

**RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 1, 2007

TO: General Manager

FROM: Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution Expressing Support for Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor Project Between Alamos Canyon and Malibu Creek State Park

Over the past year The Nature Conservancy, in conjunction with the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, has been studying the idea of establishing a regional trail and wildlife corridor between Alamos Canyon in Simi Valley and the historic Reagan Ranch located within Malibu Creek State Park. The western inter-mountain range habitat between the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills is one of the most threatened habitat linkages in the region. The trail component of the project revitalizes an earlier State Park initiated "Simi to the Sea" trail.

The Nature Conservancy has initiated conversations with the Reagan Presidential Library regarding formally naming the trail and wildlife corridor after the late President. The trail/animal corridor would be in close proximity to the Library and as stated above, would terminate at the former Reagan Ranch in Malibu Creek State Park.

A major component of the project is acquisition of fee simple or easement rights, coordinated by the Nature Conservancy, of up to seven private parcels. Included would be a sizeable acquisition of property north of the Ronald Reagan freeway in Alamos Canyon. The trail/wildlife corridor would be multi-jurisdictional, including portions of the District's Tierra Rejada Park and Mt. McCoy Open Space lands.

A kick off meeting was hosted last month by the District. Attendees included representatives from RSRPD, Conejo Open Space and Conservation Authority, National Park Service, State Parks, Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council, The Nature Conservancy, City of Simi Valley, and the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program. Also invited were representatives from the Reagan Presidential Library and the Calleguas Municipal Water District. Future meetings are planned and the group agreed that as many agencies as possible should adopt resolutions or positions that recognize and support the project. Invitations to the next meeting will also be extended to Ventura County, Los Angeles County, and the City of Agoura Hills.

A conceptual map of the trail and wildlife corridor element is attached.

Board Action Requested:

That the Board approve the Resolution Expressing Support for the Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor Project Between Alamos Canyon and Malibu Creek State Park.



Ed Hayduk
Assistant General Manager

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A REAGAN LEGACY TRAIL
AND WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PROJECT BETWEEN ALAMOS CANYON
AND MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has determined that the natural land connections along the proposed Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor, including the Tierra Rejada Valley between the Santa Susana Mountains, the Simi Hills, and the Santa Monica Mountains, contain unique ecological, visual, historical and recreational resources; and

WHEREAS, the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has further determined that a contiguous trail and wildlife corridor system between Alamos Canyon and the Reagan Ranch in Malibu Creek State Park would be of significant regional benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is the owner of protected public open space within the proposed Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor Project, including Tierra Rejada Park, Mt. McCoy Open Space, and public open space within the community of Oak Park; and

WHEREAS, numerous public and non-profit entities have expressed support for the permanent establishment of a multi-jurisdictional, multi-use public trail from the 118 Freeway to the Reagan Ranch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District does hereby express support for the Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor Project Between Alamos Canyon and Malibu Creek State Park, and hereby commits to working with the Nature Conservancy and other interested governmental agencies and non-profit entities in making the project a reality.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District at a regular meeting held on March 1, 2007, at 1692 Sycamore Drive, Simi Valley, California, on a motion by

AYES:

NOES:

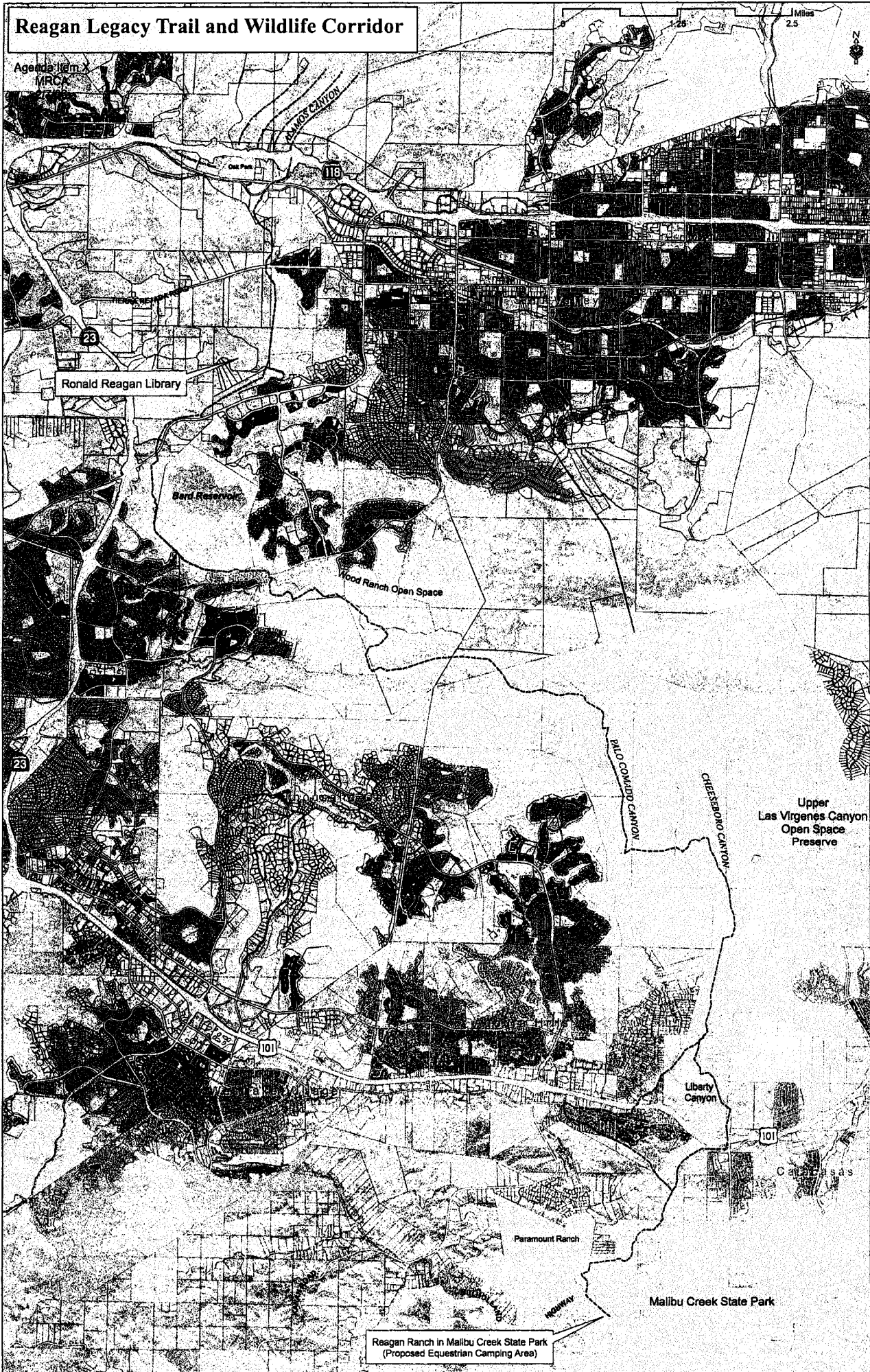
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chair, Board of Directors
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor

Agenda Item X
MRCRA
12/17/11



Reagan Ranch in Malibu Creek State Park
(Proposed Equestrian Camping Area)