

December 4, 2018

Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
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Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Director of the Public Works Agency or Designee to Sign, an Easement Deed from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (WPD) to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District (RSRPD) Granting RSRPD a Non-Exclusive Right-of-Way Easement for Trail Purposes Permitting Riding and Hiking by the General Public on WPD Property. WPD Zone 3, Supervisorial District No. 4

Recommendations:

1. Approve the attached Easement Deed (Exhibit 1) from the Ventura County Water Protection District (WPD) to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District (RSRPD) granting RSRPD a non-exclusive right-of-way easement for public trail purposes.
2. Authorize the Director of the Public Works Agency, or his designee, to execute the proposed Easement Deed.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item:

Discussion:

Runkle Canyon, LLC is the developer of the Runkle Canyon residential development project (Tract No. 5364) in the City of Simi Valley (Exhibit 2). As a condition of the development, Runkle Canyon, LLC was required to construct improvements to the Runkle Canyon Channel to reduce and convey the 100-year flood flows within the development.

Channel improvements have been completed by Runkle Canyon, LLC and WPD has accepted and recorded fee ownership of the real property rights for channel improvements pursuant to Agreement No. WP-3-2013-2 between WPD and Runkle Canyon, LLC, which was approved by your Board on January 14, 2014 (Exhibit 3). As the fee owner of the improved channel property, WPD proposes to grant RSRPD a non-exclusive right-of-way



easement for public trail purposes to authorize riding and hiking by the general public over the land identified as "A3" on the map for Tract No. 5364-4 (see Exhibit 2). The easement is subject to the emergency and maintenance operations of the WPD. Approval of the residential development was conditioned on RSRPD being granted a non-exclusive easement for public trail purposes. RSRPD is required to maintain and repair the trail, which also serves as WPD's maintenance road for the channel, at RSRPD's sole expense. In maintaining the trail, RSRPD will be required to comply with the Ventura County Stormwater Quality Management Program and other state and federal Clean Water Act requirements.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Charles E. Alvarez, Manager of the Real Estate Services Division, at 654-2402, or the undersigned at 654-2084.

Respectfully,



J. Tabin Cosio
Director, Central Services Department

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Easement Deed
- Exhibit 2 – Map of Tract 5364-4 (163 MR 25)
- Exhibit 3 – Agreement No. WP-3-2013-2

