



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



Date: July 29, 2015
Board Meeting Date: August 4, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Don Horsley

Subject: Statement of Acknowledgement of IRONMAN 70.3 Santa Cruz (formerly Big Kahuna Triathlon)

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution authorizing the President of the Board to provide a letter to IRONMAN 70.3 Santa Cruz addressed to the California Department of Transportation indicating our awareness of, and comfort with, the IRONMAN 70.3 Santa Cruz Triathlon, formerly known as the Big Kahuna Triathlon, a portion of which will take place on Highway 1 in San Mateo County on September 13, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

The IRONMAN 70.3 Santa Cruz Triathlon (formerly known as the Big Kahuna Triathlon) takes place annually along the Santa Cruz and San Mateo County coast. The running and swimming portions take place entirely within Santa Cruz County. The bicycling portion of the race extends along Highway 1 into southern San Mateo County. The bicyclists ride as far north as the Highway 1 Brewery before turning around and returning to Santa Cruz.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has indicated to IRONMAN 70.3 Santa Cruz that all jurisdictions affected must be aware of and comfortable with this event before they will authorize it.

DISCUSSION:

A comprehensive Traffic Control Plan was developed by IRONMAN 70.3 Santa Cruz. The plan calls for twenty-six law enforcement officers from Santa Cruz Police Department and the California Highway Patrol Offices of Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties. There is no involvement needed from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office is aware of the event and has been provided a copy of the Traffic Control Plan.

The expected impact of Highway 1 traffic is minimal as the event will not require a complete road closure. Vehicles will be allowed to cross the course between riders when crossing is safe.

I recommend that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors direct the President of the Board to sign a letter addressed to Caltrans indicating the County of San Mateo's awareness of, and comfort with, the holding of the IRONMAN 70.3 Santa Cruz Triathlon and that this letter be provided to IRONMAN 70.3.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None