

Summary of BOCC Public Hearing held on Jan. 12, 2006

Lyons to Hall Ranch connection

Motion: To adopt the staff-recommended Modified Option A with the caveat that the following issues can be satisfactorily addressed before implementation: parking, breakaway bridge design, public safety on Old S. Road, and wildlife impacts. Should the grant request for the SH 7 separated trail be approved by DRCOG, then Comm. Toor reserves the right to reconsider this issue and his vote.

Motion passed 2-1 with Comm. Pearlman in opposition.

Heil Valley Ranch to Lyons connection

Motion: To adopt the suite of staff recommendations including the loop trail, connector trail, and closure area.

Motion passed 3-0.

The BOCC also commented that they are supportive of allowing flexibility in trail layout/design and are open to the idea of minor intrusions into closure areas in order to develop sustainable trails, so long as it is not a significant deviation from the original proposal and the initial spirit and intent.

Reminder: Should the location of the northern trailhead parking area change from the proposed location off of Hwy. 36/66, then the Department shall host another open house in Lyons to hear citizen concerns/suggestions and bring the issue to POSAC and the BOCC for review and approval.