



September 18, 2006

Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council
C/o Wes Burke, Trails Committee Chair

VIA EMAIL

RE: Proposed De Anza Trail
Link Between Santa Margarita and Garden Farm

Members of the Council:

On Sunday, September 17th, we met with members of your trail's committee and walked a route believed to offer a unique recreational experience, as well as a convenient and safe pedestrian connection between the communities of Garden Farms and Santa Margarita. Its location would also serve to protect the Ranch's agricultural, environmental, and functional integrity.

Our family, along with the community, is interested in having this trail become a reality sooner than later. Thus, we are willing to gift and dedicate a strip of land up to 25' wide to the County, predicated upon certain conditions and obligations being met by the County.

CONDITIONS OF OFFER:

1. A 25' right-of-way (R.O.W.) to become a public bike path and equestrian trail with costs to improve borne by the County, including any and all fencing.
2. The R.O.W. is a surface right only (no subsurface rights) would be included. It would be a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress.
3. The Ranch would maintain several existing and future surface crossings, as well as overhead and subterranean rights.
4. The portion of trail right-of-way previously granted on A.P.N # 070-111-036, which effectively dead ends on the parcel's southern boundary, would be abandoned to a location of the proposed creek crossing connecting to this new R.O.W.

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5. Where creek crossings involve shared use with the Ranch, the cost for implementing these crossings would be shared 50/50 between the property owner and the County.
6. This offer for both R.O.W. and shared cost for "certain crossings", mentioned in # 5 above, are condition upon the County acting on this offer, providing the funding for construction and accepting it at completion. We make this offer with a five (5) year "sunset" if not completed and accepted subject to the terms listed herein.
7. This trail would be designated as a portion of the De Anza Trail, and we would respectively retain the right to name this portion.

This is a proposal in concept. If it meets with S.M.A.A.C.'s approval, we should jointly meet with the County to determine how to proceed.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Rossi/Kg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rob Rossi
RR/kg

Enclosure: Concept Trail Location

Cc: Doug Filipponi, Santa Margarita Ranch Representative
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 Aaron Lazanoff, Margarita Cattle Company Operations