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July 20,2001

AGENDA:

August 14,2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: CONCEPTUAL PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK MASTER PLAN
AMENDMENT**

Dear Members of the Board:

At the 2000-2001 budget hearings (June 27, 2000), your Board approved the Department of Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services budget which included funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 for updating and revising of the Master Plan for Pinto Lake County Park.

On February 6,2001, your Board approved the design contract with SSA Landscape Architects Inc. to facilitate the process and produce the Pinto Lake Master Plan Amendment.

The public meeting process has been proceeding very well. To date, there have been four public meetings at which people have provided input on the proposed Master Plan amendment.

On May 21st, the Parks Commission held a Public Hearing at the Watsonville City Council Chambers to receive testimony and consider approval of the Pinto Lake Conceptual Master Plan Amendment. After receiving testimony and closing the hearing, the Commission adopted the proposed Master Plan Amendment "in concept" and recommended that it be forwarded to your Board for a public hearing and conceptual adoption. Adopting the proposed conceptual master plan at this time will allow the environmental review (CEQA) process to begin.

On May 22nd, your Board scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday August 14,2001 to consider the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan Amendment (Attachment A). Presented before your Board today for approval is the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan Amendment as recommended to your Board by the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 21st, 2001.

The Mission of the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services is to provide safe, well designed and maintained parks and a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for our diverse community

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The next step in the process is to conduct an environmental assessment of the two proposed road schemes which will provide access to the portion of the park being leased by the organic farmer. The next critical decision is which of the access road proposals is environmentally feasible and what are the cost estimates for construction. Since the majority of the work in the main area of the park is dependent on relocating the soccer fields to the currently undeveloped portion of the park, the new access road is critical for implementation of the project.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board take the following actions:

1. Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan Amendment.
2. Direct the Parks Department to begin the environmental and financial assessment of the two entrance road schemes.

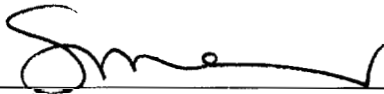
Sincerely,



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Director

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RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

Attachments: Pinto Lake County Park Conceptual Master Plan 2001

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

Pinto Lake County Park: Conceptual Master Plan 2001

