

County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

Board Report

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- b. Approve Pedestrian Access Easement for Zone 1, Marks Ranch, w/ the Big Sur Land Trust; and
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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On March 20, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) and the County of Monterey (County) for the County's acquisition of a 113.4 acre portion of Marks Ranch (Zone 1). Per Section 1.1.2 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the County has negotiated a Pedestrian Access Easement for Marks Ranch for the purpose of allowing Pedestrian access to Zone 1, specifically for a public access trail that will link Toro Park with Marks Ranch.

Per Section 1.1.3 of the Sale and Purchase Agreement, the County has negotiated an Emergency and Administrative Access Easement to allow Parks employees, caretaker and maintenance vehicles to access Zone 1 via BSLT's access road. These Access Easements will assist the County to manage the Zone 1 property and to provide public access to the property while maintaining wildlife stewardship responsibilities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Big Sur Land Trust, County Parks and County Counsel concur with this recommendation.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the General Fund Contribution arising from this transaction. The Big Sur Land Trust's efforts to raise funds and community awareness about Marks Ranch will help facilitate and finance the Parks department's stewardship responsibilities and objectives.

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Attachments:	Administrative and Emergency Purposes Access Easement Deed & Agreement	
	Pedestrian Easement Agreement	