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Re: Alpine Road Trail

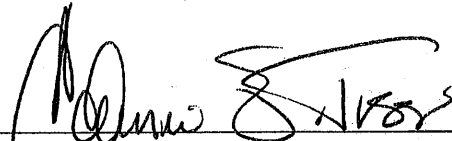
Dear Mr. McHugh and Mr. Reidy:

This is to inform you that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting of February 12, 2008, voted unanimously to formally reject the offer of \$8.4 million made by Stanford University pursuant to the terms of the Agreement for Trail Easements, Construction, Management and Maintenance and Grant of Easements, entered into between Stanford and the County of Santa Clara. The offer of funding was originally made in a letter dated February 7, 2006, from Larry Horton of Stanford University, to all members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

This decision was reached only after serious consideration of the possible alternatives, led by a subcommittee of the Board consisting of Supervisors Jerry Hill and Rich Gordon. This subcommittee, assisted by the County Manager, spent countless hours seeking input from the community and engaged in conversations with officials from Stanford and Santa Clara County to determine if there was a viable alternative that could be pursued under the conditions spelled out in the Agreement. Regrettably, the conclusion reached is that the only alternative that would ultimately meet with the approval of Stanford, the C-1 trail, was an alternative that was universally rejected by those who would be most impacted.

The Board also expressed its strong belief that the \$8.4 million, with specified interest, should be immediately paid by Stanford to the County of Santa Clara so that it might be programmed to be used as mitigation for the impacts caused by implementation of the GUP approved in 2000. There is absolutely no reason to further delay transfer of those funds. The Board further strongly suggests to the County of Santa Clara that they establish a regional grants program to utilize the funds that would have been committed to the C-1 trail.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of the County's requests.



Adrienne J. Tissier, President
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cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
John Maltbie, County Manager
Peter Kutras, Jr., County Executive, Santa Clara County