



NEGATIVE DECLARATION & NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION NO. ED11-175

DATE: October 18, 2012

PROJECT/ENTITLEMENT: Sapwi Trail at Santa Margarita Lake

APPLICANT NAME: County of San Luis Obispo General Service Agency-Parks
ADDRESS: 1087 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo Ca 93408
CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Kavanaugh **Telephone:** 805/781-4089

PROPOSED USES/INTENT: Construct a 2.5 mile long trail that is three feet wide called the Sapwi Trail within Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park. the trail will be a multi-use backcountry trail that is open to pedestrians, equestrians and mountain bikers

LOCATION: 2 miles north east of the corner of West Pozo Road and River Road, in the Las Pilitas planning area.

LEAD AGENCY: County of San Luis Obispo
Dept of Planning & Building
976 Osos Street, Rm. 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040
Website: <http://www.sloplanning.org>

OTHER POTENTIAL PERMITTING AGENCIES:

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW: YES NO

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information pertaining to this environmental Determination may be obtained by contacting the above Lead Agency address of (805)781-5600.

COUNTY "REQUEST FOR REVIEW" PERIOD ENDS AT 4:30 p.m. (2 wks from above DATE)

30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD begins at the time of public notification

Notice of Determination

State Clearinghouse No. _____

This is to advise that the San Luis Obispo County _____ as *Lead Agency* *Responsible Agency* approved/denied the above described project on _____, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Mitigation measures and monitoring were made a condition of approval of the project. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the 'Lead Agency' address above.

	Elizabeth Kavanaugh		County of San Luis Obispo
Signature	Project Manager Name	Date	Public Agency

County General Services Agency
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
Sapwi Trail at Santa Margarita Lake
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION & INITIAL STUDY

Abstract

A Proposal by the County Parks Division of the General Service Department of the County of San Luis Obispo to construct a 2.5 mile long trail called the Sapwi Trail within Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park. The trail would be approximately 3 feet wide and will be located in areas with less than 20 percent slope. This project will disturb approximately 287,496 square feet. The trail is located north of Sapwi Campground and traverses 2.5 miles northwest approximately along the 1,400 foot elevation line where it meets the existing Blinn Trail. This project is within the Open Space land use category and connects the Blinn trail creating a large loop trail. The project is located at Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park, approximately two miles northeast of the corner of West Pozo Road and River Road. The site is in the Las Pilitias planning area.

The existing 1.0 mile Sapwi Trail is a multi-use backcountry trail that is open to pedestrians, equestrians and mountain bikers. The proposed 2.5 mile extension would provide a more user friendly access to the Park's north shore trail system that includes the Blinn Ranch Trail and Falcon Trail. The proposed extension would include grubbing and compaction of approximately 2.5 miles of native soil. The trail width is approximately 3 feet wide and will be located in areas with less than 20 percent slope. No trees will be removed or impacted for the creation of this trail extension. All work will be done with hand tools such as shovels. Pruning of brush will be done with chain saws and hand pruners. Brush will be scattered by hand in the surrounding landscape out of view of the user. Erosion control measures will be used where necessary. No grading is proposed. The project will disturb 287,496 square feet. This is a phased project to be completed in sections by volunteers, not to exceed one acre of disturbance at any one time.

Comments on this document are due by 11/19/12 and should be sent to Steven McMasters, County Department of Planning and Building, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

The following persons may be contacted for additional information concerning this document:

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County Government Center, Room 310
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
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Elizabeth Kavanaugh
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1087 Santa Rosa Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
(805) 781-4809

This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been issued by:

10.10.2012 Ellen Carroll
Date Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator County of San Luis Obispo

The project proponent, who agrees to implement the mitigation measures for the project, is:

X Janette Pell
Date Janette Pell, General Services Agency Director County of San Luis Obispo



Initial Study Summary – Environmental Checklist

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Project Title & No. County Parks - Sapwi Trail at Santa Margarita Lake ED11-175

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: The proposed project could have a "Potentially Significant Impact" for at least one of the environmental factors checked below. Please refer to the attached pages for discussion on mitigation measures or project revisions to either reduce these impacts to less than significant levels or require further study.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards/Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Water
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Utilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation, the Environmental Coordinator finds that:

- The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

ELIZABETH KAVANAUGH *Elizabeth Kavanaugh* 10/10/12
 Prepared by (Print) Signature Date

Steve McMaskos *Ellen Carroll*
 Reviewed by (Print) Signature (for) Date

Project Environmental Analysis

The County's environmental review process incorporates all of the requirements for completing the Initial Study as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. The Initial Study includes staff's on-site inspection of the project site and surroundings and a detailed review of the information in the file for the project. In addition, available background information is reviewed for each project. Relevant information regarding soil types and characteristics, geologic information, significant vegetation and/or wildlife resources, water availability, wastewater disposal services, existing land uses and surrounding land use categories and other information relevant to the environmental review process are evaluated for each project. Exhibit A includes the references used, as well as the agencies or groups that were contacted as a part of the Initial Study. The Environmental Division uses the checklist to summarize the results of the research accomplished during the initial environmental review of the project.

Persons, agencies or organizations interested in obtaining more information regarding the environmental review process for a project should contact the County of San Luis Obispo Environmental Division, 976 Osos Street, Rm. 200, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408-2040 or call (805) 781-5600.

A. PROJECT

DESCRIPTION: A Proposal by the County Parks Division of the General Service Department of the County Of San Luis Obispo to construct a 2.5 mile long trail called the Sapwi Trail within Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park. The trail would be approximately 3 feet wide and will be located in areas with less than 20 percent slope. This project will disturb approximately 287,496 square feet. The trail is located north of Sapwi Campground and traverses 2.5 miles northwest approximately along the 1,400 foot elevation line where it meets the existing Blinn Trail. This project is within the Open Space land use category and connects the Blinn trail creating a large loop trail. The project is located at Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park, approximately two miles northeast of the corner of West Pozo Road and River Road. The site is in the Las Pilitas planning area.

The existing 1.0 mile Sapwi Trail is a multi-use backcountry trail that is open to pedestrians, equestrians and mountain bikers. The proposed 2.5 mile extension would provide a more user friendly access to the Park's north shore trail system that includes the Blinn Ranch Trail and Falcon Trail. The proposed extension would include grubbing and compaction of approximately 2.5 miles of native soil. The trail width is approximately 3 feet wide and will be located in areas with less than 20 percent slope. No trees will be removed or impacted for the creation of this trail extension. All work will be done with hand tools such as shovels. Pruning of brush will be done with chain saws and hand pruners. Brush will be scattered by hand in the surrounding landscape out of view of the user. Erosion control measures will be used where necessary. No grading is proposed. The project will disturb 287,496 square feet. This is a phased project to be completed in sections by volunteers, not to exceed one acre of disturbance at any one time.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER(S): 070-371-003

Latitude: 35 degrees 19' 40" N Longitude: 120 degrees 27 ' 39 " W SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT # 5

B. EXISTING SETTING

PLANNING AREA: Las Pilitas, Santa Margarita

LAND USE CATEGORY: Open Space

COMBINING DESIGNATION(S): Sensitive Resource Area, Flood Zone

EXISTING USES: Recreation

TOPOGRAPHY: Very steeply sloping

VEGETATION: Quercus agrifolia (Coast Like Oak), Quercus douglassii (Blue Oak), shrubs

PARCEL SIZE: 633 acres

SURROUNDING LAND USE CATEGORIES AND USES:

<i>North:</i> Open Space;	<i>East:</i> Open Space;
<i>South:</i> Open Space;	<i>West:</i> Recreation; Open Space

C. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

During the Initial Study process, several issues were identified as having potentially significant environmental effects (see following Initial Study). Those potentially significant items associated with the proposed uses can be minimized to less than significant levels.

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST**

1. AESTHETICS - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
<i>a) Create an aesthetically incompatible site open to public view?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>b) Introduce a use within a scenic view open to public view?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>c) Change the visual character of an area?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>d) Create glare or night lighting, which may affect surrounding areas?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>e) Impact unique geological or physical features?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>f) Other: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. The area and site is characterized by gently to steeply sloping ridgelines and canyons vegetated with chaparral, mixed oak, pine woodland, riparian corridor's, grasses and forbs. The visual character of the area has very high scenic value with unique rock outcrops and geologic formations. The 1,280-acre project site, Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park, is a recreation and open space site that is mainly undeveloped except for a marina, marina store, boat docks, campgrounds, trails and other recreation supporting facilities.

Impact. The Sapwi trail would traverse the site at low elevations. It consists of cleared natural surface that is three feet wide. The trail would not be ADA accessible and would not be visible from any public roads. Portions of the trail would be seen from the lake and recreation area located on the south side of the lake. Trails are expected as part of the recreational area and narrow width of this trail (3 feet) means this trail would not make a significant change in the visual character of the area. No lighting or grading is proposed for this trail.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No mitigation measures are necessary.

2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
<i>a) Convert prime agricultural land to non-agricultural use?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>b) Impair agricultural use of other property or result in conversion to other uses?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

- Will the project:

c) *Conflict with existing zoning or Williamson Act program?*

d) *Other:* _____

Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. Project Elements. The following area-specific elements relate to the property's importance for agricultural production:

Land Use Category: Open Space

Historic/Existing Commercial Crops: None

State Classification: Not prime farmland

In Agricultural Preserve? Yes, Santa Margarita AG Preserve Area

Under Williamson Act contract? No

The soil type(s) and characteristics on the subject property include:

Dibble clay loam (15-30 % slope). This moderately sloping fine loamy soil is considered not well drained. The soil has high erodibility and moderate shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock, slow percolation. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and Class IV when irrigated.

Gaviota-San Andreas association, very steep.

Gaviota. This steeply to very steeply sloping soil is considered very poorly drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class VII without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

San Andreas. This steeply to very steeply sloping soil is considered moderately drained. The soil has low erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes. The soil is considered Class VII without irrigation and the Class is not rated when irrigated.

Rock outcrop-Gaviota complex (30 -75 % slope). This steeply to very steeply sloping soil is considered very poorly drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class VIII without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

Impact. The project is located in a predominantly non-agricultural area with no agricultural activities occurring on the property or immediate vicinity. No significant impacts to agricultural resources are anticipated.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No mitigation measures are necessary.

3. AIR QUALITY - Will the project:

Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
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3. AIR QUALITY - <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Violate any state or federal ambient air quality standard, or exceed air quality emission thresholds as established by County Air Pollution Control District?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Expose any sensitive receptor to substantial air pollutant concentrations?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Create or subject individuals to objectionable odors?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Be inconsistent with the District's Clean Air Plan?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. The Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has developed the 2009 CEQA Air Quality Handbook to evaluate project specific impacts and help determine if air quality mitigation measures are needed, or if potentially significant impacts could result. To evaluate long-term emissions, cumulative effects, and establish countywide programs to reach acceptable air quality levels, a Clean Air Plan has been adopted (prepared by APCD).

Impact. As proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 287,496 square feet. This is a phased project to be completed in small sections at a time by volunteers. No section would exceed one acre disturbance at any one time. This will result in the creation of construction dust, as well as short- and long-term vehicle emissions. Based on Table 1-1 of the CEQA Air Quality Handbook, the project will result in less than 10 lbs./day of pollutants, which is below thresholds warranting any mitigation. No significant air quality impacts are expected to occur.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No mitigation measures are necessary.

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Result in a loss of unique or special status species or their habitats?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Reduce the extent, diversity or quality of native or other important vegetation?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Impact wetland or riparian habitat?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Introduce barriers to movement of resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or factors, which could hinder the normal activities of wildlife?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES -
Will the project:

Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
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e) Other: _____

Setting. The following are existing elements on or near the proposed project relating to potential biological concerns:

On-site Vegetation: Quercus agrifolia (Coast Like Oak), Quercus douglassii (Blue Oak), shrubs

Name and distance from blue line creek(s): Salinas River courses through the project site

Habitat(s): Coastal Oak Woodland,

Site's tree canopy coverage: Approximately 10-33%.

The Santa Margarita Lake is located within the project site. The project is within the following combining designation(s), which identifies this general area as biologically sensitive: Sensitive Resource Area (SRA) is for the Santa Margarita Lake Watershed and is defined as the county should work with affected state and federal agencies to prepare a resource protection plan for the watershed area

The Natural Diversity Database (or other biological references) identified the following species potentially existing within approximately one mile of the proposed project:

Vegetation

Hardham's evening primrose (*Camissonia hardhamiae*) List 1B

Hardham's evening primrose (*Camissonia hardhamiae*) has been found about 0.79 miles to the east. This annual herb is found generally on sandy, decomposed carbonate soils (or burned areas) in cismontane woodland and chaparral areas at elevations between 240 and 610 meters (790 to 2,000 feet). It has a blooming period of April-May. The CNPS considers this plant rare in California (List 1b, RED 3-2-3).

Santa Margarita manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pilosula* ssp. *pilosula*) List 1B

Santa Margarita manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pilosula* ssp. *pilosula*) has been found about 0.60 miles to the east. This evergreen shrub is found on shale soils in closed-cone coniferous forest, chaparral; and cismontane woodland areas between the 170 and 1,100-meter elevations (555 to 3,600 feet). The typical blooming period is December-March. Santa Margarita manzanita is considered rare by CNPS (List 1B, RED 3-2-3).

Wildlife

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*)

The project site is within the breeding range of this species; however no prairie falcons were observed. Because no steep rock faces are present on the project site, the site would be considered an unlikely nesting location. The area does provide suitable foraging habitat for the species.

Southwestern pond turtle (*Emys (or Clemmys) marmorata pallida*),

Southwestern pond turtle (*Emys (or Clemmys) marmorata pallida*) has been found about 0.72 miles to the northwest. Southwestern pond turtle is a federal and California Species of Special Concern. This is an aquatic turtle that uses upland habitat seasonally. They occur in ponds, streams, lakes, ditches, and marshes. The species prefers slow-water aquatic habitat with

available basking sites nearby. Hatchlings require shallow water habitat with relatively dense submergent vegetation for foraging.

Habitats

Coastal Oak Woodland

Coast live oak woodlands total approximately 85,000 acres within the County of San Luis Obispo. They are generally common in coast ranges within the valley bottoms as well as on slopes, and are dominated by the evergreen tree species coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), which usually occurs in pure stands. Coast live oak woodlands typically do not form a continuous belt, but rather, occur as a mosaic closely associated with communities such as coastal scrub, chaparral and non-native grassland. Where coast live oak woodland integrates into other plant communities, the understory becomes highly variable. Characteristic species include Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*), coulter pine (*Pinus coulteri*), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), poison oak, and California Bay (*Umbellularia californica*).

Impact. The general area of the project site supports sensitive native vegetation, significant wildlife habitats, and special status species. A biological survey was completed for this trail (SWCA, May 2012) that considered the species and habitats identified by the NDDB, as well as species and habitats identified in other biological reports prepared in the general area (Morro Group, 2005, 2001)). No sensitive plant or nesting raptor activity were observed along the proposed trail alignment. A heron rookery was found in a grey pine tree northwest of Sapwi Campground; approximately 25 feet from the proposed trail (see Exhibit E). The rookery tree is visible from the proposed trail location, and nesting activity could potentially be disturbed if trail construction occurs during the nesting season.

In addition, oak woodland was identified along portions of the trail. While the trail may traverse some areas of oak woodland, no tree removal is proposed, and the minimal disturbance required to construct the trail in these locations will not have a significant impact to oak woodlands.

Mitigation/Conclusion. To reduce Heron rookery impacts to less than significant levels, the trail shall be moved east at least 50 feet east from the Grey Pine tree with the Heron rookery in it as shown in (Exhibit E). Implementation of this mitigation measure will reduce this impact to a less than significant level.

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Disturb pre-historic resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Disturb historic resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Disturb paleontological resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. The project is located in an area historically occupied by the Salinan and Obispeno Chumash. Portions of the project are within 300 feet of a blue line creek or other water source. Potential for the presence or regular activities of the Native American increases in close proximity to reliable water sources. Potential for the presence or regular activities of the Native American increases in close proximity to reliable water sources. However, no historic structures are present and no paleontological resources are known to exist in the area.

Bases on presence of rock out crops and the creeks and streams (including the Salinas River), a Cultural Resource Survey including record search and surface survey was conducted by Bertrando and Bertrando Research Consultants (May 7, 2002) Based on the results of the field survey, no historical or archaeological materials were observed in the area of the proposed trail.

Impact. The project is located in an area that would be considered culturally sensitive. .A Phase I (surface) survey was conducted by Bertrando and Bertrando Research Consultants (May 7, 2002). No evidence of cultural materials was noted on the property. This project does not includes grading. Based on the lack of identified resources, and the minimal level of disturbance, impacts to historical or paleontological resources are not expected.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant cultural resource impacts are expected to occur, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Result in exposure to or production of unstable earth conditions, such as landslides, earthquakes, liquefaction, ground failure, land subsidence or other similar hazards?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Be within a California Geological Survey "Alquist-Priolo" Earthquake Fault Zone"?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Result in soil erosion, topographic changes, loss of topsoil or unstable soil conditions from project-related improvements, such as vegetation removal, grading, excavation, or fill?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Change rates of soil absorption, or amount or direction of surface runoff?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Include structures located on expansive soils?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) <i>Change the drainage patterns where substantial on- or off-site sedimentation/ erosion or flooding may occur?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) <i>Involve activities within the 100-year flood zone?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) <i>Be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the County's Safety Element relating to Geologic and Seismic Hazards?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) <i>Preclude the future extraction of valuable mineral resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting

GEOLOGY - The following relates to the project's geologic aspects or conditions:

- Topography: Moderately sloping
- Within County's Geologic Study Area?: No
- Landslide Risk Potential: High
- Liquefaction Potential: Low to moderate
- Nearby potentially active faults?: No Distance? Not applicable
- Area known to contain serpentine or ultramafic rock or soils?: No
- Shrink/Swell potential of soil: Low
- Other notable geologic features? None

The project is within a high landslide area. Per the County's Land Use Ordinance [LUO section 22.14.070 (c), or CZLUO section 23.07.084(c)] a geological report is recommended to evaluate the area's geological stability

DRAINAGE – The following relates to the project's drainage aspects:

- Within the 100-year Flood Hazard designation? Yes,
- Closest creek? Salinas River Distance? Courses through project site
- Soil drainage characteristics: Not well drained

SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION – Soil type, amount of disturbance and slopes are key aspects to analyzing potential sedimentation and erosion issues. The project's soil types and descriptions are listed in the previous Agriculture section under "Setting". As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the project's soil erodibility is as follows:

- Soil erodibility: Low to moderate

Projects involving more than one acre of disturbance are subject to the preparation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which focuses on controlling storm water runoff. The Regional Water Quality Control Board is the local extension who monitors this program.

Impact.

GEOLOGY-This site has a high land slide potential. No grading or buildings are associated with this trail. The proposed trail construction includes grubbing and compaction of approximately 2.5 miles of native soil. The trail width is approximately 3 feet wide and will be located in areas with less than 20 percent slope. For these reasons a geological report is not necessary, and no impacts as a result of landslide potential is anticipated.

DRAINAGE As proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 287,496 square feet. Erosion control logs will be used as needed to control erosion along this trail as called out in the Park and Recreation Element. In addition, this is a phased project to be completed by volunteers in small sections. Constructed segments would not to exceed one acre of disturbance at any one time. The area proposed for the trail is outside of the 100-year Flood Hazard designation as associated with Santa Margarita Lake. The proposed trail crosses two drainages in Jackass Canyon. As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the soils mapped within the trail alignment are considered well drained. Construction of the proposed trail will not interfere with existing drainage patterns, or within the 100-year flood plain. Based on the location and type of project, and the underlying soils, drainage impacts would be insignificant.

SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION –Soil types on the project site have low to moderate erodibility.

The proposal will disturb 287,496 square feet. This is a phased project to be completed by volunteers sections at a time not to exceed one acre at any one time

Mitigation/Conclusion. There is no evidence that measures above what is called out the Park and Recreation Element are needed. Given how the project will be constructed in segments, the minimal corridor of disturbance, and the avoidance of steep terrain, no impacts were identified and no mitigation measures are required beyond good trail construction standards.

7. HAZARDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Result in a risk of explosion or release of hazardous substances (e.g. oil, pesticides, chemicals, radiation) or exposure of people to hazardous substances?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Interfere with an emergency response or evacuation plan?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Expose people to safety risk associated with airport flight pattern?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Increase fire hazard risk or expose people or structures to high fire hazard conditions?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Create any other health hazard or potential hazard?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. The project is not located in an area of known hazardous material contamination. With regards to potential fire hazards, the subject project is within the "Very High" Fire Hazard Severity Zone(s). Based on the County's fire response time map, it will take approximately 20 or more minutes to respond to a call regarding fire or life safety. The project is not within the Airport Review area. Portions of the subject project are within the 100-year Flood Hazard Combining designation (FH).

Impact. The project does not propose the use of hazardous materials and does not include any structures. It may bring additional people to a high fire hazard area. The proposed trail will create a new loop with the existing Blinn and Falcon Trails. Creating a loop will allow the trail user an additional way out of the area if fire were to happen. The trail does not present a significant fire safety risk. The project is not expected to conflict with any regional evacuation plan. Construction of the trail in high fire season may spark a wild fire in this area

Mitigation/Conclusion. The trail project does not present any hazards. However if trail construction occurs during high or extreme fire conditions, as recommended by CAL FIRE, a fire extinguisher or 5 gallon back-pump shall be immediately available at the location of trail construction. Implementation of this mitigation measure will bring impacts to hazards to a less than significant level.

8. NOISE - <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
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8. NOISE - <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Expose people to noise levels that exceed the County Noise Element thresholds?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Generate increases in the ambient noise levels for adjoining areas?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Expose people to severe noise or vibration?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. The project is not within close proximity of loud noise sources, and will not conflict with any sensitive noise receptors (e.g., residences). Based on the Noise Element's projected future noise generation from known stationary and vehicle-generated noise sources, the project is within an acceptable threshold area.

Impact. The project is not expected to generate loud noises, or conflict with the surrounding uses of a Santa Margarita Lake Recreation area. The site is open space in use and zoning. Operation of the proposed trail would be limited to hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. These user do not generate a significant amount of noise .No motorized vehicles would be allowed

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant noise impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

9. POPULATION/HOUSING - <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Induce substantial growth in an area either directly or indirectly (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Displace existing housing or people, requiring construction of replacement housing elsewhere?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Create the need for substantial new housing in the area?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Use substantial amount of fuel or energy?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting./Impact This project is a recreational trail. It will not result in a need for a significant amount of new housing, and will not displace existing housing.

Setting. The County's Parks and Recreation Element calls out this site as a recreational area, the intent of the trail is to provide improved access to recreational opportunities in the Santa Margarita Lake area. The proposed trail is consistent with the County Trails Plan and Santa Margarita Lake and Natural Area Resource Management Plan.

Impact. Development of this trail will ease the demand for recreation resource in San Luis Obispo County. The proposed project will not create a significant need for additional park, Natural Area, and/or recreational resources.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant recreation impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

**12. TRANSPORTATION/
CIRCULATION - Will the project:**

	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) Increase vehicle trips to local or areawide circulation system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Reduce existing "Levels of Service" on public roadway(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Create unsafe conditions on public roadways (e.g., limited access, design features, sight distance, slow vehicles)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Provide for adequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Result in inadequate internal traffic circulation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., pedestrian access, bus turnouts, bicycle racks, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Result in a change in air traffic patterns that may result in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. The County has established the acceptable Level of Service (LOS) on roads for this rural area as "C" or better. The existing road network in the area of Pozo Road and River Road is operating at acceptable levels. Vehicle access to this trail would be along River Road to Santa Margarita Lake Recreation Area's northern entrance. This area includes a ¾ of an acre parking/staging area with approximately 60 parking spaces for vehicles and trailers and a vault bathroom.

Impact. The proposed project is estimated to generate about 5 trips per day, based on the Institute of Traffic Engineer's manual of 2.28 ADT per acre of improved recreational area. This small amount of additional traffic will not result in a significant change to the existing road service or traffic safety

levels. Based on existing road speeds and configuration (vertical and horizontal road curves), sight distance no impacts are expected as outlined in the email dated August 9, 2012 from County Public Works

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant traffic impacts were identified, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

13. WASTEWATER - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Violate waste discharge requirements or Central Coast Basin Plan criteria for wastewater systems?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Change the quality of surface or ground water (e.g., nitrogen-loading, day-lighting)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Adversely affect community wastewater service provider?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. The proposed project is a recreational trail within an existing recreational facility. This project does not propose construction of any new restroom, septic systems or leach fields. It will not hook up to a community water system. The existing restrooms provided by the Santa Margarita Lake Recreational Area will serve the users of this trail.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant wastewater impacts were identified, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

14. WATER - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Violate any water quality standards?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Discharge into surface waters or otherwise alter surface water quality (e.g., turbidity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc.)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Change the quality of groundwater (e.g., saltwater intrusion, nitrogen-loading, etc.)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Change the quantity or movement of available surface or ground water?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Adversely affect community water service provider?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

14. WATER - Will the project:

	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
f) Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting. No water is required beyond minimal to address potential fire hazard and dust during construction with hand tools. The project proposes to use available services at the Santa Margarita Lake Recreational Area. Based on available information, the proposed water source is not known to have any significant availability or quality problems.

The topography of the project ranges from gently sloping to very steeply sloping. The Salinas River courses through the project site. As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the soil surface is considered to have low erodibility.

Projects involving more than one acre of disturbance are subject to preparing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to minimize on-site sedimentation and erosion. When work is done in the rainy season, the County Ordinance requires that temporary sedimentation and erosion control measures be installed during the rainy season.

Impact. Based on the project description no additional water facilities will be developed. The trail development is located on areas of low to moderate erodibility.

Mitigation/Conclusion. Since no potentially significant water quantity or quality impacts were identified, no specific measures above standard requirements have been determined necessary. Standard drainage and erosion control measures will be required for the proposed project and will provide sufficient measures to adequately protect surface water quality.

15. LAND USE - Will the project:

	Inconsistent	Potentially Inconsistent	Consistent	Not Applicable
a) <i>Be potentially inconsistent with land use, policy/regulation (e.g., general plan [county land use element and ordinance], local coastal plan, specific plan, Clean Air Plan, etc.) adopted to avoid or mitigate for environmental effects?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Be potentially inconsistent with any habitat or community conservation plan?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Be potentially inconsistent with adopted agency environmental plans or policies with jurisdiction over the project?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Be potentially incompatible with surrounding land uses?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Setting/Impact. Surrounding uses are identified on Page 2 of the Initial Study. The proposed project was reviewed for consistency with policy and/or regulatory documents relating to the environment and appropriate land use (e.g., County Land Use Ordinance (LUO), Local Coastal Plan (CZLUO), Park and Recreation Element, County Trails Master Plan and Santa Margarita Lake Natural Area Resource Management Plan. Referrals were sent to outside agencies to review for policy consistencies (e.g., CAL FIRE for Fire Code, APCD for Clean Air Plan, etc.). The project was found to be consistent with these documents (refer also to Exhibit A on reference documents used).

The project is not within or adjacent to a Habitat Conservation Plan area. The project is consistent or compatible with the surrounding uses as summarized on page 2 of this Initial Study.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No inconsistencies were identified and therefore no additional measures above what will already be required were determined necessary.

16. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For further information on CEQA or the county's environmental review process, please visit the County's web site at "www.sloplanning.org" under "Environmental Information", or the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System at: http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines for information about the California Environmental Quality Act.

Exhibit A - Initial Study References and Agency Contacts

The County Planning or Environmental Divisions have contacted various agencies for their comments on the proposed project. With respect to the subject application, the following have been contacted (marked with an) and when a response was made, it is either attached or in the application file:

<u>Contacted</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Response</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Public Works Department	Attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Environmental Health Division	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Agricultural Commissioner's Office	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Airport Manager	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Airport Land Use Commission	Not Applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Air Pollution Control District	Attached
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Sheriff's Department	No Response
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional Water Quality Control Board	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Coastal Commission	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Department of Fish and Game	Not Applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CA Department of Forestry (Cal Fire)	Attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Department of Transportation	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Service District	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	Not Applicable

*** "No comment" or "No concerns"-type responses are usually not attached*

The following checked ("") reference materials have been used in the environmental review for the proposed project and are hereby incorporated by reference into the Initial Study. The following information is available at the County Planning and Building Department.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project File for the Subject Application <u>County documents</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Land Use Plans <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Resource Summary Report <input type="checkbox"/> Building and Construction Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Framework for Planning (Coastal/Inland) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Plan (Inland/Coastal), including all maps & elements; more pertinent elements considered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Element <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation & Open Space Element (includes Energy, Conservation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing Element <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise Element <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Element <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Element <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property Division Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Circulation Study | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Area Plan and Update EIR <u>Other documents</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Resources Map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area of Critical Concerns Map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Areas of Special Biological Importance Map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Natural Species Diversity Database <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean Air Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Hazard Severity Map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Hazard Maps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey for SLO County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Transportation Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform Fire Code <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Control Plan (Central Coast Basin – Region 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GIS mapping layers (e.g., Biology, geology, streams, slope, fire, hazards, transportation, water, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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In addition, the following project specific information and/or reference materials have been considered as a part of the Initial Study:

County Trails Plan

Santa Margarita Lake and Natural Area Resource Management Plan

Biological Survey (SWCA, May 2012)

Biological Survey Report (Morro Group, 2005)

Biological Resource Evaluation (Morro Group, 2001)

Archaeological Survey – (Bertando Research Consultants, May, 2002)

Exhibit A - Mitigation Summary Table

BIO-1 Prior to construction the trail shall be moved east at least 50 feet east from the Grey Pine tree with the Heron rookery in it as shown in (Exhibit E).

HAZ-1 If trail construction occurs during high or extreme fire conditions, as declared by CAL FIRE, a fire extinguisher or 5 gallon back-pump shall be immediately available at the location of trail construction.

Exhibit B - Vicinity Map

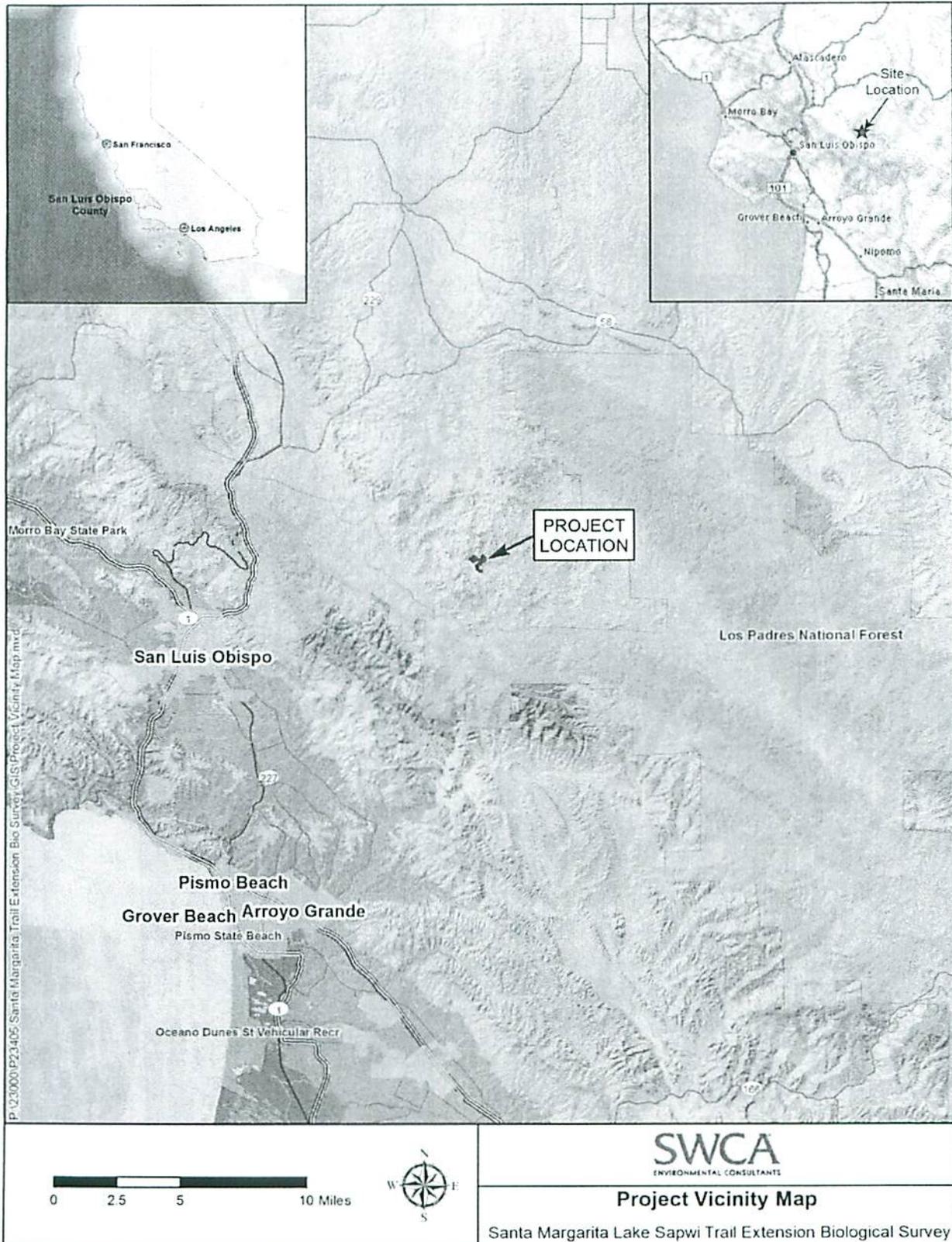
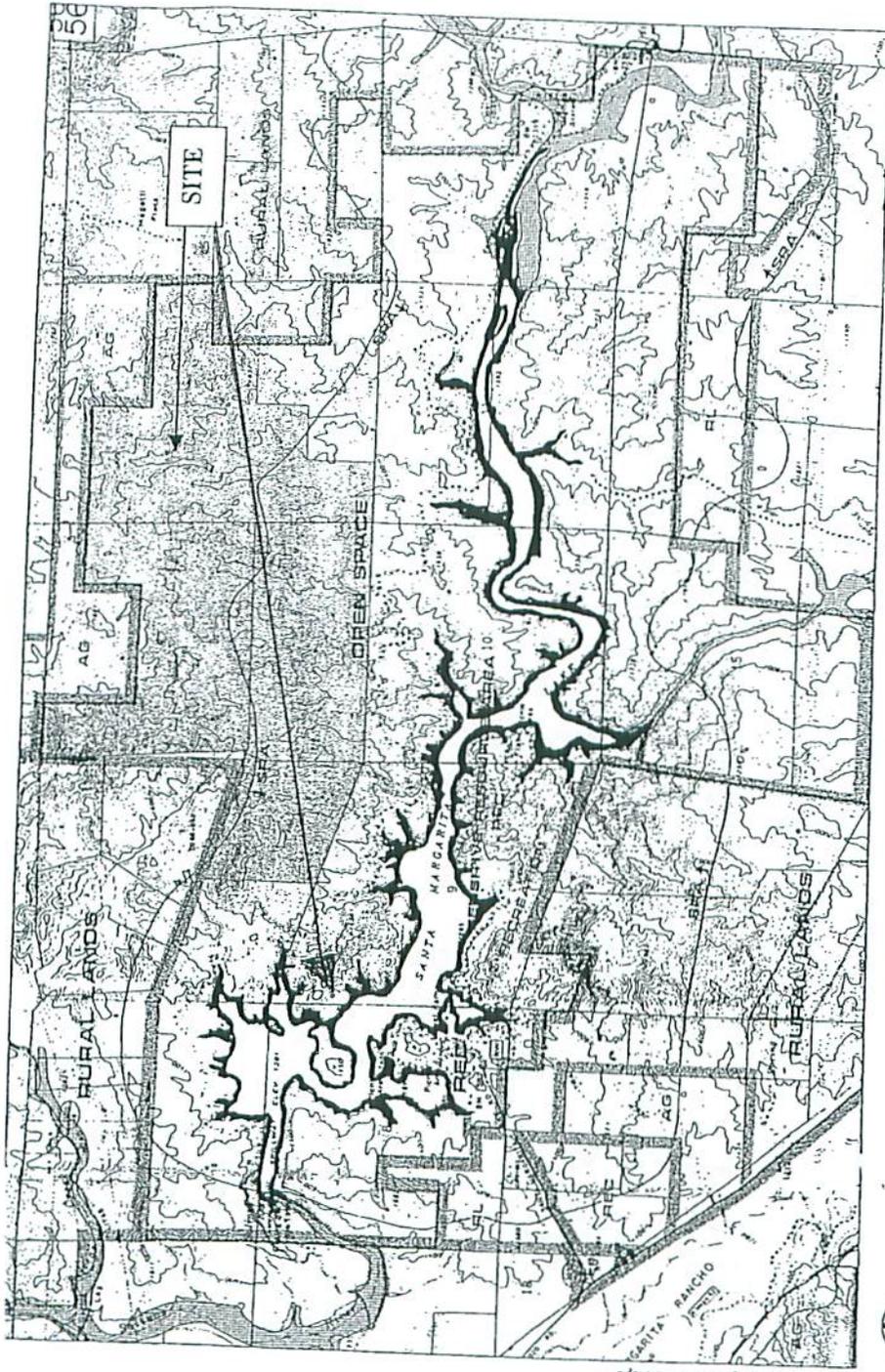


Exhibit C – Land Use Map



Source: County of San Luis Obispo



Exhibit D - Trail Location

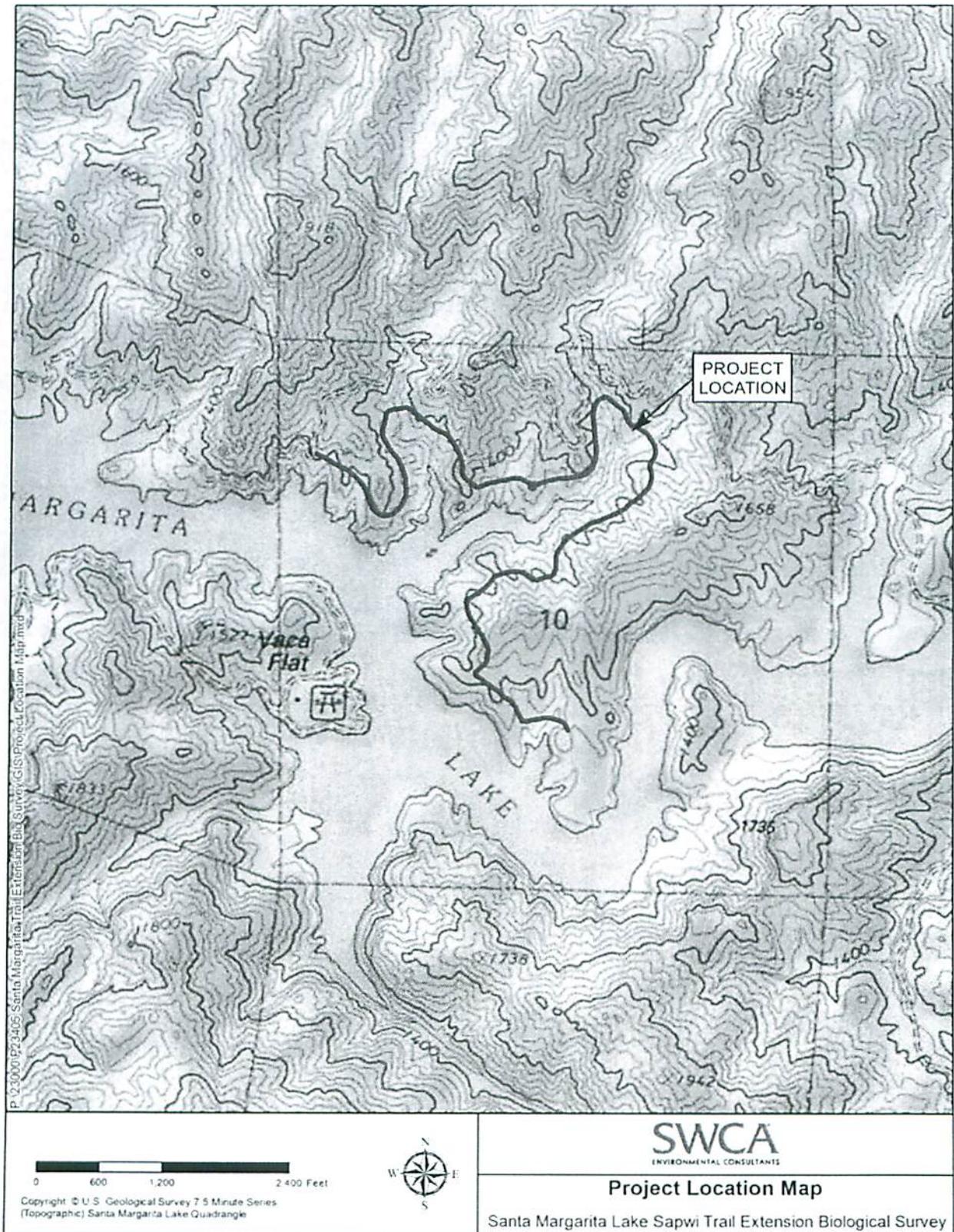
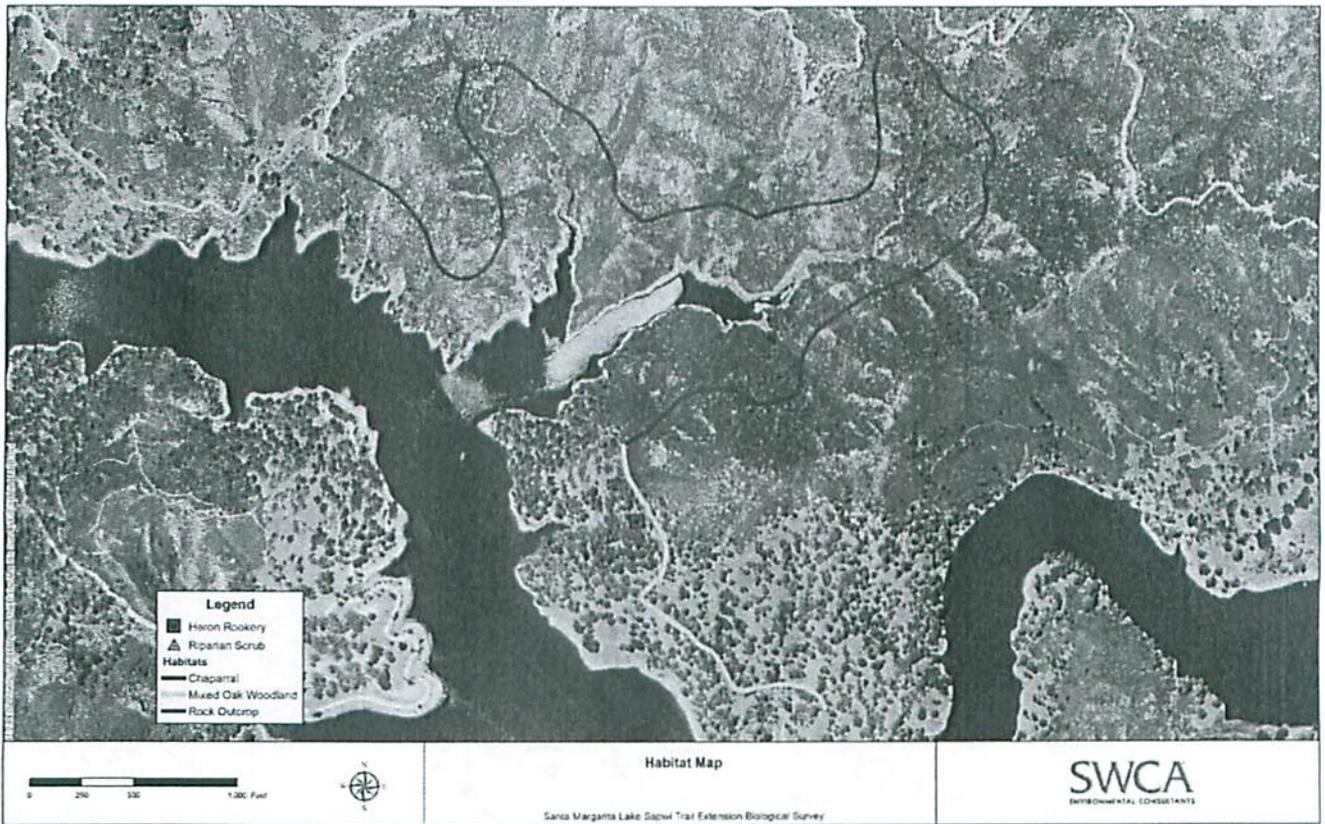


Exhibit E – Trail Relocation Map



Project Referral Responses

Referral from Air Pollution Control District

standard language on naturally occurring asbestos

Aeron Arlin Genet

to:

Elizabeth Kavanaugh

07/11/2012 02:31 PM

From: Aeron Arlin Genet/APCD/COSLO

To: Elizabeth Kavanaugh/GenSrvcs/COSLO@Wings

Here you go:

Asbestos / Naturally Occurring Asbestos

Naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) has been identified by the state Air Resources Board as a toxic air contaminant. Serpentine and ultramafic rocks are very common throughout California and may contain naturally occurring asbestos. The SLO County APCD has identified areas throughout the County where NOA may be present (see the APCD's 2009 CEQA Handbook, Technical Appendix 4.4). If the project site is located in a candidate area for Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA), the following requirements apply. Under the ARB Air Toxics Control Measure (ATCM) for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations, **prior to any construction activities at the site, the project proponent shall ensure that a geologic evaluation is conducted to determine if NOA is present within the area that will be disturbed. If NOA is not present, an exemption request must be filed with the APCD.** If NOA is found at the site the applicant must comply with all requirements outlined in the Asbestos ATCM. This may include development of an Asbestos Dust Mitigation Plan and an Asbestos Health and Safety Program for approval by the APCD. If NOA is not present, an exemption request must be filed with the Air District. More information on NOA can be found at <http://www.slocleanair.org/business/asbestos.php>.

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Referral from Cal Fire



RE: Santa Margarita Lake Sapwi Trail
Peters, Alan to: ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us

07/12/2012 05:44 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

I tweaked it just a bit:

If trail construction occurs during high or extreme fire conditions, as declared by CAL FIRE, a fire extinguisher or 5 gallon back-pump shall be immediately available at the location of trail construction.

Alan Peters
SLU Unit Forester
805.593.3406 desk
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-----Original Message-----

From: ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us [mailto:ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 5:14 PM
To: Peters, Alan
Subject: Fw: Santa Margarita Lake Sapwi Trail

Hi Alan,

Below is the text as it is now from the environmental document I am preparing.

Setting. The project is not located in an area of known hazardous material contamination. With regards to potential fire hazards, the subject project is within the "very High" Fire Hazard Severity Zone(s). Based on the County's fire response time map, it will take approximately 20 or more minutes to respond to a call regarding fire or life safety. Refer to the Public Services section for further discussion on Fire Safety impacts. The project is not within the Airport Review area. Portions of the subject project are within the 100-year Flood Hazard Combining designation (FH).

Impact. The project does not propose the use of hazardous materials and does not include any structures. It may bring a few additional people to a high fire hazard area. The proposed trail will create a new loop with the existing Blinn and Falcon Trails. Creating a loop will allow the trail user more ways out of the area if fire were to happen. The project does not present a significant fire safety risk. The project is not expected to conflict with any regional evacuation plan.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant impacts as a result of hazards or hazardous materials are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

Elizabeth Kavanaugh
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----- Forwarded by Elizabeth Kavanaugh/GenSrvcs/COSLO on 07/12/2012 05:12 PM -----

From: Elizabeth Kavanaugh/GenSrvcs/COSLO
To: alan.peters@fire.ca.gov

Date: 07/12/2012 03:10 PM
Subject: Santa Margarita Lake Sapwi Trail

Hi Alan,

Thank you for taking time to talk with me today about this project. I have attached a project description for you review. Based on our conversation today, I am submitting the below language as a suggested mitigation for the construction of this trail:

If construction of this trail is to take place during high or extreme fire conditions, as defined by CalFire, a fire extinguisher shall be present at the location of trail construction.

Alan, feel free to edit as you see fit.

Have a great day.

[attachment "Sapwi Trail Extension Proposal.doc" deleted by Elizabeth Kavanaugh/GenSrvcs/COSLO]

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Referral From Public Works



Re: Sapwi Trail at Santa Margarita Lake 
Glenn D Marshall to: Elizabeth Kavanaugh
Cc: Ryan Chapman

08/09/2012 04:57 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

Bad week, sorry

Yup Ryan spoke with me. Please disregard our previous comments. Public Works has no concerns with the proposed project and no recommended mitigation measures.
-Glenn

Glenn Marshall, RCE
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email: gdmarshall@co.slo.ca.us

Elizabeth Kavanaugh Hi Glenn, How are you? I am having a tough... 08/09/2012 04:55:25 PM

From: Elizabeth Kavanaugh/GenSrvcs/COSLO
To: Glenn D Marshall/PubWorks/COSLO@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 08/09/2012 04:55 PM
Subject: Sapwi Trail at Santa Margarita Lake

Hi Glenn,

How are you? I am having a tough week. I have to go to two funeral this weekend. Boy does that make me feel old.

Ryan Chapman came out to Parks' River Road parking lot with us and I think he is Ok with the southern entry to the parking lot because the northern entrance is at a strange angle for vehicles (especially with trailers) to turn into. Did he talk to you? If so, do you have new comments for my environmental document. I don't need a formal referral from you an email from you will do.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

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