

RESOLUTION NO. NS-28,216

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
SUPPORTING H.R. 4040, THE BIG SUR FOREST SERVICE MANAGEMENT UNIT ACT,
WHICH WILL ENHANCE PROTECTION OF
PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERWAYS OF THE BIG SUR AREA

WHEREAS, Congressman Sam Farr sponsored H.R. 4040, the Big Sur Forest Service Management Unit Act of 2009, to protect the wild and scenic nature of the Big Sur region; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sur region is host to a nuanced and unique set of local concerns, and H.R. 4040 would establish the Big Sur Management Unit (BSMU) which would reorganize the Monterey Ranger District. Converting the 325,000 acres of the Monterey Ranger District into the Big Sur Management Unit (BSMU) will provide the region with the autonomy and budget authority this spectacular public land deserves. Furthermore, Sec. 104, which designates the BSMU as a Wildland Urban Interface Special Study Area and directs the United States Forest Service to develop and annually update a fire management plan specifically for the BSMU, will ensure this region's specific fire protection needs are met and further protect its wild public resources; and

WHEREAS, the rivers and streams flowing through public lands in the northern Santa Lucia Mountains are of incredible ecological and recreational value and H.R. 4040 will designate 90 miles of the most biologically and culturally sensitive rivers and streams in the Los Padres National Forest as federal Wild and Scenic Rivers, including sections of the Arroyo Seco River, Big Creek, Carmel River, San Antonio River, and the San Carpororo Creek. This is the highest legal protection a waterway may be granted, and will protect them in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sur Wilderness Areas are of priceless value and importance to the state, as well as outstanding recreational value to the county, H.R. 4040 will modify certain boundaries and incorporate new areas for a gain of approximately 2,000 acres of National Wilderness; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people visit this region every year, the Arroyo Seco/Indians road will be converted into a National Recreation Trail so that it can continue to be used by hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz that it hereby supports the passage of H.R. 4040, as it will be an instrumental step in the protection of the public lands and waterways of the Big Sur area, and will preserve the natural quality of the Central Coast for all to enjoy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby directly to transmit a copy of this resolution and indicate the City's unqualified support of H.R. 4040 to Congressman Farr, Senators Boxer and Feinstein and President Obama.

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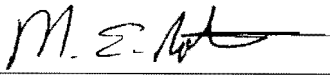
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2010, by the following vote:

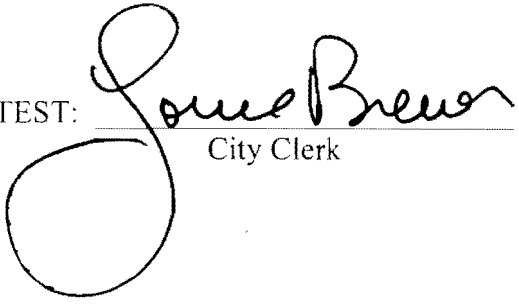
AYES: Councilmembers Lane, Mathews, Beiers, Robinson; Vice Mayor
Coonerty; Mayor Rotkin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Madrigal.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

APPROVED: 
Mayor

ATTEST: 
City Clerk