



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

**AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** May 15, 2007

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT: PRESERVING THE CALIFORNIA RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL IN  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICT: ALL)**

**SUMMARY:**

**Overview:**

In 1945, the California Riding and Hiking Trails Act was adopted by the State Legislature identifying a State Loop Trail that was to extend from Mexico to Oregon. The California Riding and Hiking Trail is routed through National Forests, State Parks, private property, scenic and historical areas. The State acquired easements, agreements, and permits to establish the trail. The responsibility for the trail is currently with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The State Parks Department would like to transfer the easements and agreements on private lands associated with the California Riding and Hiking Trail to the County to be incorporated into the County trail network. The State Parks Department has already transferred easements in other counties. The County of San Diego now has an opportunity to continue to provide access to the trail for the public's enjoyment.

Today's action will direct the Chief Administrative Officer to investigate the feasibility of obtaining trail easements and agreements from the State for the California Riding and Hiking Trail.

**Recommendation(s):**

**SUPERVISOR JACOB:**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to investigate the feasibility of the State of California transferring its easements and agreements to the County of San Diego for the portions of the California Riding and Hiking Trail located within the land use jurisdiction of the County.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days with a feasibility report regarding the transfer of the easements and agreements along with an estimation of costs to complete due diligence with the State and to construct and maintain the trail.

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**Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

**Business Impact Statement:**

N/A

**Advisory Board Statement:**

N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

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The California Riding and Hiking Trail serves as the back bone to the regional trails system in San Diego County. The State Parks Department would like to transfer the easements and agreements on private lands associated with the California Riding and Hiking Trail to the County to be incorporated into the County's trail network. The State Parks Department has already transferred easements in other counties. The County of San Diego now has an opportunity to continue to provide access to the trail for the public's enjoyment.

Today's action will direct the Chief Administrative Officer to investigate the costs and feasibility of the County's obtaining trail easements, and agreements from the State for the California Riding and Hiking Trail. If the County obtains these trail segments, approximately an additional 50 miles of trail would be under the County's purview.

I urge your support!

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB  
Supervisor, Second District

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**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):**

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** District Two

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