

July 26, 2005

Board of Directors
Marin County Open Space District
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

**SUBJECT: SECOND AMENDMENT TO TRAIL LEASE AGREEMENT
– BIG ROCK RIDGE**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the President, on behalf of the Board, to execute the attached Second Amendment to Lease Agreement to extend, for an additional ten years, an existing trail lease through private property on Big Rock Ridge.
2. Authorize the expenditure of \$9000 from budget center 917, account 4064 (land acquisition) in accordance with the terms of the original lease and lease amendment.

SUMMARY: In August 2001, your Board entered into a lease agreement with the owners of H Ranch that allows public pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle use of a fire protection road atop Big Rock Ridge that passes through a portion of the ranch. This road segment is a vital link in the District's trail system because it connects the northern terminus of the popular Big Rock Trail with the Lucas Valley Open Space Preserve and other District lands and trails to the east.

The original lease provided for a single two-year extension, which your Board approved in 2003. The extension expires on August 8, 2005. Your Board's approval of the attached lease amendment will allow public use of the subject road to continue for an additional ten years.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost of the lease is \$9,000 per year during the first four years of the amended lease. Afterwards, as specified in the amendment, the annual payment will increase to \$10,000 per year.

Sufficient funds have been allocated in the District's FY 05-06 budget to cover the first year's payment.

REVIEWED BY: Auditor-Controller N/A
 County Counsel N/A
 Human Resources N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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