

May 23, 2003

Matt Brohan
Department of Parks
And Recreation
County of San Diego
5201 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123-1699

Dear Mr. Brohan:

The Hidden Meadows Community Sponsor Group formally requests a modification to the "Park Lands Dedication Ordinance", number 8607. The modification involves the deletion of four words "riding and hiking trails" from Chapter 1, Section 810.102, Paragraph (g).

This paragraph defines "Active Recreational Uses" and specifically excludes riding and hiking trails. The deletion of this exclusion would enable community organizations throughout the county to use PLDO funds for this popular recreational activity. It is my understanding that the current ordinance restriction is unique to San Diego County and is not mandated by the State of California.

The Hidden Meadows community has actively participated in the County's Trails Master Plan and is included in the draft prepared by Kim Zuppiger of DPLU. Our plan includes seven miles of high priority trails and the construction of trails has been our first priority for the past two years. It will remain our top priority for the foreseeable future. We do not presently have any trails.

While the County's trails project offers a coordinated solution, we have been waiting for the ability to begin our program for two years and the projected completion of the County project is another year away. The use of PLDO funds has been identified by the trails project team as a potential revenue source. The modification of this ordinance would need to take place for that project anyway. This modification will enable Hidden Meadows and other communities to begin trails development now instead of later.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Francl
Chairman