County of Santa Barbara



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding approvals and authorizations associated with the Tajiguas Landfill and Baron Ranch Trail and Master Plan; First, Second and Third Districts, as follows:

- a) Adopt the Resolution to establish a policy with respect to certain future landfilling activities at the Tajiguas Landfill and the use of the Baron Ranch property;
- b) Approve and authorize the Auditor Controller to pay full funding necessary to expeditiously complete the Baron Ranch Trail, up to \$130,000.00, including completion of the bridge and the Baron Ranch Trail project as authorized by 16CUP-00000-00029 and 16CDP-00000-00105, and no later than upon completion of the trail improvements and bridge installation, to open the trail to the public 7 days a week;
- c) Approve and authorize Public Works to spend up to \$100,000.00, to hire a consultant to prepare a comprehensive master plan for Baron Ranch in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 through a process involving public input and, as part of that master plan process, direct Public Works to primarily consider options for developing increased recreational opportunities and agricultural opportunities on Baron Ranch including revenue generating opportunities, and direct Public Works staff to return to the Board of Supervisors to consider the conclusions and recommendations of the Master Plan; and
- d) Determine that the above action (a) is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) and (b)(5) as the recommended action is a general policy and an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; determine that proposed action (b) is taken in furtherance of the Baron Ranch Trail Improvements Project that was approved by the County Planning Commission on June 28, 2017, and that pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and there are no substantial changes in circumstances or new information of substantial importance regarding significant impacts or feasibility of mitigation measures and alternatives, and therefore, this action is within the scope of the project covered by the mitigated negative declaration, No. 17NGD-00000-00007, SCH No. 2017021030, and no subsequent environmental document is required; and determine that proposed action (c) is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5) and CEQA Guideline Section 15262 as a feasibility or planning study; and approve and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption on these bases.