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October 12, 1977

Honorable Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Setting a date for a duly advertised public hearing to
establish certain historic trails as historic landmarks
in Santa Barbara County.

Gentlemen:

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the resolution and authorize its signature.

DISCUSSION:

Recently there have been many changes of ownership of lands in the foothills and south sides of the Santa Ynez Mountains where a number of historical trails are located. Avocado growing in these areas has led to extensive grading and damage and destruction to these historic trails. Accordingly, they should be made county historical landmarks to protect and preserve them.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Set 3 p.m., Monday, November 7, 1977 (or a later date not more than ninety days after the date of adoption of this resolution), for a public hearing, and direct publication of notice of the

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hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, once, at least ten days before the date of public hearing. (Copy of resolution to Dana D. Smith (County Counsel), and place on Administrative, under heading, "County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee.")

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. KADING, COUNTY COUNSEL

By

Dana D. Smith
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Assistant County Counsel

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1 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
2 COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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4 IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING)
5 CERTAIN HISTORIC TRAILS OF THE)
6 ABORIGINAL AND HISPANIC PERIODS) RESOLUTION NO. 77-508
7 OF CALIFORNIA AS HISTORICAL SITES)
8 FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD OF TIME.)

9 WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark
10 Advisory Committee is authorized and directed to advise the Board
11 of Supervisors on applications for preservation of historical
12 landmarks pursuant to Chapter 18A of the Santa Barbara County Code;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, said Chapter 18A and Section 25373 of the Govern-
15 ment Code on which said Chapter 18A is based refer to and include
16 "places" having historical interest; and

17 WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark
18 Advisory Committee, after a full hearing on the matter on Septem-
19 ber 8, 1977, as shown in the Minutes of said meeting attached hereto
20 and made a part hereof, has found that the Arroyo Burro Trail, the
21 Rattlesnake Trail, the Hot Spring Trail, the Romero Canyon Trail,
22 the Rincon Trail, and the Stage Coach or Slippery Rock or Goleta
23 Trail leading over San Marcos Pass (which could be designated as
24 the Fremont Trail) are all historic pedestrian and horseback trails
25 dating back to the aboriginal and hispanic days in California, and
26 can be described as "places" for purposes of classification as
27 historic landmarks; and

28 WHEREAS, all of the said historic trails in Santa Barbara
29 County are deemed worthy of consideration for preservation as
30 historical landmarks or points of historical interest, and are
31 historical resources of the State of California;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Arroyo Burro Trail, the Rattlesnake Trail, the

1 Hot Spring Trail, the Romero Canyon Trail, the Rincon Trail, and
2 the Fremont Trail in the County of Santa Barbara are hereby respec-
3 tively designated as Santa Barbara County Historical Landmarks
4 Numbers 14 through 19, respectively.

5 2. This designation shall remain in effect for a period
6 of ninety (90) days from and after the date of this resolution.
7 The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to set a
8 date and time for a public hearing on this matter, to be duly
9 advertised in the Santa Barbara News-Press, a newspaper of
10 general circulation in the County of Santa Barbara, in accordance
11 with the provisions of Government Code Section 6061, at least ten
12 (10) days before the date of the hearing.

13 3. At said public hearing, the Board of Supervisors shall
14 confirm or deny the action of the Santa Barbara County Historical
15 Landmark Advisory Committee in so designating the said trails as
16 historical landmarks.

17 4. If the Board of Supervisors shall confirm the said
18 action of the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory
19 Committee in whole, or in part, the Board of Supervisors shall
20 further request the State Historical Resources Commission to
21 register such historic trails by number and description either
22 as "historical landmarks" or as "points of historic interest,"
23 and to provide or cause to be provided appropriate plaques, markers
24 and directional signs therefor, as provided in Public Resources
25 Code Sections 5021 to 5022.6, inclusive.

26 PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the
27 County of Santa Barbara this 24th day of October,
28 1977, by the following vote:

29 AYES: David M. Yager, Robert E. Kallman, William B.
30 Wallace, Robert L. Hedlund and Harrell Fletcher

31 NOES: None

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ABSENT: None

HARRELL FLETCHER
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

HOWARD C. MENZEL, COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

By JANET SCHLESINGER (SEAL)
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA	) ss
County of Santa Barbara	)
I, HOWARD C. MENZEL, County Clerk-Recorder and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Santa Barbara, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now remaining on file and of record in my office.	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Board to be affixed this <u>24th</u> day of <u>October</u> , 19 <u>77</u>	
HOWARD C. MENZEL, County Clerk-Recorder	
By <u>Janet Schlesinger</u>	Deputy Clerk

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

HISTORICAL LANDMARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of September 8, 1977

The monthly meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 1977 by Chairman, Earl Calvert in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, Administration Building, 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California.

Members Present: Chairman, Earl Calvert, Mrs. Arthur Hebel, Mrs. E. H. Katenkamp, Miss Lutah Riggs and Mrs. Ben Dismuke.

Members Absent: Mr. Winston F. Wickenden, Mrs. G. Gifford Davidge and Mr. Finis Haskins.

Also Present: Dana D. Smith, Assistant County Counsel; Mr. E. H. Katenkamp; Mr. Denny Bungarz, District Ranger, Santa Barbara Los Padres National Forest; Mr. E. R. (Jim) Blakley, Naturalist and Historian of the Santa Barbara County Back Country; and Dr. Lewis Walton, Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee.

The meeting opened with the introduction of Dana Smith who, in turn, introduced the other men.

Mr. Dana Smith stated that giving a trail an historic recognition would give it importance that is needed to save it from being destroyed. There are six such trails in the South County.

Mr. Denny Bungarz then began with Rincon Trail, the most southern and the oldest, for it was an old Indian route from the coast to the upper Ojai. Americans used it when Shepard's Inn organized rides into the back country over to Peak Divide.

The second is Romero, the most historic trail. Indians used it to reach Blue Canyon to Mono to Tulare areas. Two expeditions used this path during the Mexican period, and it was used by ranches in the upper Santa Ynez Valley (Los Prietos, etc.). Grizzly bears were through-out this area. The Mono adobe, built in 1905 by Tom Dinsmore, Forest Ranger, as living quarters, was reached by Romero Trail and Cold Springs Trail.

The San Ysidro Trail is privately owned but has much history.

The third trail mentioned as worthy of recognition is Hot Springs (to Cold Springs). It is short and was an Indian trail, but much of it is privately owned.

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Number four, Rattlesnake Canyon Trail, is privately owned the first mile. It went to the upper quicksilver mines on the south side of Gibraltar Lake. It goes to Los Flores Flats, a homestead in early days, now owned by the Brothers of the Sun. This area was also used by the Indians.

The fifth trail that was described is the Arroyo Burro, which comes down to the Cater Filtering Plant. In early days it went all the way to the beach. Indians used it to reach the Rancho Oso area. Russell Ruiz's great grandfather, major domo at the Mission, had a ranch in Peach Tree Canyon, then acquired Rancho Oso, using the Arroyo Burro Trail.

The old La Cumbre Trail lies under Gibraltar Road, but one can find evidences, such as Inspiration Point, along the road. The Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce developed trails for riding in 1906 for it was very popular to organize day- and overnight-rides from the famous hotels.

The sixth and last trail, the Fremont, has much history. Part of it was the old stage route, over the top of San Marcos Pass to Slippery Rock, and down. It was a well-used Indian trail. The Mission Fathers had Indians cut a path so that timber could be brought down. It was the main route to the San Marcos Cattle Ranch and on to the Santa Ynez Mission. Fremont came that way into Santa Barbara.

Mr. Dana Smith asked Dr. Lewis Walton, Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee, to speak to our Committee. Dr. Walton then expressed his deep appreciation for our attention.

Mrs. Ben Dismuke moved that the Committee recommend the six riding and hiking trails designated be preserved as historical sites for an interim period and that the Board of Supervisors be asked to transmit to the State Historical Resources Commission for inclusion in its "Historic Resources Inventory" or "Points of Historic Interest" these six designated trails. Mrs. Katenkamp seconded the motion, and all members gave an affirmative vote to the roll call.

A letter of sympathy to Mrs. Davidge was signed by members present.

The Minutes of the July meeting were approved as mailed.

The copies of two letters written to Mr. Allan Coates about a) the Palm trees, and b) the site of the original Carpinteria Library and the letter about the library plaque to the Board of Supervisors were mentioned. Mr. Weddle's letter to Mr. Wickenden concerning the site of

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the Benjamin Foxen Adobe was discussed, and a definition of a site as designated by State law is desired.

Mrs. Katenkamp reported on the Weeping Willow Bar area. She will get the owner's name and address from Mr. Seph Dias (phone 969-3173), who rents the old saloon building that we toured in August.

Mrs. Hebel moved that the owners be contacted to see if they are interested in making the saloon building a County landmark. Mrs. Dismuke seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Katenkamp had contacted Mr. Al Weingand about the San Ysidro Adobe office building. He spoke to the owner who, at present, does not want to cooperate in any way with the County. She also will check again with the owner of the Hosmer Adobe.

There is a new manager at Birnham Wood. Mrs. Katenkamp sent a letter, enclosing a form, but she has not received a reply from the Club. Mrs. Katenkamp also reported that the lessee of the Massini Adobe would like to purchase the building and restore it.

A letter from Mr. Henry D. Baylor was read urging that the Margaret Baylor Inn be restored as the name of the building now called the Lobero Building.

Miss Lutah Riggs explained that she thought the County owned the building and gave a history of Margaret Baylor's contribution to the City of Santa Barbara. No action was taken until the ownership of the building is determined.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna N. Hebel (pm)

(Mrs.) Anna N. Hebel
Secretary Pro Tem

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