



**DIANNE JACOB**  
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** February 28, 2006  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**SUBJECT:** SANTA MARIA CREEK GREENWAY (DISTRICT: 2)  
**SUMMARY:**

**Overview**

The recommended action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an action plan and approximate timeline for the development of the Santa Maria Creek Greenway. The Santa Maria Creek Greenway is located in the North County Multiple Species Conservation Program Plan Study Area and traverses the Ramona Grasslands Preserve.

**Recommendation(s)**

**SUPERVISOR JACOB:**

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15262.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an action plan and approximate timeline for the development of a Greenway at Santa Maria Creek beginning at Wellfield Park and ending at the North Western edge of the Ramona Valley and also identify a trail corridor within the Greenway.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify potential sources of funding for the acquisition of land and/or easements from willing sellers, and management, monitoring and maintenance needs of the Greenway.
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee to apply for and accept funding for projects that support the establishment and implementation of the Santa Maria Creek Greenway.

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to bring the action plan, approximate timeline, and trail corridor identification back to the Board for its review and approval within 120 days.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact related to this proposal.

**Business Impact Statement**

**SUBJECT:**

N/A

**Advisory Board Statement**

N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1997, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors adopted the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Sub-Area Plan for South County which preserves habitat for endangered plant and animal species while ensuring continued economic development. Currently, the County is drafting the North County MSCP Plan.

In 2001, the County Board of Supervisors voted to direct staff to work with interested parties to identify and obtain funding to acquire land along the Santa Maria Creek for the establishment of a river park. Today's action will build upon that direction by establishing the Santa Maria Creek Greenway.

The Santa Maria Creek Greenway is located in the proposed County of San Diego North County MSCP Plan and portions are also included in the Ramona Grasslands Preserve. The Santa Maria Creek Greenway would enhance the quality of life in the unincorporated area by providing a new passive park for recreation for San Diego County residents. This action directs County staff to prepare an action plan and approximate timeline for the development of a greenway at Santa Maria Creek and to determine its boundaries beginning at Wellfield Park and ending at the North Western edge of the Ramona Valley. Staff is also being directed to identify potential sources of funding for the acquisition of land and/or easements from willing sellers, and management, monitoring and maintenance needs of the Greenway.

The Santa Maria Creek Greenway would be a valuable asset to the community and the entire San Diego region by: 1) establishing a passive park that preserves the area's rural character; 2) establishing a trail corridor; 3) creating a natural buffer between commercial and residential uses; 4) increasing flood protection and natural filtering of runoff water flowing into the creek; and 5) protecting species and habitats that represent the unique biodiversity of San Diego County.

With this action, the Board of Supervisors promotes San Diego's natural beauty and supports the importance of the region's natural and cultural resources. By taking these steps, this Board will be continuing its commitment to protecting San Diego's natural resources -- ensuring that they exist for the enjoyment of not only this generation but also future generations.

I urge your support.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB  
Supervisor, Second District

**SUBJECT:**

**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Other Concurrence(s): Department of Parks and Recreation**

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** District 2

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