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MEMORANDUM

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Subject Approval of Addendum 2 to the Ramona Grasslands Preserve Project Mitigated Negative Declaration

The County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has completed Addendum 2 to the adopted Ramona Grasslands Preserve Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (SCH Number 2011111054). The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the adopted MND on August 7, 2013. Addendum 2 addresses changes to the multi-use trail system not previously included in the approved project. The changes include the closure and passive restoration of a portion of the existing Old Survey Road 97 trail, the construction of a rerouted trail alignment, the maintenance and formalization of an existing trail, and the opening of both the rerouted and existing trails for year-round use by equestrians, hikers, and cyclists.

As demonstrated in Addendum 2, the changes to the approved project analyzed in the adopted MND would not result in new significant impacts or substantially increase the severity of significant impacts previously identified in the adopted MND. Additionally, the mitigation measures set forth in the adopted MND are still applicable, and no new mitigation measures are required to mitigate the changes to the approved project. Therefore, DPR, as the Lead Agency, has determined that, consistent with the CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, an addendum to the MND is sufficient and appropriate. Per the CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, public review of the addendum is not required.

On today's date, DPR has approved Addendum 2 to the MND and will initiate the first phase of implementation of the revised project. The first phase will include construction of 0.6 miles of the 1.3-mile trail reroute alignment, followed by permanent closure and passive restoration of the northwest-most 1.1 miles of the existing Old Survey Road 97 trail, and lastly opening the revised trail for year-round multi-use by the public. Subsequent phases will include completing the remaining 0.7 miles of the trail reroute and connecting it to a 0.2-mile segment of an existing trail at the northern end of the preserve, as considered in the addendum's environmental analysis. DPR will implement the subsequent phases as funding and resources are available.

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