



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 13, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 4, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: No
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor Rich Gordon
SUBJECT: Statement of Acknowledgment of Big Kahuna Triathlon

RECOMMENDATION:

That the County provide to Firstwave Events a letter addressed to the California Department of Transportation indicating our awareness of, and comfort with, the 8th annual Big Kahuna Triathlon; a portion of which will take place on Highway 1 in San Mateo County on Sunday, October 25th, 2009.

BACKGROUND:

The Big Kahuna Triathlon takes place annually along the Santa Cruz and San Mateo County coast. The swimming and running portions take place entirely within Santa Cruz County, but the bicycling portion of the race extends along Highway 1 into southern San Mateo County.

This year, the bicyclists will travel as far north as Pigeon Point Road, before turning around and returning to Santa Cruz.

The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) has indicated to the event promoters that prior to their authorizing the use of Highway 1 for this event, that all local jurisdictions affected must be aware of and comfortable with the event.

DISCUSSION:

As in years past, a comprehensive traffic management plan has been created that will make use of twenty-six law enforcement officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department, and the California Highway Patrol Offices of Santa Cruz and San



Mateo Counties. No involvement from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office has been requested, although the Office has been notified of the event and provided with a copy of the Traffic Control Plan.

It is expected that impact to Highway 1 traffic will be minimal, as the event will not necessitate a complete road closure. Rather, "vehicles will be allowed across the course between riders when safe."

It is recommended that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors direct the President of the Board to sign a letter addressed to CalTrans indicating the County of San Mateo's awareness of, and comfort with, the holding of the 8th annual Big Kahuna Triathlon. It is further recommended that this letter be provided to Firstwave Events of Los Gatos, California.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.