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AGENDA: 6/26/07

June 21, 2007

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Members of the Board:

As you may recall, in July of 2006, this Board adopted Resolution No. 247-2006 opposing the Foothill-South Toll Road through San Onofre State Beach (see attached information). Since then, several statewide community and environmental groups including the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the Surfrider Foundation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the California Parks Foundation, the Endangered Habitats League, the California State Democratic Party, and others have all stepped forward to oppose the toll road.

Recently, we have been made aware of federal legislation that will require the toll road to meet all federal and state environmental standards. Representative Susan Davis has introduced an amendment to the House Defense Appropriations Bill that repeals a federal rider that exempts the toll road from having to meet federal and state laws. Because of this federal rider, the Orange County Transportation Corridor Agency's proposed toll road currently does not have to follow a standard public process and is exempt from environmental standards and reviews. Representative Davis's amendment will mandate that this project be subjected to the same standard and review as every other project in California.

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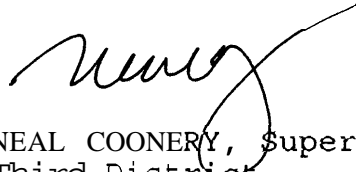
Although this issue is in Orange County, we believe it potentially sets a disturbing precedent for the many state parks in our county.

Therefore, we request that the Board direct the Chairperson to write a letter on behalf of the Board to our federal representatives asking that they support the repeal of the federal rider exempting the Foothill-South Toll Road through San Onofre State Park so that this project can receive the benefit of being vetted through the state and federal review process.

Sincerely,



TONY CAMPOS, Supervisor  
Fourth District



NEAL COONERY, Supervisor  
Third District

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Attachments

cc: Representative Davis

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AGENDA: 8/8/06

July 31, 2006

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
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RE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION  
OF SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a letter from a representative of the Natural Resources Defense Council requesting that this Board adopt a resolution in support of the State Parks system and, particularly, San Onofre State Beach by opposing the proposed Foothill-South Toll Road, which would run through four miles of the heart of the park. Also attached is backup information in support of this request.

Our State Parks system represents an incredible resource for the people of California. As the State's population continues to grow, this resource will become even more important. The precedent of constructing a toll road through the heart of a major State beach threatens the long term integrity of the State Parks throughout the state. In addition, this proposal seems particularly egregious, since alternative alignments that would not impact the park have been identified. Because of the precedent setting nature of this proposal, I think it is reasonable to join with other communities and State officials to support the action of the State Park and Recreation Commission opposing the project.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution endorsing the action of the State Park and

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Recreation Commission opposing the Foothill-South Toll Road and  
requesting the withdrawal of the proposal.

Sincerely,  


MARDI WORMHOUDT, Supervisor  
Third District

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Attachments

cc: John Enders, Natural Resources Defense Council

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 247-2006

On the motion of Supervisor Pirie  
duly seconded by Supervisor Campos  
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FOOTHILL-SOUTH TOLL ROAD  
AND REQUESTING THAT THE FOOTHILL/EASTERN TRANSPORTATION  
CORRIDOR AGENCY IMMEDIATELY AND PERMANENTLY WITHDRAW  
ITS PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A TOLL ROAD WITH AN ALIGNMENT  
THROUGH THE STATE PARK AT SAN ONOFRE

WHEREAS, California's first state park was established in 1864 with land granted by President Abraham Lincoln, and the California State Parks system was created in 1927 "to preserve outstanding natural, scenic, and cultural values, indigenous aquatic and terrestrial fauna and flora, and the most significant examples of ecological regions of California"; and

WHEREAS, from ancient redwoods to desert buttes, from Southern California's iconic beaches to the opulence of Hearst Castle, the California State Parks system contains a diverse collection of historical, environmental and recreational resources second to none in the nation; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks are the crown jewels of the state, designated for the benefit of all California residents in order to improve our lives by providing healthy outdoor and educational experiences; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks provide a significant economic benefit to the people of California, generating, according to estimates from the Department of Parks and Recreation, about 80 million visitors from around the world who spend approximately \$2.6 billion directly, with an additional \$4 billion in indirect contributions; and

WHEREAS, California State Park lands are designated for their protection and preservation on behalf of future generations and should not be warehoused for later development in a manner inconsistent with State Park purposes; and

WHEREAS, protection of State Park lands is a matter of paramount statewide concern which requires that these lands not become the least costly alternative for major infrastructure projects deemed to be necessary for uses inconsistent with State Park purposes; and

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FOOTHILL-SOUTH TOLL ROAD AND REQUESTING THAT THE FOOTHILL/EASTERN TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AGENCY IMMEDIATELY AND PERMANENTLY WITHDRAW ITS PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A TOLL ROAD WITH AN ALIGNMENT THROUGH THE STATE PARK AT SAN ONOFRE  
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WHEREAS, on November 18, 2005, the California State Park and Recreation Commission (Commission), in a resolution entitled "Opposing a Proposed Tollroad Alignment and Request for Action to Protect San Onofre State Beach," reaffirmed the principle that State Parks are "designated for their protection and preservation on behalf of this and future generations and should not be used in a manner inconsistent with state park purposes"; and

WHEREAS, in said resolution, the Commission (i) urged abandonment of the proposed toll road, called the Foothill-South Toll Road, that would run "over four miles in length through the heart of the nearly 1,200 acre [inland portion] of San Onofre State Beach" and (ii) requested that the "Governor, in concert with the Attorney General's office, oppose any major transportation arterial through San Onofre State Beach using all appropriate methods, including litigation if necessary, to defend this valuable and irreplaceable public resource"; and

WHEREAS, the State Park at San Onofre State Beach was set aside for the people of California in 1971 by Governor Ronald Reagan, who proclaimed that "one of the greatest legacies we can leave to future generations is the heritage of our land, but unless we can preserve and protect the unspoiled areas which God has given us, we will have nothing to leave them," and has since become one of the top most visited State Parks in California; and

WHEREAS, the taking of such park land by a toll road would destroy this unique Southern California coastal unit of the State Parks system, and set a dangerous statewide precedent that might in the future be cited in justifying the destruction and degradation of other State Parks; and

WHEREAS, in said resolution, the Commission recognized that "viable alternative routes and traffic improvements exist which do not depend upon the San Onofre State Beach!"; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Foothill-South Toll Road would create a precedent that could undermine the protection of State Parks throughout the state.

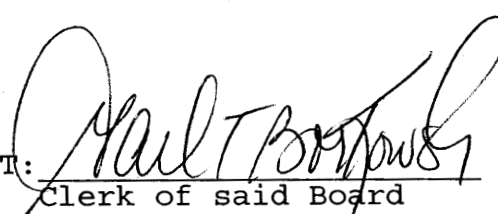
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors endorses the resolution adopted by the State Park and Recreation Commission on November 18, 2005, opposing the Foothill-South Toll Road and requests that the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency immediately and permanently withdraw its plans to construct a toll road with an alignment through the state park at San Onofre.

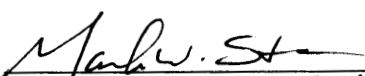
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 8th day of August, 2006, by the following vote:

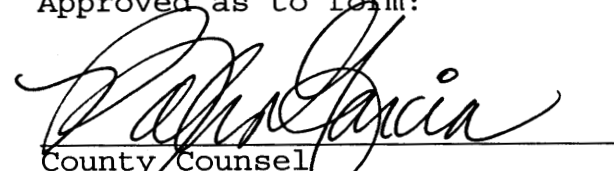
AYES: SUPERVISORS Beautz, Pirie, Wormhoudt, Campos and Stone  
NOES: SUPERVISORS None  
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of said Board

  
MARK W. STONE, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:

  
County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency  
Governor Schwarzenegger  
California Resources Agency  
State Department of Parks and Recreation  
Attorney General's Office  
State Treasurer's Office  
State Department of Transportation  
Natural Resources Defense Council

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