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Board of Directors  
Marin County Open Space District  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR A TRAIL EASEMENT FROM S. BRUCE BURMAN AND CARLA ANN BURMAN, RELATED TO ACCESS TO THE FRENCH RANCH OPEN SPACE PRESERVE, SAN GERONIMO**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize the President to execute the attached Certificate of Acceptance of Grant of Interest in Real Property to acquire a trail easement over the Burman Family Trust property from S. Bruce Burman and Carla Ann Burman.

**SUMMARY:** As part of an agreement with the French Ranch, LLC, the Open Space District replaced an undersized culvert with a wet crossing on the Top Flite Trail, near its intersection with Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. A small portion of the new crossing is located on private property. To address this circumstance, the landowner has agreed to convey a new easement to the District that corresponds to that portion of the crossing that lies outside of the existing trail easement. The recommended actions would not affect public access to the French Ranch Open Space Preserve.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No fiscal impact. The landowner would convey the easement to the District without cost.

**REVIEWED BY:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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