun & Associates, Inc., hired by the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County and The Friends of the Franklin Trail for the concept development, design and plans for trail construction. Staff review has occurred at several stages of the plan development and staff finds that the plans are in conformity with standards and practice for trails construction within the County. The plans are for the entire length of the trail to be constructed and are part of the application documents that are being reviewed by County Planning for the issuance of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) within County jurisdiction and will be part of the application package for the City of Carpinteria CDP permit.

We anticipate that the County CDP will be issued in early May and that the City CDP will be issued thereafter. Trail construction will commence on the County portion of the project once the CDP and building permits are issued and construction on the portion within City jurisdiction will follow. The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County is acting as project manager for the Franklin Trail project and once complete, the improvements will be gifted to the County. A subsequent action by the Board will be necessary to accept the constructed project. Once the improvements are complete and accepted by the County, the Montecito Trails Foundation has pledged to provide maintenance support for the trail.

CEQA:

On March 13, 2012, the Board approved and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (12NGD-00000-00003) for the Franklin Trail project, which can be accessed through the following link: <http://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1079097&GUID=21AA7439-042F-CFCACF2-C2112AFE9711> . Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 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 acceptance of the grants of new easements and the quitclaim of two separate portions of two separate existing easements is within the scope of the Project covered by the MND and, therefore, no new environmental document is required.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Franklin Trail project is part of the County Capital Improvement Plan (Page B-53), and is estimated to cost \$395,000. The majority of funding for the Franklin Trail construction has been secured through the efforts of a local non-profit, The Friends of the Franklin Trail, and \$75,000 of funding was approved by the Board to be utilized from Park Development Mitigation Fund Number 1404 (South Coast East Demand Area).

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of the Minute Order to Claude Garciacelay, Parks Planner, Community Development Department – Parks Division

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Franklin Trail Plans (2 sets)

Authored by:

Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner, CSD-Parks