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October 21, 1999

AGENDA: November 2, 1999

Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

**SUBJECT: SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE QUAIL
HOLLOW RANCH COUNTY PARK MASTER PLAN AND CERTIFY THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Dear Members of the Board:

The Department of Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Services is requesting permission to set a public hearing on November 16, 1999, before your Board, to consider adoption of the proposed revisions to the Quail Hollow Ranch County Park Master Plan and certification of the Quail Hollow Ranch Environmental Impact Report.

Quail Hollow Ranch County Park is a 300-acre facility with nationally recognized cultural and natural resources. It was purchased by the County and the State Wildlife Conservation Board in 1987. The architectural design firm of Jeff Oberdorfer and Associates was hired by your Board to prepare a Master plan for Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. The product of that design was achieved after numerous public meetings and hearings. The final public hearing was before your Board in 1990, at which time your Board adopted a Final Master Plan.

In 1996, an environmental impact report was prepared by the firm of Parsons Engineering Science, Inc. to review the Master Plan. Several components of the Master Plan were identified to have potentially significant environmental impacts. They are as follows:

- group picnic area in the vicinity of the pond
- active recreation - baseball fields
- improvements to loop trail and emergency access
- overflow parking area
- deck in the pond
- noise
- traffic
- visual

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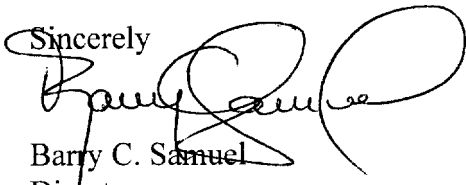
The proposed revisions to the Master Plan eliminate all elements of the master plan which would cause significant environmental impacts, and additionally includes all recommended mitigation measures.

The Revised Master Plan and the Environmental Impact Report are on file with the Clerk of the Board. The Parks Department will specifically notice those individuals whose property adjoins the site along with individuals who have requested to be on the Department's mailing list. These mailings will be done in addition to the typical advertising that is being recommended.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Set a public hearing for 9:30 a.m., November 16, 1999, to adopt the proposed revisions to the Quail Hollow Ranch County Park Master Plan, and certify the Quail Hollow Ranch Environmental Impact Report,
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise the public hearing.

Sincerely



Barry C. Samuel
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: CAO, County Counsel, Auditor Controller, Planning, POSCS

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