



County of Monterey

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Receive a presentation from Big Sur Land Trust on the partnership with the County of Monterey Parks and Lakes Division at the Marks Ranch property within Toro Regional Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks Commission:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) and Monterey County Parks and Lakes Division (Parks) have a longstanding history of constructive partnership at the Marks Ranch property within Toro Regional Park. In 2010 and 2012, the County purchased approximately 740 acres through the Wildlife Conservation Board (an agency of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife) grant program. By continuing to support this partnership through re-establishing another long-term (10+ year) grazing lease, Parks can reactivate an important collaborative tool to achieve shared land management goals and help fulfill the Department's mission. BSLT's conservation grazing program is centered on increasing both the landscape's resilience to catastrophic wildfire and climate change, and its capacity to support higher levels of biodiversity, ecosystem function and habitat structure.

Attachment A - BSLT handout to complement BSLT's presentation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Big Sur Land Trust is presenting information.

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