

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 4**

**SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO SUMMARILY VACATE PORTIONS OF DAIRY ROAD, IN THE SWEETWATER COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, TOGETHER WITH PORTIONS OF FAXON STREET (FORMERLY SWEETWATER AVE.) AND KEMPTON STREET (FORMERLY SAN DIEGO AVE.), IN THE SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, AND CEQA FINDING (VAC 2024-0025) (DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Real Estate Division of the Department of General Services is processing a request from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), who manage Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 584-550-75, 584-550-76, 585-100-21, 590-110-06, 590-110-08, to summarily vacate portions of Dairy Road adjacent to the Sweetwater Bike Park, and portions of both Faxon Street (formerly Sweetwater Avenue) and Kempton Street (formerly San Diego Avenue) that bisect DPR property near the "Sweetwater Loop Trail Segments 5-7 and the Lakeview Staging Area" DPR project. This action proposes that the County of San Diego (County) officially close out old, unused road segments that run through or alongside land managed by DPR in the Sweetwater and Spring Valley areas. These road segments were either demolished years ago or never built and are no longer needed for public use. Clearing these old road designations will allow the County to better use the land for parks, trails, and community access without affecting nearby property owners or utilities. Additionally, the vacation will allow DPR to use the land more freely for trail and staging area projects like signs, parking, and restrooms.

A summary vacation is a streamlined process by which a public road, right-of-way, or a public service easement is abandoned. The portions of the properties that would be vacated consist of approximately 0.801 acres in Sweetwater and 0.535 acres in Spring Valley (Attachment B). The vacations will simplify trail alignment easements for the "Sweetwater Loop Trail Segments 5-7 and the Lakeview Staging Area" DPR project, which aims to complete a hiking trail loop around the Sweetwater Reservoir. Easements will be reserved for San Diego County Water Authority and Caltrans utility facilities, and for County access to the Sweetwater Bike Park.

The County may grant a summary vacation of a street or highway if the easement interests are found to be in excess of County needs. The County may grant a summary vacation of a street or highway if the easement interests are found to be in excess of County needs. County Department of Public Works has determined that the areas proposed for vacation are excess and no longer needed for present or future public road use because these portions were either never constructed or demolished when the State Route 125 Freeway was constructed, and they are not within the County maintained road system and are not a part of the General Plan Mobility Element. The vacations were requested by DPR and will remove encumbrances that allow better use of vacated portions of Dairy Road and will allow for the management and preservation of the vacated portions of Faxon and Kempton public roads. The road vacations will allow DPR to conduct more effective trail maintenance and vegetative fuel reduction activities where needed, as well as support preservation of the natural environment outside of trail areas by allowing continuity of ownership.

Today's request is for the County Board of Supervisors to adopt Resolutions to summarily vacate portions of Dairy Road, and portions of both Faxon Street and Kempton Street.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed vacations are not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) because the action would result in the summary vacations of public highway easements that are not needed for public road purposes, and will not have a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effect on the environment and is therefore not a project subject to CEQA as defined in section 15378.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE PORTIONS OF DAIRY ROAD, IN THE SWEETWATER COMMUNITY PLAN AREA (VAC 2024-0025-A1) (Attachment C, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
3. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE PORTIONS OF FAXON STREET (FORMERLY SWEETWATER AVE.) AND KEMPTON STREET (FORMERLY SAN DIEGO AVE.), IN THE SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN AREA (VAC 2024-0025-A2), (Attachment D, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to record the Resolution for Vacation No. 2024-0025-A1 and 2024-0025-A2 pursuant to State of California Streets and Highways Code Section 8336.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The resolutions to remove encumbrances from Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) lands that are no longer needed for public purposes will provide an overall public benefit and improve the use or preservation of the land made available by the vacations. The proposed summary vacations are in areas zoned for agriculture, residential, and open space uses and will allow DPR to better use, manage, and preserve the property. The existing surrounding road systems will continue to provide adequate access for the properties and will not preclude future development.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to summarily vacate portions of Dairy Road, and portions of Faxon Street and Kempton Street contribute to County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal No. 1 to engage the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities, and Goal No. 2 to provide just and equitable access to develop or preserve their land. This action will impact the County directly by providing improved use of the properties by unencumbering portions for potential future development and preservation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1022919, Sweetwater Loop Trail Acquisition and Construction. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$8,000 to process the proposed vacations. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1022919. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

### ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted the following:

1. Resolution No. 25-103 entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE PORTIONS OF DAIRY ROAD, IN THE SWEETWATER COMMUNITY PLAN AREA (VAC 2024-0025-A1); and,
2. Resolution No. 25-104 entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE PORTIONS OF FAXON STREET (FORMERLY SWEETWATER AVE.) AND KEMPTON STREET (FORMERLY SAN DIEGO AVE.), IN THE SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN AREA (VAC 2024-0025-A2).

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed  
by Andrew Potter

