



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Board of Supervisors

**DATE:** November 6, 2008

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** November 18, 2008

**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None

**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier  
**SUBJECT:** Real property offered for sale by the US Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Land Management

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept staff recommendation to decline opportunity to purchase two parcels in the county being offered for sale by the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

**VISION ALIGNMENT:**

**Commitment:** Responsive, effective and collaborative government

**Goal:** Government decisions are based on careful consideration of future impact, rather than temporary relief or immediate gain.

**BACKGROUND:**

The US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, has notified the county of the bureau's intent to sell two parcels of real property in the county. Each parcel is currently undeveloped, approximately 40 acres in size and located in southern and southeastern unincorporated San Mateo County. The BLM-designated parcels are not adjacent to each other.

Parcel No. 1, the more westerly property, APN 084141020, is approximately two miles north of Butano State Park, just west of North Fork Butano Creek.

Parcel No. 2, in the extreme southeastern San Mateo County, APN 085190110, is approximately one mile west of Castle Rock State Park and one mile north of the Santa Cruz County line.

County records show both parcels zoned Resource Management, and both are surrounded by privately held properties zoned Timberland Preserve Zone.

**DISCUSSION**

Based on the geography, zoning and overall characteristics of the two parcels, staff with the county Department of Planning and Building, in consultation with the county Department of Parks and Recreation, is recommending that the county declines the opportunity to purchase the properties from the Bureau of Land Management.

Staff also is advising BLM to contact various state jurisdictions regarding coastal regulatory aspects, plus various local and regional nonprofits that might be interested in acquisition for open-space purposes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None