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Board of Directors Marin County Open Space District 3501 Civic Center Drive San Rafael, California 94903

## SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS TO EFFECT TWO TRAIL EASEMENT EXCHANGES WITH FRENCH RANCH, LLC, RELATED TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE FRENCH RANCH OPEN SPACE PRESERVE, SAN GERONIMO

Dear Board Members:

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. Authorize the President to execute a Resolution authorizing execution of two quitclaim deeds to French Ranch, LLC.
- 2. Authorize the President to execute two Quitclaim Deds to convey portions of two existing trail easements the District holds over the French Ranch, LLC, property to French Ranch, LLC.
- 3. Authorize the President to execute the attached Certificates of Acceptance of Grant of Interest in Real Property to acquire two new trail easements over the French Ranch, LLC property from French Ranch, LLC.

**SUMMARY**: At the present time, two portions of the recently completed Top Flite Trail are not within the boundaries of existing trail easements that encumber the property of French Ranch LLC. The recommended actions trade two existing easements for two new easements to remedy this circumstance. Public access through French Ranch LLC's property would not be affected by these actions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No fiscal impact. The landowner is conveying the easements to the District without cost.

<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	[ ] Auditor Controller	[ X ] N/A
	[ X ] County Counsel	[ ] N/A
	[ ] Human Resources	[ X ] N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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