



Riverside County Trails Committee  
Regular Meeting  
City of Moreno Valley, Council Chambers  
14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553



Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

<p><u>Members Present</u> Michelle Randall, District I Phillip Bremenstuhl, District I Amie Kline, District II Lynn Mattocks, Chair, District III Bob Hewitt, District III (late, 6:55) Sue Gilchrist, District V Marie Spradlin, District V</p>	<p><u>Members Absent</u> Ron Jenkins, District II LeGrand Velez, District IV, Vice Chair (excused) Gayle Cady, District IV (excused)</p>
<p><u>Riverside County Regional Park District Staff</u> Scott Bangle, General Manager Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks Director Marc Brewer, Senior Park Planner Dan Nove, Park Planner</p>	
<p><u>Others Present</u> Lorraine Harrington, Rancho California Horseman's Association (RCHA), Temecula Kathy Burleson, Rancho California Horsemen's Association (RCHA), Temecula Miriam Cardenas, Student Intern, Riverside County Code Enforcement Teresa Yoakam, Guest Manya Jiannin, Guest Ann Brady, Greater Lake Mathews Rural Trail Association (GLMRTA) Nancy Lacey, Greater Lake Mathews Rural Trail Association (GLMRTA) Tim Thornton, Guest Pete Dangermond, President, The Dangermond Group</p>	

- 1.0 Call to Order** – Lynn Mattocks, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mattocks at 6:30 p.m.
- 2.0 Roll Call & Introduction of Guests**  
Roll was called by Chairman Mattocks and self introductions were made, see above.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes** of September 16, 2009  
*M/S/C Spradlin, Gilchrist*  
*The minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting were approved with the following corrections:*  
Sue Gilchrist was not present as stated in the minutes  
Page 2, Chairman's report, ...and the (add) Valle de Los Cabellos Advisory Group  
Page 3, District III, ... easements along Los Gallos Nogales and Galle Mesa De Del Vino ...
- 4.0 Opportunity for the public to address the Committee**  
Kathy Burleson, Rancho California Horsemen's Association (RCHA) gave the following report:

1. On October 26, 2009 RCHA met with Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA) to discuss the dangers of horse crossings at round-about intersections.
2. RCHA is pleased to announce that they had installed seven hitching posts in five different wineries in the Wine Country.
3. RCHA celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, November 14, at Keyways Vineyard and Winery.
4. At the County's request, RCHA has completed a proposed trail system, which is believed to be safer for both riders and horses in the Wine County of Temecula.

Lorraine Harrington, RCHA, asked "what was the role of the Riverside County Trails Committee now that the trail mapping process was coming to an end?" District staff indicated that at the January meeting, the Park District will present all twenty one maps and ask for recommendations from the Trails Committee to take to the District Advisory Commission. It was explained that the Trails Committee is a subcommittee of the District Advisory Commission.

## **5.0 Chairman's Report and Announcements**

- Chairman Mattocks announced the Park District Holiday Party to be held on December 9, 2009 at Park Headquarters. He invited the Committee to attend.
- Chairman Mattocks noted that he had been appointed as a member of Supervisor Stone's team, along with Olivia Barnes, to work with the Valle de los Caballos Advisory Group on zoning and land use issues.
- Chairman Mattocks remarked that he had noticed a substantial decrease in the number of illegal OHVs in the Menifee, Murrieta, and Temecula areas.

## **6.0 Committee Members Reports**

Chairman Mattocks reminded the Committee members of the five minute time limit for each report.

### District I

Michelle Randall noted that she is sitting on the General Plan Amendment Committee and is keeping an eye on trail and development issues.

Ms. Randall attended the Planning Commission hearing for SP308, a new subdivision in the Lake Mathews area with equestrian friendly trails. She attended the meeting to show support of the project.

Phil Bremenstuhl reported that the City of Riverside had established a Citizens Advisory Panel to work on the improvement of urban bicycle trails. This is an attempt to gain recognition by the League of American Bicyclists for a bicycle friendly city.

Mr. Bremenstuhl directed a question to District Staff as to the park fee that is assessed to bicyclists at the approach to the Santa Ana River Trail through the Anza Narrows Park. Is this Park policy? District staff reported that there is a design in the planning stages that will allow riders to bypass the checkstand; and, that there is park signage in place allowing no fee access to the trail.

Mr. Bremenstuhl introduced his associate, Tim Thornton, as a guest at the Trails Committee meeting.

### District II

Amie Kinne noted that she had attended the Norco Horsemen's Association Trails Committee (NHA) meeting on November 5, 2009. She introduced herself and offered them information on the Riverside County Trails Committee. Ms. Kinne said

that the NHA will meet again on November 19. On the agenda will be a short presentation of the Riverside County Trails Committee (RCTC), its purpose, and a recommendation to send a member of the NHA to attend future meetings of the RCTC.

At the NHA meeting, Ms. Kinne learned that there is an ongoing problem with weapons being fired in the riverbed near the location of Corydon and Pedley streets. The NHA reported that the Sheriff's Department was not able to help. There was a suggestion to call Fish and Game.

Ms. Kinne said there was discussion of an area known as the Corydon Staging Area. Ms. Kinne handed out a draft copy of the trail map and is attempting to get an overhead picture to present to the Trails Committee.

Ms. Kinne announced that the Equine Affaire is coming to Pomona on February 4-7, 2010.

Ms. Kinne visited several bike stores and has noticed that there are many free publications for the public to pick up; she suggested the Trails Committee send its meeting dates and events to have published in these issues.

### District III

Chairman Mattocks report includes:

- Attended a meeting of the Wine Country Property Owners at the South Coast Winery on October 1.
- Chairman Mattocks attended various other meetings throughout the months of October and November, including the RCHA, Board of Directors meeting whose agenda involved trails in the Wine Country and Valle de los Caballos; and, the DePortola Wine Trail Association where Chairman Mattocks was the guest speaker.
- Chairman Mattocks met with Verne Lauritzen, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Stone, Olivia Barnes, District III Legislative Team Member, and Kimberly Adams, Press/CEO of Temecula Valley Wine Country Visitors Bureau and toured the wineries and noted where the property owners have encroached into a utility trail-road easement with their fences.

Other activities attended by Chairman Mattocks were:

- On October 13 there was a ride with Elin Motherhead and Mrs. Mattocks on the DePortola Wine Trail as a pre-ride for an upcoming ride with the Santa Rosa Plateau Riding Club on October 24.
- The McCall Park ride on October 23 – 25 was a great ride with food and friends. Chairman Mattocks thanked Dan Nove and Sue Gilchrist for hosting the event and he said it was one of the best rides hosted this year.
- On October 30 – November 1, there was the Halloween weekend ride at Rancon Equestrian Park at High Horse Camp in the Tenajas and Cleveland National Forest with the Santa Rosa Plateau Riding Club.
- On November 14, the RCHA celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. There were several trail rides, a catered dinner, silent auction, and a raffle. The proceeds will be used to purchase more tie rails for horses to be installed by the members of RCHA.

Bob Hewitt had nothing to report at this time.

#### District IV

Gayle Cady was not able to attend the meeting; however, she had given Michelle Randall a copy of a poster to present to the Committee. Ms. Randall showed the poster of "What a Horse Sees When He Looks at a Bicycle" from an Idaho Bicycle Association. She noted that she could send a copy of the poster to anyone interested.

#### District V

Marie Spradlin noted that on October 28 she met with Adam Rush, Planning Department, on trail map development for Menifee and Mapes roads. Ms. Spradlin mentioned that two weeks ago she helped with the Nuvview Poker Ride. There were 55 riders in attendance.

Sue Gilchrist mentioned a horse had been found in the orange groves just outside the Auto Mall in Moreno Valley about a month and a half ago. The horse was sent to the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center until Animal Control send it to a rescue facility.

Ms. Gilchrist mentioned that one of her concerns is the Box Springs Park. She stated that the guests do not adhere to the parking rules. The bicyclists and hikers are using the upper parking, which is meant for the equestrian parking. The horse trailers have trouble parking and are not able to use the lower parking lot due to size. She has suggested that the caretaker become more visible in making the guests more aware of the parking, educating the guests on the park rules, and maintaining the park in general. She said she has noticed broken water pipes and other such items in need of repair.

Ms. Gilchrist questioned the use of the park by the Canyon Springs Cross Country team. She was asking if the school district had an agreement with the District for the use and thought that such an agreement could possibly pay for maintenance at the park.

Ms. Gilchrist would like to add Box Springs Park to the Adopt-a-Park program.

## **7.0 Park District Business**

### **7.1 Park District Staff Report**

Marc Brewer presented a copy of the Park District Staff report, which is attached and made a part of these minutes. The committee and guests reviewed the report. Mr. Bremenstuhl asked for clarification on the difference between a park and a reserve. Mr. Brewer stated that a reserve is managed under the Park District's Open-Space Natural Resource division and can have a volunteer caretaker on site. The volunteers are required to give 20 hours of volunteer labor per week.

### **7.2 Trail Map Task Force Subcommittee**

Mr. Brewer reminded the committee that at the last meeting Mr. Bremenstuhl commented on the lack of trail mapping available to the general public. Mr. Brewer presented a few examples of maps to the committee that has been used in the past. Mr. Brewer stated that he was going to ask Dan Nove, Park employee, to head the Trail Map Task Force Subcommittee. He would like three volunteers from the Trails Committee to serve on the subcommittee to work with Mr. Nove, to come up with trail maps that could be handed out to the general public for various parks. Mr. Bremenstuhl, Ms. Spradlin, and Ms. Randall volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet, review the various options and present some examples at the next meeting.

## 8.0 Old Business

### 8.1 Trails Committee Newsletter

Ms. Gilchrist stated that she had sent out the newsletter today, November 18. Her goal is to get a newsletter out within three weeks after each meeting. She would like the newsletter to include upcoming trail rides or a review of past events. She would like the newsletter to include minutes from the past Trails Committee meetings and staff reports. Ms. Gilchrist would like to add photos of events. She is building a distribution list for the mailings. She would like to add the upcoming meeting dates. Ms. Randall asked what type of format

Ms. Gilchrist would like the information to be sent in. Ms. Gilchrist stated that any format is fine and can be changed as needed. She noted that all information will be reviewed and approved by Park District staff.

### 8.2 Adopt-A-Trail Program

Ms. Gilchrist noted that there are two sites being considered for the Adopt-a-Trail program, one is the Bain Street trail now named the Jim Real Regional Trail. This is being considered because the short distance between two major streets. This is a heavily used equestrian trail and Ms. Gilchrist believes there will be many people interested in adopting it.

Ms. Gilchrist noted a cost of approximately \$500 per trail for signs at the beginning and end of each trail denoting the adoptive group as well as a sign mid-point through the trail with the same information. It was also suggested a cost of \$25 per person for those interested in participating in the program.

Ms. Gilchrist asked for a volunteer to help her set the program up and make contact with various groups that would be interested in adopting a trail. She is looking for volunteers to educate each group in the responsibilities and requirements of adopting a trail and what would be expected of each group. Box Springs Park is another site being considered for the program.

## 9.0 New Business

### 9.1a Trails Committee Meeting Calendar

Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks Director, presented a proposed schedule of the 2010 Trails Committee meeting dates and locations. There was some discussion on the various sites and public access. Ms. Gilchrist requested the schedule be allowed to be published in the newsletter. Permission was granted.

*M/S/C Mattocks, Randall*

*The following 2010 Schedule of the Trails Committee meetings and locations was approved by the Trails Committee.*

January 20, 2010 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Riverside County Park District Headquarters 4600 Crestmore Rd, Riverside, CA 92509
March 17, 2010 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Lake Elsinore Museum 183 North Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531
May 19, 2010 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Santa Rosa Plateau 39400 Clinton Keith Rd., Murrieta, CA 92562
July 21, 2010 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Noble Creek Community Center 390 W. Oak Valley Pkwy, Beaumont, CA 92223
September 15, 2010 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Riverside County Park District Headquarters 4600 Crestmore Rd., Riverside, CA 92509
November 17, 2010 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	TLMA 38686 El Cerrito Rd., Palm Desert, CA 92211

### 9.1b Trails Committee Events Calendar

Dan Nove, Park Planner, presented the proposed 2010 Riverside County Ride Calendar listing the Trail Committee Events. Mr. Nove noted that the Park District will sponsor three work events, and the additional events will be sponsored by the Trails Committee. There was some discussion on the difference of Park District sponsored events and the Trails Committee sponsored events and the upcoming work party at Lake Cahuilla in January.

*M/S/C Spradlin, Kinne*

*The 2010 Calendar of Events was accepted with the following changes: the addition of the Lake Cahuilla event in January and changes to the Santa Rosa Plateau event to include hiking, biking, and equestrian*

Location	Dates	Type of Event	Contact
Box Springs	March 20, 2010	Equestrian/Hiking	S. Gilchrist
Harford Springs	April 17, 2010	Equestrian/Hiking	M. Randall
Santa Rosa Plateau	May 15, 2010	Hiking	L. Mattocks
McCall Park	June 5, 2010	Equestrian/Hiking	D. Nove
Lake Skinner	June 26, 2010	Hiking/Biking	B. Hewitt
Hidden Valley	July 10-11, 2010	Equestrian/Biking	P. Bremenstuhl
Bogart Park	Sept. 12, 2010	Equestrian/Hiking	S. Gilchrist
McCall Park	Oct. 16-17, 2010	Equestrian/Hiking	D. Nove
Lake Cahuilla	Nov. 6-7, 2010	Equestrian/Hiking	S. Gilchrist

### 9.2 Clean Money Youth Fundraising Opportunity

Mirian Cardenas, Student Intern, Code Enforcement, gave a brief presentation of a fundraising opportunity Code Enforcement sponsors. Supervisors Buster and Tavaglione, along with Code Enforcement staff, are offering a fundraising opportunity to local non-profit organizations clean up illegal dumping areas. County of Riverside, Code Enforcement will donate up to \$500 to these organizations toward this effort. Non-profit organizations must fill out an application requesting to help clean the local landfill. The organization must be located in the boundary of the supervisorial districts. She handed out applications and gave two phone numbers (951) 955-0917 or (951) 341-6631 for anyone interested in participating in this opportunity. It was suggested that anyone interested in such an event in a supervisorial district not currently participating in this event, contact their local County Supervisor.

### 9.3 Santa Ana River Alignment Project

Pete Dangermond, the Dangermond Group, took a moment to introduce himself and his company. His company is working with the County of Riverside Regional Park and Open-Space District and a multi agency Santa Ana River trail team on the Santa Ana River Trail alignment project. Mr. Dangermond gave a PowerPoint presentation on the findings and recommended alignments for the Santa Ana River Trail connecting Riverside County to Orange County. The improvements would be done in various stages and construction costs would depend upon funding. Construction would run from 2011–2015. The Trails Committee was asked to approve the recommended Santa Ana River Alignment study in concept from Highway 71 in Corona to Hidden Valley Wildlife Reserve.

*M/S/C Spradlin, Randall  
Abstained: Phil Bremenstuhl*

*The Trails Committee approved the Santa Ana River Trail alignment in concept as presented by the Dangermond Group.*

**10.0 Adjournment**

*M/S/C Hewitt, Mattocks  
The Trails Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.*

The next Trails Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010 at Riverside County Park District Headquarters.

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Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks Director for  
Scott Bangle, General Manager  
Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District &  
Secretary to the Riverside County Trails Committee

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District  
Staff Report  
Trails Committee  
November 18, 2009

Project Status listed below:

**Santa Ana River Trail Impacts/Closures:**

- Immediate: The City of Riverside has initiated the construction of the Jurupa Avenue Extension Project. The project will require the temporary removal of the bike trail between Doolittle Avenue and Jurupa Avenue. The City is proposing to construct a temporary trail to keep the route open.
- Future: Western Municipal Water District (MWD) is examining routes for a new waterline into the city. The proposed location crosses the Santa Ana River north east of the City's waste treatment plant and adjacent to the MWD line. The impacts to the trail have not been determined.
- Future: The City and Southern California Edison are examining the Santa Ana River Trail Corridor as a potential route to locate a new transmission line to service the City of Riverside's new sub-station adjacent to the City's waste treatment plant. The impacts to the trail have not been determined.

**Santa Ana River Trail: (Green River Golf Course to Hwy 71 Bridge)**

- The Park District has executed an agreement with Transportation Land Management Agency (TLMA) Transportation-Survey Division to provide topographic survey services for design and construction documents on this segment of the trail.
- Discussions continue with the Orange County Flood Control District (owners of the Green River Golf Course) to determine a trail route through the golf course that will minimize impacts to it.

**Santa Ana River Trail: (Hidden Valley)**

- The MOU between the Park District and TLMA has been delayed. The documents have not cleared Transportation review.
- The easements for portions of the work have been submitted to the landowner for legal review.
- TLMA Transportation Division has not been able to provide a status on the "TEA" grant funding.

**Santa Ana River Trail (Doolittle Avenue to Tyler Street)**

- As noted above, the City of Riverside has initiated the extension of Jurupa Avenue between Van Buren Boulevard (Doolittle Avenue) and Tyler Street.
- An alternate route or temporary trail is proposed.

**Santa Ana River Trail: (Corona to Hidden Valley)**

- The consultant is refining its recommended and alternate alignments for the trail based on comments provided by the review team and the Army Corps of Engineers.
- The environmental team has initiated its work.
- The consultant presented a project with its recommended and alternate alignments to the City of Corona and received positive responses.

- The Jurupa Area Community Services District has joined the project team.

### **Jim Real Regional Trail (Bain Street Trail)**

- The initial 2.2 mile phase of the project is complete. It was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.
- District and Transportation staff have been working to design new transitions to Limonite Avenue and Galena Avenue, Phase II of the project.
- The Phase II plans are complete. Transportation is obtaining bids.

### **Mockingbird Canyon Trail**

- District staff is coordinating the internal (County/Agency) “Stakeholders Committee” for review and comment.
- The project is on schedule.

### **Coachella Valley Trails Project**

- The consultant is finalizing the document. The Coachella Recreation and Park District has not provided a due date.

### **Wine Country Trails Mapping Effort**

- District staff anticipates receiving the final set of proposed trail map corrections by the end of November. The final map revisions will be made and then will be incorporated into the Southwest Area Plan of the General Plan Update.

### **Pines to Vines Trail Mapping Effort**

- The Citizen’s Advisory group continues to provide route information to District and planning staff for the project.
- District and Planning staff along with Planning Commissioner Petty, are coordinating a meeting with MWD to discuss trail access through the Shipley Reserve.

### **Lake Cahuilla Equestrian Campground**

- Trail directional signage has been ordered.
- Staff is coordinating park and trail crew staff to grade areas and install the corrals and relocate others within the campground.

### **Items of Interest**

- BIA Strikeforce County Conditioning Streamlining. The “Trails Standard Manual” was distributed to County Planning Commissioners at the October 28, 2009 County/ BIA/Planning Commission workshop.
- General Plan Update: Park District and Planning staff presented the revised policies and trail maps to the General Plan Advisory Committee October 7, 2009. The committee recommended acceptance of the policies with supporting trail maps into the General Plan.
- Park District and Planning will be meeting with Coachella Valley Association of Government staff on November 24, 2009 to finalize revisions to the Coachella Valley trails maps. Periodically some of the maps have been pulled down for editing.