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AGENDA: February 12, 2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 26, 2002, TO CONSIDER
AND TO ADOPT IN CONCEPT THE PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK
MASTER PLAN**

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 for the updating and revision of the Master Plan for Pinto Lake County Park.

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

To date, five hearings have taken place: two Parks Commission public meetings, two neighborhood public meetings, and one public hearing in front of your Board.

On May 21, 2001, the Parks Commission held a public hearing at the Watsonville City Council Chambers to receive testimony and consider approval of the conceptual plan. 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 public hearing and adoption in concept.

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

On May 22, 2001, your Board scheduled public hearing for Tuesday, August 14, 2001, to consider the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan.

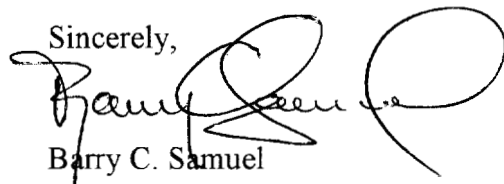
On August 14, 2001, your Board approved the Conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan and asked that the written portion and the revised graphic showing the soccer field change be brought back to the Board upon completion.

The next step in the process is to conduct an environmental assessment of the two proposed entrance road schemes. The critical next decision is which of the road access proposals to the back part of the site will be used and which is environmentally feasible. Cost estimates are needed. Since the majority of the work in the main area of the park is dependent on the moving of the soccer fields to the back, the road access is critical for implementation of the project.

Adopting the proposed conceptual master plan at the public hearing will allow the environmental review (CEQA) process to begin.

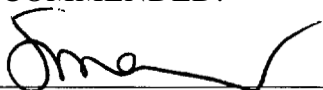
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board schedule a public hearing for 9:00 a.m. or thereafter on February 26, 2002, to consider approval of the conceptual Pinto Lake County Park Master Plan and direct the Clerk of the Board to notice the hearing.

Sincerely,



Barry C. Samuel
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

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cc: Auditor/Controller, Office of the County Counsel, CAO, Parks