



County of San Luis Obispo, California

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

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### **COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** General Services Agency / Curtis Black 781-5204, Shaun Cooper 781-4388

**SUBJECT:** Request that the Parks and Recreation Commission Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Joint Operating Agreement between the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo and the County of San Luis Obispo for the Octagon Barn Center/Bob Jones Pathway staging area.  
District 3

**DATE:** 4/24/2014

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached Joint Operating Agreement between the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County and the County of San Luis Obispo for the Octagon Barn/ Bob Jones Pathway staging area.

**Discussion:**

The City and County of San Luis Obispo have been working on portions of the Bob Jones Pathway. Each entity has built sections of the pathway with the goal of connecting the City of San Luis Obispo to Avila Beach. The County currently operates approximately 2.5-miles of the Bob Jones Pathway between the Ontario Road Staging Area and Avila Beach.

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County have been working with the County to extend the Bob Jones Pathway from the Land Conservancy's Octagon Barn site, located on South Higuera Street, to the County's Ontario Road Staging Area. This new segment would be approximately 4.4-miles long. The Land Conservancy has assisted the County by working with property owners, and offering the Octagon Barn site as a staging area for the pathway.

The Land Conservancy has been restoring the Octagon Barn and improving the Octagon Barn site with the goal of developing a center for events and interpretive education. The site plan includes: restrooms; complete restoration of the onsite buildings; landscaping; and parking. The ability to cooperate with the development costs and maintenance of these onsite improvements will benefit both the Octagon Barn Center and the Bob Jones Pathway.

The attached Joint Operating Agreement stipulates the commitment and responsibilities of the Land Conservancy and the County regarding the development and maintenance of the Octagon Barn site.

**Other Agency Involvement:**

Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, County Counsel, and Real Property Services.

**Financial Considerations:**

Financial impacts are consistent with previously approved Memorandum of Understanding wherein County shall be responsible for grading, parking improvements, installation of and a restroom building, left turn lane improvements, and trailhead with amenities. The LCSLO will be responsible to construct all additional project components and maintain all of the site improvements the future.

Costs are approved and allocated to the Bob Jones pathway project.

**Results:**

Approving the attached Joint Operating Agreement will result in a more livable and well-governed community by providing a cost-effective mechanism for the development and maintenance of public improvements.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Joint Operating Agreement for Octagon Barn Site