



September 5, 2019

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Solano County
675 Texas St., 6th Floor
Fairfield, CA 94533

Subject: Request for consent to use \$200,000 in Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District Funds to fund a portion of the acquisition of the Souza-Azevedo Ranch (APN: 0180-050-030)

Dear Chuck and Jeanette:

Solano Land Trust (SLT) requests consent to use \$200,000 from the Solano County Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District Fund (GVOSMD) to fund a portion of the purchase of the Souza-Azevedo Ranch (APN: 0180-050-030) consistent with the 1990 Open Space Agreement (attached).

The agreement states that SLT (also known as the Solano County Open Space Foundation) "...shall use the funds to acquire, own and manage to the extent feasible and appropriate, land in Green Valley for the preservation of agricultural and open space land, unless consent to acquisition of land outside Green Valley is given by the City, the County and the Board of Directors of the Green Valley Landowners Association..."

The Souza-Azevedo Ranch is adjacent to Lynch Canyon Open Space Park. It is a strategic acquisition to expand Lynch Canyon Open Space Park, extend the Bay Area Ridge Trail and to permanently protect land in the Tri-City County Cooperative Planning Area (between the cities of Fairfield, Vallejo and Benicia).

SLT is also requesting consent from the City of Fairfield to use \$425,000 from Community Facilities District #2 (CFD #2) Funds.

Together, the CFD #2 and GVOSMD funds will provide \$625,000 towards the acquisition costs.

Roger Merrill, Green Valley Landowners Association (GVLA) president, has provided a letter of consent by GVLA for use of these funds. (See attached.)



Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Braddock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicole" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Braddock".

Nicole Braddock
Executive Director

Attachments:

1. Letter of support for use of CFD#2 and GVOSMD money from Green Valley
Landowners Association President, Roger Merrill
2. 1990 Open Space Agreement

cc:

1. Birgitta Corsello, Solano County Administrator
2. William F. Emlen, Director, Resource Management, Solano County
3. Matt Walsh, Principal Planner, Solano County
4. Sean Quinn, City Manager, City of Fairfield
5. Bryan Chua, Budget Manager, City of Fairfield
6. Karen L. Rees, City of Fairfield, City Clerk

August 26, 2019

Ms. Nicole Braddock
Executive Director
Solano Land Trust
700 Main Street, Suite 210
Suisun City, CA 94585

Subject: Green Valley Landowners Association Consent for Use of Funds

Dear Ms. Braddock:

The Green Valley Landowners Association (GVLA) consents to the use of funds from the Community Facilities District #2 (CFD #2) Fund through the City of Fairfield and Green Valley Open Space Maintenance District (GVOSMD) Fund through Solano County to cover a portion of the cost of land acquisition of a property adjacent to the Lynch Canyon Open Space Park. It is our understanding that approximately \$424,000 will come from CFD #2 Fund and \$201,000 from the GVOSMD Fund for a total of \$625,000.

We agree that the use of these funds is consistent with the 1990 Open Space Agreement to which GVLA is a party.

On behalf of the GVLA members and residents, and the region as a whole, we look forward to the expansion of the Lynch Canyon Open Space Park as protected open space for use by the community at large.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Merrill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Roger Merrill

President of the Board of Directors
Green Valley Landowners Association