

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Rincon Multi-Use Trail Project

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 8

STAFF CONTACT: Fred Luna

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive an update from SBCAG and City of Carpinteria staff on recent developments on the Rincon Multi-Use Trail Project.
- B. Consider approval of the request by the City of Carpinteria to use funds for the study of other alternatives.

DISCUSSION:

On December 16, 2021 and January 20, 2022, the SBCAG received information regarding developments on the Rincon Trail project being led by the City of Carpinteria. At the conclusion of the meeting on the January 20, 2022 board approved the use of additional funding for the City to complete work on the environmental and design related to the City's preferred alternative in their Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The funding approved by SBCAG board was in the amount of \$550,000 and in February 2022, the SBCAG board approved amendment no. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SBCAG and the City of Carpinteria to put this funding into place.

Following the approval action by the City Planning Commission on January 18, 2022, the City received 3 appeals. The City held a hearing on the appeals at their March 28, 2022 City Council meeting. The results from the meeting were that the City Council upheld the appeal but under the conditions that the City, as the applicant for the Rincon Project, return with findings related to two other alternatives within the EIR prepared by the City. However, with the challenge of needing to complete the deliverables for the Rincon project and submit funding allocation documents by August 2022, continues to put pressure on ability to successfully deliver the Project.

At the board meeting, SBCAG staff will provide an update on the Project schedule and City staff will provide an update about next steps being requested by the City Council and a request to utilize previously approved funding for additional work that is not entirely in alignment with previous SBCAG board direction.