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March 1, 2000

AGENDA: March 14, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: Report Back on Quail Hollow Ranch County Park Revised Master Plan

Dear Members of the Board:

On November 16, 1999, your Board opened a public hearing on the revised master plan for Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. The revised master plan specifically recommended that athletic fields would not be provided at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. During the Public Hearing, the President of the San Lorenzo Valley Soccer organization asked your Board to reconsider the inclusion of a youth soccer field at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park in the location previously suggested for a little league field. Your Board directed staff to meet with the Soccer organization to determine the feasibility of substituting a soccer field for a little league field. On December 14, 1999, staff reported to your Board that it would be possible to locate a small youth soccer field at the southern end of the property which had previously been suggested as a location for a little league field. Your Board directed the Parks Commission to hold another public hearing and consider whether a youth soccer field should be included in the revised master plan for Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. The Parks Commission was to report back to your Board on this date with the results of said public hearing.

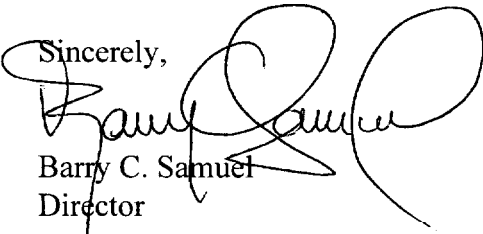
On February 16, 2000, the Parks Commission held a public hearing to consider whether a youth soccer field should be included in the revised master plan for Quail Hollow Ranch County Park. About 60 people attended the public hearing and there were twenty-six (26) speakers. Twenty-two (22) of those speaking urged the Commission not to place a soccer field at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park, while four (4) speakers were in favor of placing a soccer field at the County Park. The Commissioners deliberated on the issue and ultimately decided to recommend to your Board that a youth soccer field not be included in the revised master plan. The Commissioners fully appreciated the need for additional athletic fields in the San Lorenzo Valley and have decided to form a subcommittee of the Commission to work with members of the Community to try to identify locations in the San Lorenzo Valley which would be suitable for use as soccer fields.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

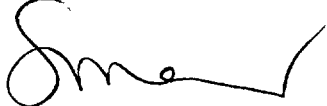
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1. Conclude the public hearing on the Quail Hollow Ranch Master Plan;
2. Accept the Revised Staff Report (November 1999) as an amendment to the Quail Hollow Ranch County Park Master Plan; and
3. Certify the Quail Hollow Ranch Environmental Impact Report by,
 - a. Certifying that the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
 - b. Certifying that the final EIR was presented to the decision-making body (Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz) of the lead agency (Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services) and that the decision-making body reviewed and considered the information contained in the final EIR prior to approving the project; and
 - c. Certifying that all significant environmental effects of the project have been substantially lessened or limited through modification to the proposed project, as discussed in the staff report, and through incorporation of all other mitigation measures into the project as recommended in the EIR.

Sincerely,


Barry C. Samuel
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: CAO, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Parks, Planning