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AGENDA ITEM

Consideration of a Commemorative Trail for Nonette Hanko at Los Trancos Open Space Preserve

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION Leve

Confer special recognition on Nonette Hanko by renaming the San Andreas Fault Trail at Los Trancos Open Space Preserve to the Nonette Hanko San Andreas Fault Trail.

SUMMARY

Nonette Hanko, a founding and current member of the Board of Directors, will retire in January 2019 after serving for 46 consecutive years. The Board of Directors expressed interest in renaming a trail in recognition of Director Hanko's extensive contributions to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. If approved by the Board of Directors, installation of new trail signage would cost approximately \$600. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 budget includes sufficient funds to cover the expenditures.

DISCUSSION

In 1970, Director Hanko, along with a handful of key open space preservation proponents, spearheaded a grassroots effort to form the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District), which was approved by the voters as Measure R in 1972. Director Hanko has served on the elected Board of Directors (Board) since 1972, including six terms as its appointed president. In addition to her service as a board member since the District's inception, Director Hanko served on the 2020 Task Force of Santa Clara County, which recommended that a new south county open space agency be formed to complete a ring of agencies circling the San Francisco Bay. This ultimately became the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Over the last decade, Director Hanko has been recognized for her preservation efforts and has been featured as one of the living visionaries of Bay Area open space in photographer/author Galen Rowell's book *Bay Area Wild*. She also received the World of Out of Doors Award from the Girl Scouts in Santa Clara County, and the prestigious "Creators of the Legacy" honor as part of the Palo Alto Centennial.

The Board President, with support of his fellow Board members, asked that the proposed renaming of the San Andreas Fault Trail be referred directly to the full Board of Directors prior to Director Hanko's retirement.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The material and construction cost of the recommended action is estimated at approximately \$600 to order and install new trail directional signs. Funds are available in the FY2017-18 Budget for these signs. In addition, the new trail name would be added to the District's website and signboard maps. Moreover, the next round of preserve brochures prints would also show the new trail name.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Board President referred this item directly to the full Board to consider its approval prior to Director Hanko's retirement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NEXT STEPS

If approved by the Board of Directors, staff will begin ordering the signage for installation in early 2019.

Attachment

1. Site map and location photos

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ATTACHMENT 1















