



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding a conservation easement deed on portions of the Tajiguas Landfill and Baron Ranch Properties, Third District, as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Escrow Package between the County as Grantor and Land Trust of Santa Barbara County as Grantee for the establishment of a Conservation Easement associated with obtaining an Incidental Take Permit from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under Section 10 of the Federal Endangered Species Act for the Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the “Deed of Conservation Easement” creating and conveying to the Land Trust of Santa Barbara County a Conservation Easement on land owned by the County consisting of portions of APN 081-100-005, 081-150-026 and 081-150-032 (approximately 110 acres);
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the “Payment of Transfer Fee Required” Notice;
- d) Approve and authorize the one-time endowment payment of sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000.00), to provide for the perpetual administration and annual monitoring of the Conservation Easement;
- e) Authorize the Director of Public Works and/or Director of General Services or designee to execute any additional related documents and pay closing fees required to facilitate the County’s establishment and granting of the Conservation Easement; and
- f) Determine that the proposed actions are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15313 and 15317 related to the preservation of wildlife and open space habitat and approve posting a Notice of Exemption on that basis.