

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Staff Report

TO: Chair Palajac and Board of Directors

FROM: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager

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DATE: January 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Zone 7/Patterson Ranch Trail Naming

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve the proposed trail name of “Patterson Ranch Trail” for the Zone 7/Patterson Ranch trail. Other names considered were “Sage Trail” for the abundance of sage in the area and “Veterans View Trail” suggested because of the views of the Veterans Hospital from the trail.

BACKGROUND: On September 11, 2019, the Board of Directors approved the Recreational Trail Use Agreement with Zone 7 Water Agency for the Patterson Ranch Project, No. 719, also known as Zone 7 Trail Project. The majority of the proposed trail goes through the Patterson Ranch property, now owned by Zone 7.

At the December 11, 2019 Board meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed the District’s Policy No. FAC-8-02101 “Joint Policy for Naming Recreational and Municipal Facilities” and directed staff to explore trail name options and provide a recommendation. Proposed trail names for Board consideration are:

- Patterson Ranch Trail
- Sage Trail
- Veteran’s View Trail

Staff recommends “Patterson Ranch Trail” as the name honors the history of the Livermore area. According to Historic Livermore, California by Anne Marshall Homan, Nathaniel Greene Patterson lived from 1820 to 1887. He first came to California in 1846 and served under Fremont in the Mexican-American war. Patterson became a member of a secret sheriff’s posse formed to protect settlers from bandits. In 1854, he settled on property south of Livermore and gradually acquired more land and expanded into raising cattle and horses. In the 1860 census, Patterson labeled himself a “ranchero.” Veterans View and Sage did not seem to carry the preponderance of support that would be required by our Trail Naming Policy.