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CITY OF SANTA CRUZ TO BREAK GROUND ON ARANA GULCH MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM

WHAT: The City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department will break ground on a new multi-use trail system and a bike/pedestrian bridge at Arana Gulch, including interpretation and habitat protection.

VISUALS: Elected officials groundbreaking; project renderings

WHEN: Friday, November 15, 12:00 – 1:00pm

WHERE: Bible Church southern parking lot at 440 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz

WHO:

- Santa Cruz Mayor Hilary Bryant
- Santa Cruz Vice-Mayor Lynn Robinson
- Santa Cruz City Manager Martin Bernal
- Santa Cruz Supervisors Neal Coonerty and John Leopold
- Various agency representatives
- Community partners
- Residents

WHY:

The multi-use trail system is a key part of the Arana Gulch Master Plan, which facilitates passive recreation, accessibility, non-motorized transportation, improved management of sensitive natural resources, and outdoor education opportunities. The \$6.2M trails project will be built in two phases and will take approximately one year to complete.

Arana Gulch Master Plan components:

- .9-mile permeable, hardscape trail that integrates with its surroundings and provides full access for visitors with limited mobility, from Broadway and Frederick to 7th and Brommer, plus ¼ mile to Agnes Street
- 340-foot “stress ribbon” pedestrian/bicycle bridge across Hagemann Gulch
- Interpretive program, including signage on the natural history of the area and encouraging stewardship; docent-led walks; opportunities for school programs to be offered in collaboration with partner organizations such as the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History
- Adaptive management plan to restore and enhance native habitats, especially that of the Santa Cruz tarplant
- Elimination of “volunteer” trails in sensitive areas, such as tarplant and seasonal wetlands
- On-site botanist during construction
- Managed seasonal grazing by cow and calf pairs to facilitate natural restoration processes

Project funding:

- City of Santa Cruz -- \$2M
- Santa Cruz County – \$1.38M
- Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds – \$2.43M
- State Funding - \$400,000 (Phase 2)