

From: [Michael Hawks](#)
To: [Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority](#); [ocparks](#); [Admin, Trails Subcommittee](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Formal Objection – Proposed Land Transfer for Moulton Meadows Pump Track
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:16:34 AM
Attachments: [OC-Parks-Letter-ABUnited.pdf](#)

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Dear Coastal Greenbelt Authority and OC Parks Leadership,

On behalf of **Arch Beach United**, the Arch Beach Heights neighborhood coalition in Laguna Beach, I am submitting the attached **Formal Objection Letter** regarding the proposed land transfer of County-owned open space adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park for use as a bicycle “pump track.”

As detailed in our letter, this proposal raises serious concerns regarding the **loss of designated County open space, fire risk, environmental impact, and public safety implications** associated with converting protected land to a high-intensity recreational use. We believe this land should remain in its intended form — as natural open space preserved for future generations.

We respectfully request that **OC Parks and the County of Orange** defer any transfer discussions with the City of Laguna Beach until a full environmental and public review process is conducted, and alternative City-owned sites are properly evaluated.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns. We would welcome the opportunity to meet or discuss this matter further with OC Parks leadership.

Warm regards,

Michael Hawks

Arch Beach United

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To: OC Parks
Attn: Coastal Greenbelt Authority
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Irvine, CA 92869

Re: Formal Objection to Land Transfer – Proposed Moulton Meadows “Pump Track”

Dear Coastal Greenbelt Authority and OC Parks Leadership,

On behalf of **Arch Beach United**, a large coalition of residents from Laguna Beach’s Arch Beach Heights community, we respectfully submit this letter to **formally oppose** any proposed transfer of **County-owned open space** adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park to the City of Laguna Beach for use as a bicycle “pump track.”

While we recognize the City’s interest in providing recreational amenities for youth and families, the proposed conversion of this County parcel — currently designated as **open space** — represents a significant step backward in regional land preservation policy and a potential violation of the public trust.

Loss of Protected Open Space

The parcel in question is a natural hillside area that serves as a **buffer between urban development and the South Coast Wilderness**, part of a larger wildlife and watershed corridor connecting Aliso and Wood Canyons. This land belongs to all County residents, not a select group of hobbyists. Its transfer for recreational use would **set a dangerous precedent** — undermining decades of collaborative work between County, State, and local conservation groups to expand and protect the South Coast Wilderness open space network.

The claim that this parcel is “already damaged” or “underused” does not justify its conversion. Instead, County policy should emphasize **restoration, not repurposing**, consistent with OC Parks’ stated mission to preserve natural resources and maintain open space for future generations.

Unsuitable Location and Neighborhood Impacts

The proposed site is bordered by a **densely populated residential neighborhood** and a highly active community park already operating at capacity. Moulton Meadows hosts **AYSO soccer games, youth practices, hikers, dog walkers, and cyclists** on a daily basis, leaving limited parking and strained emergency access. Introducing a regional recreational facility would intensify congestion, noise, and safety risks in a setting ill-equipped for additional traffic.

Moreover, the site’s proximity to **County-managed wilderness areas** invites uncontrolled trail access, illegal e-biking, and environmental degradation. Fire risk in this dry, wind-prone corridor remains a serious concern, underscored by the **Rancho Fire of July 2025**, which burned five acres nearby and forced evacuations in this same region.

Public Confusion and Procedural Concerns

The City of Laguna Beach has characterized this project as being in “early exploration,” yet public messaging and advocacy materials — including a **celebratory press release from the Orange County Mountain Biking Association (OCMTBA)** — have framed it as a completed success. At the City Council presentation, the **Moulton Meadows site was the only location shown with full renderings and design concepts**, reinforcing the perception that a decision had already been made.

Meanwhile, many of the **closest residents to the proposed site were never notified**, and those who were received vague or misleading language suggesting the project was “exploratory” rather than imminent. This confusion has fractured public trust and created the appearance of a predetermined outcome.

Recommendation and Request

We respectfully request that **OC Parks deny or delay any land transfer discussions** with the City of Laguna Beach until:

1. A **comprehensive environmental and fire-risk assessment** is conducted for the Moulton Meadows area;
2. The **County reviews public access, wildlife corridor impacts, and legal precedent** for converting open space to recreational infrastructure; and
3. The City identifies **alternative sites on municipally owned property**, such as the **former St. Catherine’s School campus**, where parking, transit, and infrastructure can support this use without sacrificing protected land.

We echo the position of the **Laguna Canyon Conservancy**, which has publicly stated that eliminating County open space to benefit a narrow recreational group is not in the best interests of the greater public. We stand aligned in urging OC Parks to protect this land for its intended purpose — as preserved open space and wildlife habitat for future generations.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our concerns. We welcome the opportunity to meet with OC Parks staff or the Board to discuss these matters further.

Respectfully,



Michael Hawks

Arch Beach United (Leadership Committee)

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McKinnon, James

From: Cheryl H. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina
Subject: Opposition to land transfer for the building of pump track adjacent or in Moulton Meadows Park

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Coastal Greenbelt Authority,

We are writing in opposition to any land transfer or construction of a pump track in the location next to or within Moulton Meadows Park in Laguna Beach, or on OC Parks land at the entrance to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

As residents of Arch Beach Heights, it is of huge concern to our neighborhood. This is a project that should not be located in open space at an entrance to our greenbelt, nor in a residential, high risk fire area with little to no parking to accommodate. The overwhelming majority of our neighborhood is in opposition.

This land and our wilderness park are a beautiful oasis of nature that many seek to escape the noise. It would set such a bad precedent to lose this open space. We are already having significant issues with increasing amounts of visitors due to social media, who are damaging our beaches and costing our city a lot of money. We don't want to invite the same problem into our greenbelt. Our fire goats have already seen increasing numbers of visitors to take pictures and some who feel compelled to even climb in with them. We can't imagine what a pump track would do.

It is a huge safety concern. This area is a very high fire risk area and adding this type of intensity of usage is increasing risk. It took some residents an hour to get down the hill when evacuated last July. This neighborhood is high up on a hill accessed by only a couple of windy streets. The fire road is a potential evacuation route for multiple neighborhoods. This is a major threat not just to the neighborhood but the greater wilderness area as well.

Last, I'm aware the group proposing this is trying to incentivize by discussing helping to restore the area. Please don't be deceived. We don't need to put in rubberized concrete, walls and jumps to restore this area to a high value habitat. Our neighborhood would love to spearhead restoration and keeping the existing dirt trails within we can continue to walk, hike and mountain bike ride on and our wildlife can continue to thrive.

Last, we are not against pump tracks, but this is not the right location for it.

Thank you for your listening.

Rich and Cheryl Heichemer
[REDACTED]

McKinnon, James

From: Jeff Liu [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Foley, Katrina; Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Subject: Pump Track Proposal

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To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Arch Beach Heights in Laguna Beach for over 23 years. The pump track that the city is planning to build will affect our peaceful neighborhood and the beautiful nature that we all love so much. The pump track will bring unbelievable traffic up here and there are no places for people to park up here. In addition, all the neighbors that walk their dogs and running, walking everyday will be affected by all the crowds and noise that will be presented. We will lose the beauty and calm nature of Moulton Meadows forever.

Please, I'm asking you to think twice about transferring this beautiful land to the city. We need more open space and nature, not noise, traffic, and crowds. It's one of the reasons why we moved up here 23 years ago. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Best regards,

Jeff
Arch Beach Heights resident / Father of two small kids

October 17, 2025

To City Councilmembers and City Staff:

I am an Arch Beach Heights resident, having lived on Quivera for more than 20 years. I am a former cyclist and appreciate folks' desire to have access to a pump track. However, after reviewing the Feasibility Recommendation to "consider the Moulton Meadows site (and any other applicable site)" for a pump track, I am respectfully voicing my opposition - particularly regarding the Moulton Meadows site - for the following reasons:

Rare Native Habitat

The parcel outside the Moulton Meadows Park turf area is where hawks, roadrunners and other animals hunt and survive. It is juxtaposed to critical native habitat. As an advocate for the environment, I must speak up for the wilderness and its inhabitants. If the recreation staff considers "eliminating an amenity" as a con for other sites, surely they should consider the negative impact this pump track construction would have on the open space and wildlife, for which we are all stewards.

It is disappointing and reckless that the recreation staff did not take into account the wilderness itself, as certainly a human amenity but also - and more importantly - as a vital space for wildlife. The taking of open space to build a recreational attraction sets a dangerous precedent for our dwindling wilderness. The wilderness, like the beaches, make Laguna Beach unique. We need to step up to our responsibility to protect them.

Amenities

In the feasibility recommendation, other sites are mentioned with the "cons" of taking away existing amenities. If a pump track were to be constructed toward the turf park area of Moulton Meadows, existing amenities such as picnicking, playing soccer or catch, practicing lacrosse, birding, walking dogs, hiking, artistry, and fitness training would be reduced or eliminated.

Many of the nearby wilderness trails allow bikes but not dogs, for example. It is unreasonable to double down providing more amenities for a biking group at the expense of a multitude of other groups. Why did the feasibility recommendation not mention "taking away existing amenities" as a "con" for Moulton Meadows, as it did for other locations? It should.

Costs

The feasibility recommendation correctly states that the "costs for this project cannot be determined at this time." The comparative cost of the San Clemente site (\$619,000) seems a bit misleading as it only covered "eight months for planning, design, construction and opening."

OCMTBA serves Orange County and beyond and in its July blog, Mr. Browning all but "assumes the close" with the title of his blog, "Pump Track Coming to Laguna Beach." OCMTBA is widely promoting this proposed pump track. If such recreational draw were to ever materialize, the on-going patrolling, maintenance, and clean up would be a continued and considerable cost for Laguna Beach residents. Laguna Beach City Council and Staff cannot subject its residents to foot the bill to maintain an attraction in one of its more isolated neighborhoods, attracting crowds from across the county and beyond.

Congestion and Risks

There are three ways to get up to and down from our neighborhood. On a quiet Monday afternoon this past July with mild weather, the Rancho Fire was started by child. We were ordered to evacuate. Within 10 minutes of the evacuation order, I was waiting in a fast-developing line of traffic on Nyes

for more than 30 minutes trying to get out to Coast Highway. Advocates of the pump track suggest that there will be cameras and "more police patrolling" up here to minimize unruly and risky behavior. It is not logical or safe to increase recreational traffic and day use in a confined neighborhood and then believe that increased patrolling will mitigate the risk. It only adds to it.

As earlier mentioned, social media, among other communications will vastly increase congestion around Moulton Meadows Park and the Arch Beach Heights neighborhood. Already our narrow and one-way streets are often clogged with parked cars and construction making it difficult for even a small car to get through and impossible for any service vehicle. On more than one occasion, to get in or out of my neighborhood, I have had to drive the wrong way on a one way street. The last time, I startled a driver who was going the correct way. He was rightfully angry but thankfully, at least, there was no collision.

Attracting more traffic and congestion to Moultons Meadows Park and the Arch Beach Heights area puts Laguna Beach residents at risk of not getting emergency care they might need in a timely fashion and of not being able safely and quickly evacuate.

Empathy

I ask that we consider our fellow residents living in close proximity to the park. Already, congestion, noise and trash - particularly on the weekends - are a challenge. Adding two pump tracks just meters from their front doors is simply untenable.

And, I would ask that we all remember our responsibility to the wilderness and open space. Not only is this a beautiful "amenity" to us all, it is critical for the survival of wildlife.

I realize the city is only in an exploratory phase but it seems the narrative has put Moulton Meadows front and center and exaggerated the local support for this site - and that's very concerning.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

Cc: Anneliese Gannaway, OC Parks, ALWO
Michael Hawks, Arch Beach Heights United
Scott Thomas, Laguna Canyon Foundation

McKinnon, James

From: bernie schwartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 9:32 AM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Subject: pump track

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To Whom It May Concern

I am a 25 year resident of Arch Beach Heights, living on Balboa Avenue which is across from Moulton Meadows Park. I understand there is a request from the city of Laguna Beach to transfer land adjacent to Moulton Meadows to the city. I, and a vast majority of my neighbors are in vehement opposition to this transfer and to the idea of a pump track in our neighborhood. There is already much traffic and parking problems due to the heavy use of the park for soccer, tennis, a children's playground (and the birthday parties which occur there regularly. In addition, hikers, bikers and walking tours also increase congestion in our neighborhood. On weekends and holidays, it is nearly impossible to find a parking spot on Balboa or nearby streets. The last thing we need in this area is yet another activity bringing more cars and traffic to an already problematic situation.

Thanks You.

Bernard Schwartz Ph.d.
[REDACTED]

McKinnon, James

From: Stuart Trautenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 1:32 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Subject: Pump Track at Moulton Meadows Park, Laguna Beach

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Good afternoon,

I want to express my concern about 1 or 2 pump tracks being shoved into Moulton Meadows Park open space and serene setting for people and nature alike. It's a disruption on so many fronts. I am dismayed at how the city council has conducted themselves by not reaching out to the neighborhood on large scale and especially homeowners who live across the street. I am one of the home owners since 1996.

In 1986, The park was built for homeowners on a hill who have little back yards and not much space. The homeowners fought the city on building the park at that time. Laguna Beach City and the homeowner reached an agreement that the park would be constructed with two understandings...

1. It remains a "passive neighborhood" park (We have a homeowner who was in that meeting in her living room with city officials)
2. It remains open space and respectful to open space always and forever

This pump would be a disaster to humans and nature and increase our already high fire risk. Please do not allow a pump track to be placed in our serene, open space park. The loud increased noise, disruption to wildlife and the landscape, no parking, increase in day trippers will be off the charts. Our way of life on a little hill will be ruined forever. Ruined.

"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."
Desmond Tutu

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Hwang, Kristy

From: paul choppa [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 1:51 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority; Foley, Katrina
Cc: archbeachunited@gmail.com
Subject: Request to Deny Land Transfer of Parcel Adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park

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Paul Choppa
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

November 10, 2025

To Whom It May Concern at OC Parks:

I am a concerned resident of Arch Beach Heights, and I am writing to formally request that the land parcel adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park, currently under consideration for a bike pump track, not be transferred to the City of Laguna Beach.

The proposed development of this specific site for any recreational infrastructure, particularly the project currently under consideration, does not align with the established conservation values and environmental stewardship principles of the Arch Beach Heights residents, especially those near Moulton Meadows Park. The surrounding canyon area is a pristine natural treasure that warrants preservation, not development. It is our collective responsibility to protect this sensitive landscape and the diverse wildlife that depends on this habitat.

Transferring this land to the City of Laguna Beach for the stated purpose would establish a detrimental precedent, fundamentally compromising our shared environmental responsibilities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge OC Parks to deny the requested land transfer to the City of Laguna Beach.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Choppa

Arch Beach Heights Resident

Hwang, Kristy

From: Mark Lipian [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 2:11 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority; Foley, Katrina
Subject: "Pump Park" proposal at Moulton Park, Laguna Beach

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Dear Coastal Greenbelt Authority members:

My name is Mark Lipian. I live at 1023 Balboa Avenue, Laguna Beach, directly across the street and fronting on Moulton Park; and about 1/2 block away from the proposed site of the proposed "Pump Park" transformation of parkland into a haven for adolescent "trick" bicycling.

I am staunchly opposed to this proposed transformation, and urge you to resist the city's attempts to build out a large hunk of Molton Park.

Not only are there practical issues such as a huge increase in traffic/parking strains; environmental impact right in a wilderness park area (noise; garbage; etc.); degradation of the friendly, family neighborhood character of Moulton Meadows/Arch Beach Heights); and displacement of the AYSO warm-up space while pushing way too close to the already small field ... but there also are huge safety concerns, of particular importance to me.

I live with a woman who walks frequently alone in the park; and who frequently is alone while coming and going from the house; and alone inside the house itself (my work involves a great deal of travel away from Laguna). I am extremely concerned about this park, and those inclined to participate in its use, causing a palpable potential increase in vandalism; harassment; and worse. Many women - not just the one living with me - utilize the park unaccompanied, for walks; runs; exercise; etc.

In my opinion, turning our park into a "Pump Park" will turn our safe, friendly environment Balboa Avenue - as well as the rest of the nearby neighborhood - into a magnet for mischief of every degree of severity.

Please vote to OPPOSE the transfer of this parkland to the City; and please strongly and vocally OPPOSE the construction of a "Pump Park" in, or anywhere near, this parcel site and the Moulton Park/Arch Beach Heights neighborhood as a whole.

Thank you very much for your time, attention, and support.

With kind regards,

Mark Lipian
Mark Lipian M.D., Ph.D.



Hwang, Kristy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 3:09 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Laguna Beach Pump Track Adjacent to Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Chair and Members of the Orange County Greenbelt Authority,

I live on Balboa Avenue directly across from Moulton Meadows Park and the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. This is my home, community and neighborhood. I strongly oppose the proposed Laguna Beach bike pump track adjacent to and within these parks and the transfer any county land to the City of Laguna Beach for said project.

Arch Beach Heights is a **VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD AREA**, the highest level possible. "ABH Laguna" has recently been recognized as a Firewise USA community. We take our fire danger very seriously!

Only one of the three (3) public roads up our mountain is a standard 2 lane road with side parking. The other two have windy, narrow streets. Evacuations in themselves are problematic because whatever route taken leads to Coast Highway — the only route out to safety.

In July 2025, we experienced the Rancho Fire in Bluebird Canyon below us. Fortunately, it was a calm day and the evacuations called for were easily managed. Had the fire reached the top of the hill, two (2) of the three (3) roads would have been blocked. Had there been Santa Ana winds..., I shudder to think.

The site of the proposed pump track is within the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, a County designated protected area. This is land YOU choose to protect and preserve for multiple reasons. Those reasons have not changed. If anything, they have magnified. We need to protect every inch of what we have protected more than ever — it's all we have.

The proposed pump track is for the benefit of a mountain biking community who have managed to recreate in the area successfully for at least the 20+ years I have lived here without the need for such a facility. One would have to assume that the natural surroundings have provided sufficient benefits not to require such a facility.

Placing an unsupervised youth oriented facility in such an area immediately puts not only the neighborhood, but also, a vital wilderness at risk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Louise B. Thornton

Hwang, Kristy

From: Jon Firestone [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 5:52 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority; Foley, Katrina
Subject: Laguna Beach Pump Track

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I'm writing on behalf of my neighbors, the quail families and Road Runners, the lizards and rabbits, the rattlesnakes and squirrels, and yes even the coyotes. Don't take away our beautiful, quiet sanctuary and allow Laguna Beach to install a pump track which would not only destroy the tranquility of the area, but increase fire danger, traffic, parking issues, noise all for the sake of day trippers who don't live in this neighborhood and are unlikely to respect the park we love and work to preserve every day. It's a bad idea which contradicts all the reasons we moved here. It's beautiful just the way it is. Please don't allow it to become a problem we don't need.

Thank You,

Jon & Jan Firestone
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hwang, Kristy

From: Barbara Higgins [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 6:24 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Subject: Pump tracks in Green Belt

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

I want to keep the parcel adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park as open space and I'm adversity to putting a pump track/s anywhere near or in this area.

I moved to this area 35 years ago for the open space.

It's home to a variety of wildlife as well as providing a break from urbanization.

Transferring open space would set a bad precedent and be a huge loss.

Barbara Higgins
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Hwang, Kristy

From: Michael Hawks [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina
Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Laguna Beach Pump Track Adjacent to Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park

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Dear Chair and Members of the Orange County Coastal Greenbelt Authority,

We are writing as longtime residents of **Arch Beach Heights** and homeowners on **Balboa Avenue**, directly above the proposed site of the Laguna Beach bike pump track. We want to express our strong personal opposition to this project and urge the Authority to protect this hillside and the open space it borders.

Like many of our neighbors, we deeply value the peace, wildlife, and natural beauty that define Moulton Meadows Park and the adjoining **Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park**. This space is a sanctuary for local families, hikers, and dog walkers — a rare place in Laguna where nature and community coexist quietly. Introducing a high-traffic, regional recreation facility would irreversibly change that balance.

Our concerns are broad but simple:

- **Environmental Impact:** The proposed location borders protected wilderness, and any increased noise, traffic, or lighting would directly affect local wildlife and the integrity of the greenbelt.
- **Safety & Fire Risk:** This hillside is already classified as a high fire hazard zone. Bringing in more activity, equipment, and visitors adds unnecessary risk for our community and first responders.
- **Neighborhood Character:** The pump track is not a local neighborhood amenity — it's a regional attraction that would draw large groups of visitors, creating parking congestion, noise, and security concerns.

We also echo the position of the **Laguna Canyon Conservancy**, which has publicly stated that giving up County open space to benefit a narrow recreational group is not in the best interests of the greater public. We stand aligned in urging the Coastal Greenbelt Authority and OC Parks to protect this land for its intended purpose — as preserved open space and wildlife habitat for future generations.

We love Laguna Beach because of its connection to the land, not despite it. Allowing a pump track here would chip away at what makes this community special and set a precedent that invites further encroachment on open space.

Thank you for your time, stewardship, and consideration of our perspective as residents directly impacted by this proposal.

Warm regards,

Michael and Renee Hawks



Hwang, Kristy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 9:37 AM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; archbeachunited@gmail.com
Subject: Request for NON-SUPPORT of the Proposed Pump Track Adjacent to Moulton Meadows

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Members of the Coastal Greenbelt Authority,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to build a pump track on the land adjacent to Moulton Meadows — property currently under the jurisdiction of OC Parks. I urge the Coastal Greenbelt Authority to **oppose this proposal** and to issue a **letter of NON-SUPPORT** for transferring this land to the City for the purpose of developing a motorbike or bicycle pump track.

This area is part of a valuable natural habitat that supports a rich diversity of wildlife and provides an essential buffer of open space for the community. Converting this land for a recreational facility would result in the **irreversible destruction of natural ecosystems**, disturb wildlife corridors, and degrade the serenity that defines the surrounding greenbelt.

Our parks and open spaces were set aside to preserve nature, not to pave over it. The creation of a pump track — particularly one that attracts motorized or high-impact recreational use — is fundamentally incompatible with the mission of OC Parks and the intent of the Coastal Greenbelt. The environmental cost of such a project far outweighs any limited recreational benefit.

We have a responsibility to safeguard what remains of our natural landscapes for future generations. Once these lands are disturbed or developed, they cannot be restored to their original ecological integrity. There are already designated recreational spaces within the City that can accommodate this type of use without sacrificing valuable habitat.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the Coastal Greenbelt Authority **withhold support** for the transfer or development of OC Parks land for the proposed pump track. Please stand with the community in protecting our shared natural heritage. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to preserving the open spaces that make our region unique.

Regards,
Kourosh Kaveh

[REDACTED]

Hwang, Kristy

From: Alex Keighley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 9:38 AM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; archbeachunited@gmail.com
Subject: Objection to transfer of land at Moulton Meadows to the City of Laguna Beach

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To who it may concern,

I would like to register my objection, along with pretty much everybody who lives close to the site, to the proposed "pump track" adjacent to Moulton Meadows in Laguna Beach.

I won't get into the, frankly, underhand way that the city has conducted itself during this process, other than to say they have completely misrepresented the feelings of the local population. We do not want the track here. More importantly, it is inconceivable that the city should be allowed to build such a venue in an area with such a high risk of fire. We had a serious fire only a mile or so away from the site in July this year. On top of that the impact on local wildlife would be enormous.

Please do not transfer the land to the city for this project.

Thank you

Alex Keighley
[REDACTED]

Hwang, Kristy

From: Peter Harmon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 9:54 AM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Peter Harmon; Foley, Katrina; archbeachunited@gmail.com
Subject: Moulton Meadows Park Land Transfer

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To CGA:

I am a resident on [REDACTED] and live near the Moulton Meadows Park (1 block away) and want to strongly request that you do not do any land transfers related to the Moulton Meadows Park and to keep the existing park as is and not to impact the current open space near or around this park to be used by the city of Laguna Beach for a Pump Track.

There are a lot of concerned citizens and my neighbors that this will dramatically negatively impact our community ranging from parking issues (already a major problem), increase traffic, noise and eventually crime in addition to a long list of other concerns.

We went thru this a number of years ago when the city proposed to put a skate park at the park which the community strongly against and was eventually cancelled.

So please do not transfer any land related to the Moulton Meadows Park.

Thanks for you consideration to one of many concerned neighbors.

Peter Harmon
[REDACTED]

Hwang, Kristy

From: Alan Sarutanond [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 10:11 AM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; archbeachunited@gmail.com
Subject: Pump track

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To whome this may concern,

I live just 3 minutes from the Moulton Meadows Park (on Tia Juana St.) and I do NOT support turning part of the park for the cycles or skating access.

This is the place where we can go and have a relaxing walk by ourselves or with our pets. Cycles already have public streets where they can go, skaters also

without using our park as their playground.

Thank you,
Alan.

Hwang, Kristy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 12:35 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; 'Michael Hawks'; [REDACTED]
Subject: FIRM OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED PUMP TRACK AT MOULTON MEADOWS PARK - PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT THANK YOU

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Dear Members of the Coastal Greenbelt Authority,

I am writing to express my **frim opposition to the proposed pump track at Moulton Meadows Park**. While I appreciate the City's intent to expand recreational options for our community, Moulton Meadows is not an appropriate or safe location for this project.

Our neighborhood holds a **Firewise USA designation**, reflecting the high fire risk that defines this area. Adding a use that would increase traffic, parking we do not have, congestion, and year-round visitor activity poses unnecessary strain on our limited access roads and could compromise evacuation routes during an emergency.

Beyond the fire danger, the proposed pump track would bring **significant environmental and safety impacts** to a space that borders the wilderness park. Increased noise, lighting, and activity could disrupt wildlife habitats and the peaceful character of this open area. The small field currently provides essential space for AYSO warm-ups and neighborhood gatherings; the pump track would displace these existing uses and push activity dangerously close to pedestrian paths.

There are also **personal safety concerns**, particularly for women and residents who enjoy walking in the park's quieter hours. Expanding high-traffic recreational use into this residential neighborhood changes the nature and feel of Moulton Meadows in a way that is incompatible with its long-standing character.

Equally troubling are the **traffic and safety hazards** at the park entrance. The intersection at **Capistrano and Balboa**, where there is a **school bus stop**, is already dangerous. Drivers frequently ignore the stop sign, make illegal U-turns and speed through the area. Adding a pump track that attracts additional vehicles and young riders would dramatically worsen these risks. The safety of children and pedestrians should take precedence over any new recreational development.

I urge the Authority to **remove Moulton Meadows from consideration** and to focus instead on locations that can safely and sustainably accommodate a pump track without threatening environmental integrity or neighborhood safety.

Thank you for listening to community feedback and for your continued service to protect our city's open spaces.

Sincerely,
Shirley Izaguirre



Hwang, Kristy

From: Suzanne Adleman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:31 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; Arch Beach United
Subject: Pump Track. Moulton Meadows Park

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Dear OC Parks

My name is Suzanne Adleman. I have been a homeowner in arch beach heights since 1992. I live one block from Moulton Meadows Park. I implore you not to do any land transfers. Keep the parcel adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park as open space. I am opposed to putting a pump track anywhere near or in this area. Moulton Meadows was supposed to be a passive park when we purchased our house. The addition of a dog park and the AYSO taking over the field is bad enough a pump track would destroy what is left.

Suzanne Adleman
member of Arch Beach Heights United

Hwang, Kristy

From: pnealon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:58 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; archbeachunited@gmail.com
Subject: Land Transfer - Moulton Meadows Park

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Dear OC Parks,

I am writing to express my strong request and concern regarding the parcel adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park in Laguna Beach. I respectfully ask that this parcel **not** be transferred out of public (or permanently-protected) open-space status. Instead, it should continue to be preserved in its current condition.

Additionally, I am opposed to the placement of a pump track anywhere near or on this parcel. As described in the City of Laguna Beach's review of the proposal, a pump track—a contoured paved track for bicycling skills—has been considered for Moulton Meadows Park. [Patch](#)

My key concerns are:

1. **Loss of open space** - The parcel adjacent to the park offers an important buffer, green space, and community asset. Transferring it out of open-space status or allowing development would set a precedent that risks incremental loss of similar parcels.
2. **Setting a bad precedent** - Once a transfer or conversion of open-space land is approved, it may open the door for further changes elsewhere. Maintaining the current open space preserves community trust and long-term value.
3. **Pump track concerns** - While pump tracks can offer recreational benefit, situating one here will
 - (i) completely alter the character of the space
 - (ii) introduce unacceptable noise impacting the quiet enjoyment of homes located adjacent to the proposed sites,
 - (iii) introduce additional traffic and parking issues in an area that already lacks sufficient parking and where heavy traffic and speeding is already a widespread problem
 - (iv) exacerbate current safety issues (particularly fire and access for emergency vehicles when needed due to additional cars/trucks visiting the area)
 - (v) have a damaging impact on existing natural vegetation and the long suffering bird and wildlife habitat.

4. Community value - Given the parcel' s adjacency to an existing park, we strongly believe it is better reserved for passive/open-space uses rather than higher-intensity recreation infrastructure. Families, nature lovers, walkers, dog walkers, hikers and nearby residents benefit from preserved, quiet open space. Maintaining this parcel as open space supports quality of life and environmental stability.

Therefore, I request the following actions:

- The parcel in question remains designated as open space and is not transferred, developed, or repurposed in any way that diminishes its open-space character.
- No pump track or other large infrastructure be placed on this parcel or in the immediate adjacent area without full community review and clear justification of impacts vs benefits.
- If any changes are proposed in the future, that community engagement be prior to any decision, and that alternatives be thoughtfully considered which preserve passive open space character.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your dedication to balancing community growth with preservation of our natural and open-space assets. I appreciate the opportunity to weigh in and hope you will give strong consideration to maintaining this parcel in its current state for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

Peter and Sandra Nealon

[REDACTED]

Hwang, Kristy

From: Alison Janssen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; Michael Hawks
Subject: Opposition to Laguna Beach Bike Pump Track
Attachments: OC-Parks-Personal-Letter-Janssen.docx

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To the Coastal Greenbelt Authority Board Members:

On the agenda for your meeting on Wednesday, November 12, item VI.A calls out consideration of the City of Laguna Beach Bike Pump Track.

As longtime homeowners immediately adjacent to the proposed location, we are vigorously opposed to the development of this land to support a pump track. We use the land on a daily basis for walks, runs, space to connect with our neighbors and nature.

We have attached a letter further describing our concerns and opposition, which are further amplified by those of the local organization Arch Beach United (archbeachunited.com).

We appreciate your consideration of our thoughts and those of our surrounding neighbors.

Best regards,

Alison and Brian Janssen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OC Parks
ATTN: Coastal Greenbelt Authority
1 Irvine Park Road
Irvine, CA 92869

Re: Opposition to the Proposed Laguna Beach Pump Track Adjacent to Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Park

Dear Chair Mary Fegraus and Members of the Coastal Greenbelt Authority (collectively, "Authority"):

We are writing as over 15-year residents of Arch Beach Heights and homeowners on Balboa Avenue, directly adjacent to the proposed site of the Laguna Beach bike pump track. We want to express our strong opposition to this project for the reasons discussed in detail below.

Like many of our neighbors, we deeply value the peace, wildlife, and natural beauty that define Moulton Meadows Park and the adjoining Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. This space has been a peaceful area that both of us, our three daughters, and our dog use on a daily basis to walk, run, and communicate with nature.

Moulton Meadows Park has transformed in the approximately 30 years since its creation, from the original intention as a low-impact non-commercial park to now hosting multiple soccer events on many weekends that put strain on the neighborhood from, among other issues, both noise and parking standpoints. Introducing an additional high-traffic, regional recreation facility would irreversibly increase that impact and reduce the ability of local neighbors to enjoy nature peacefully.

Our principal concerns with this proposed pump track are:

- Negative neighborhood impact: The pump track is not a local neighborhood amenity — it's a regional attraction that would draw large groups of visitors, creating parking congestion, noise, and security concerns.
- Impact to the environment: The proposed location borders protected wilderness, and any increased noise, traffic, or lighting would directly negatively impact local wildlife and the integrity of the greenbelt.
- Fire risk: This hillside is classified as a high fire hazard zone, and adding more activity, equipment, and visitors increases risk for our community and first responders in an area that has limited access points to respond or evacuate.

Already on our daily walks/runs, we see cigarette butts in the brush of the Wilderness Park, and increased visitors for any reason will only heighten neighborhood stress, as we felt directly with the Rancho fire earlier this year.

- Safety risk – in the past year, the Laguna Beach Police Department notified homeowners near Moulton Meadows that increased summer traffic was bringing notable higher risks of theft and other crimes to the neighborhood, and the addition of a regional attraction as noted above would only increase the risk highlighted by law enforcement.

We agree with the position of the Laguna Canyon Conservancy, which has publicly stated that giving up County open space to benefit a narrow recreational group is not in the best interests of the greater public. We are aligned in urging the Coastal Greenbelt Authority and OC Parks to protect this land for its intended purpose — as preserved open space and wildlife habitat for future generations.

Thank you for your time, stewardship, and consideration of our thoughts as Laguna Beach residents and daily users of this space, who are directly impacted by this proposal.

Best regards,

Alison and Brian Janssen



Hwang, Kristy

From: Dawn Li [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 4:58 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Subject: No pump track

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Hello my husband and I live at [REDACTED] here in Laguna. We are deeply concerned about the development of the pump track by Moulten Meadows park. The residents here struggle daily with parking and traffic. This development will surely hinder the residents and our environment. Please hear our resistance to such development. Thank you for your consideration Dawn and Ka Ming Li Sent from my iPhone

Hwang, Kristy

From: Darcie Gettings [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 6:26 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Subject: Pump Track - Laguna Beach

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I am writing to express how a proposed Pump Track would adversely affect my neighborhood adjacent to Meadow Meadows Park.

Currently we have very limited parking, are a high density neighborhood that is accessible only by narrow winding roads. Noise carries in this neighborhood and we do not need more by the addition of this park. Please do not allow a Pump Park be built in our neighborhood!

Darcie Gettings
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Hwang, Kristy

From: Elizabeth Chapel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 12:42 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Jim Chapel
Subject: re. proposed "pump" track in Arch beach Heights

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To the Orange Parks administrators:

As residents of Arch Beach Heights we REQUEST that there be NO "transfer" of land to install a pump track.

Transferring open space would set a bad precedent and be a huge loss to our beautiful and quiet neighborhood.

The introduction of an unsupervised paved pump track will draw unsupervised youth and visitors unfamiliar with the area-increasing both fire/ignition risk and evacuation complexity.

Traffic and parking are already strained from AYSO soccer, hikers, dog walkers, e-bikers and cyclists. The influx of traffic and noise would dramatically alter our park's peaceful character.

Sincerely,
ElizaBeth and Jim Chapel

Sent from my iPhone

Hwang, Kristy

From: Shanna George [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 4:00 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina
Subject: Land transfer bar Moulton Meadows Park, Laguna Beach

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Hello CGA.

I am writing to request denial of a land transfer from OC Parks to City of Laguna Beach for the purpose of building a pump track. Please keep this land as open space. Neither this spot, nor Moulton Meadows park adjacent to it, are acceptable places for a pump track.

Thank you.

Shanna George
Inspiring Healthy Living
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Hwang, Kristy

From: Hratch Ghazarian [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 6:43 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Foley, Katrina; Michael Hawks; Araz Ghazarian
Subject: NON-SUPPORT - Proposed Pump Track at Moulton Meadows

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Dear Coastal Greenbelt Authority/OC Parks

My wife and I own (and reside at) [REDACTED] in Laguna Beach.

We recently learned that the City of Laguna Beach is considering using the open space land adjacent to Moulton Meadows to build a pump track. This land, which belongs to OC Parks is also directly adjacent to our property.

The purpose of this email is to document our NON-SUPPORT for building a pump track on this open land. We understand OC Parks would need to transfer this land to the city for this pump track project to happen.

We respectfully request that you NOT do any land transfers and that you keep the parcel adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park as open space. We also wish to stress our objection to putting a pump track anywhere near or in this area. A pump track will create unnecessary risks and disrupt our beautiful neighborhood. Transferring open space would set a bad precedent and be a huge loss.

Sincerely,

Hratch Ghazarian
CEO & Executive General Adjuster
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Hwang, Kristy

From: Lisa Vanderbeek [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:13 PM
To: Admin, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Cc: Katrina.Foley@ocgov.info; Michael Hawks
Subject: Please Do Not Transfer Land Adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park in Laguna Beach

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Hello OC Parks,

I am respectfully asking that no land transfers for a pump track take place for the open space parcel adjacent to Moulton Meadows Park in Laguna Beach.

Living directly across from Moulton Meadows on Balboa Avenue, a pump track would negatively impact my quality of life. People from outside of Laguna would travel the two winding roads to reach this area, creating more traffic and exasperating current parking challenges.

In the case of an emergency, and we have them, this would mean even more people trying to evacuate.

The impact on local wildlife would be tragic.

This transfer and proposed pump track would set a bad precedent and destroy an existing open space that has stood for decades. This would be an immense loss.

Please do not ruin this fragile ecosystem.

-- Best Regards,
Lisa Vanderbeek
[REDACTED]