



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 1, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Attorney's Office

SUBJECT: Resolution Accepting A Grant Deed From The Trust For Public Land For Vacant Land Along Lower Arroyo Burro Watershed

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council Adopt, by Reading of Title Only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting a Grant Deed from the Trust for Public Land for Real Property Along the Lower Arroyo Burro Watershed.

DISCUSSION:

On September 22, 2015, the City Council received presentations from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and City Staff regarding the potential acquisition of approximately 14.74 acres of vacant land along the lower Arroyo Burro watershed. The real property in question was the site of the proposed "Veronica Meadows" development project. The presentations outlined a proposal where TPL would acquire the real property from the private owner and would then turn the property over to the City for creek restoration and open space park purposes.

Following the TPL and Staff presentations, the City Council unanimously voted to fund a portion of the acquisition of the property with \$2.7 million from the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Fund and authorized the City Administrator to execute documentation necessary to accept title to the real property. The balance of the \$4 million purchase price was arranged by TPL through grants from the California Coastal Conservancy (\$500,000), the California Natural Resources Agency (\$500,000) and the Santa Barbara County Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (\$300,000).

Since September 22, 2015, City Staff have been working with TPL to process the documents necessary to consummate the purchase and sale and for the City to accept title to the real property. The proposed resolution ratifies the Council's action of September 22, 2015 and authorizes the City Administrator to accept the grant deed on behalf of the City.

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