



Rancho Santa Fe Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Staff Report – Request for Board Action

Date: February 4th, 2021

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Item: Osuna Ranch Policy – Member Use of Property

Executive Summary:

The Historic Osuna Ranch property consists of the nationally recognized Juan Maria Osuna Abode and an active private horse-training facility. The Ranch is home to over 45 horses and hosts Hap Hansen Stables, which offers world class horse training. Members are encouraged to visit the property, walk the scenic paths, and take a self-guided tour through the historic Adobe.

Background / Discussion:

While Member use is encouraged, there is no official policy for Members visiting the Osuna Ranch. The purpose of the proposed Member Use policy is to control access to the property to ensure the safety of visitors, boarders, and the horses housed there. The policy will provide details on which areas of the Ranch are open to visitors and which areas are for training and ranch operations. This policy also instructs Members to enter and exit the Osuna Ranch through the main gate along Via De Santa Fe, which will provide increased security and safety.

To implement this policy, the Rancho Santa Fe Association will need to install fencing along the Ranch's Western perimeter. Signage will be required to provide members with safety information when they are on the property. Boarders will require an additional gate code to enter the property after hours.

Association staff shared a draft of the policy to the Osuna Committee and Trails and Recreation Committee for comments. The Osuna Committee is in favor of the policy as written. While generally in favor of the policy, the Trail and Recreation Committee is not in favor of closing the access point located at the North Western corner of the property. Restricting access here will result in vacating and blocking a trail easement used by

members to access the trail system. The Trails and Recreation Committee would prefer that the access point remain open during daylight hours so members can access the trail and La Gracia crossing.

Fiscal Impact:

Applying this policy will require funding for fencing, signage, and gate modifications. Total costs unknown at this time, for information only.

Recommendation:

Rancho Santa Fe Association Staff recommends posting this policy for a 30-day period for public comment.

CHAPTER XX

OSUNA RANCH MEMBER USE OF PROPERTY

XX.01 Purpose and Intent. The Rancho Santa Fe Association Osuna Ranch is home to the Juan Maria Osuna Adobe, on the National Register of Historic places (the “Adobe”) as well as a private, working horse-training facility. The purpose of this regulation is to control access to the Osuna Ranch property to ensure the safety of visitors, boarders and the horses boarded there.

XX.02 Visitors are limited to Rancho Santa Fe Association members and their accompanied guests.

XX.03 Hours

XX.0301 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday:
7:30 am to 1 hour before sunset

Visitors discouraged on Mondays when priority is given to facility maintenance, which may be noisy or disruptive to riding horses on the property.

After-hours access is limited to those attending to a boarded horse. Gate will operate under a separate gate code obtainable from the facility manager on an as-needed basis.

XX.04 Access. Visitors to the property shall enter through the main entrance gate or through the single pedestrian/horse gate at the main entrance on Via de Santa Fe. The pedestrian/horse gate shall be kept closed except when used to enter/exit the property. The gate at the Northwest corner of the Ranch will remain unlocked during daylight hours to allow access for trail users, and will be locked at dark. If the security of Osuna Ranch is compromised by the use of the gate accessing Via De La Valle in the future, then the gate may be locked and access would need to be obtained through the ranch management. In the interests of safety, all other points of access are gated and the gates kept closed and may be locked. Visitors should not enter or exit the property through the secondary gates. After-hours main gate access will require a separate gate code to be obtained from the facility manager.

XX.05 Areas Open for Visitors.

XX. Visitors shall view the Adobe and surrounding grounds including the landscaped walking area, the “park,” adjacent to Via de la Valle on the northwest of the property during regular hours. Use of the Adobe after-hours or for an event may be permitted and coordinated in advance through the Rancho Santa Fe Association management.

XX.0502 The remainder of the property primarily to the southeast of the entrance drive including the barns, structures, paddocks and turn-out pastures both on the main and lower level of the property are

designated for the use of the horse-training facility. Visitors shall refrain from visiting the horse training area of the facility as this may be disruptive to the ongoing training of both horses and riders. Members may pre-arrange a visit to the horse training part of the facility with the facility manager.

XX.06 Visitors to the Adobe and Surrounding Grounds. Visitors shall park vehicles in the designated visitor's parking area and proceed on foot to the Adobe and surrounding grounds and the lower "park" area. Visitors shall proceed with caution and at one's own risk as horses are unpredictable animals and be aware of machinery operating during the day.

XX.07 Visitors on Horseback. Visitors shall ride at a walking gait on the driveway to access the "park" area adjacent to Via de la Valle. Visitors shall not stand or ride close to the arena, turn-out pastures, paddocks or stalls as this may result in an unsafe interaction for rider and/or horses. The Arena is designated for boarders and for visitors with scheduled training lessons only.

XX.08 Visitors Encountering Horses. Visitors shall not approach, pet or feed the horses at Osuna Ranch without the owner's permission.

XX.09 Dogs. Dogs must be leashed at all times. At no time may dogs accompany a mounted rider, even if leashed. Owners must clean up and dispose of dog waste.