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TO: Foothill/Trabuco Specific Plan Review Board

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SUBJECT: **PA#20-0074** - Saddle Club Preservation Property Site Use Plan Implementation Project

APPLICANT: The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency

RECOMMENDATION

By motion find that:

1. The Advisory Committee received the proposed project memorandum and finds that the proposed project is consistent with the Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan; and
2. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Director approves the proposed Site Development Permit.

SUMMARY

Planning Application PA20-0074 requests approval of a Site Development Permit to remove abandoned equestrian uses, restore and enhance habitats onsite for mitigation purposes, and initiate a pilot program that will utilize the existing fire road onsite as a trail for limited recreational activities including hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

BACKGROUND

The subject property (Site) at 31101 Live Oak Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon, CA is located within the Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan in unincorporated Orange County at the corner of Trabuco Canyon Road and Live Oak Canyon Road. The Site is comprised of one (1) parcel with Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 125-035-34 and is located within Trabuco Canyon Residential District in the Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan.

DISCUSSION

The previous equestrian use on the Site was abandoned while materials/buildings associated with the equestrian use remain. The proposed project involves the demolition, removal, salvage and/or disposal of materials associated with the previous equestrian use and the removal of ornamental vegetation. Additionally, the project involves the restoration and enhancement of habitats onsite for mitigation purposes. The final phase of the project includes establishment of limited low impact recreational activities consistent with the Foothill/Trabuco Specific Plan, i.e., hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding pursuant to section III.D.6.o. The public will be allowed open self-guided access to the property pursuant to the Resource Management Plan (RMP) public access guidelines.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, as lead agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this project, adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration

(MND) SCH # 2019099042 on December 20, 2021. The County of Orange, as a responsible agency under CEQA Guidelines section 15381, has reviewed and considered the MND prepared and adopted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency and certifies it has done so. As a responsible agency, the County of Orange is authorized by Guidelines section 15096 to rely on the MND adopted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency.

Attachments:

1. Applicant Project Description
2. Project Plans
3. Site Photos