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Riverside County Trails Committee  
Regular Meeting  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
San Jacinto Office  
950 Ramona Boulevard, Suite 6  
San Jacinto, CA  
(West of State Street aka Highway 79)  
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Wednesday, September 16, 2009 6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

### Members Present

Michelle Randall, District I  
Phillip Bremenstuh, District I  
Lynn Mattocks, Chair, District III  
Bob Hewitt, District III  
LeGrand Velez, District IV, Vice Chair  
Sue Gilchrist, District V  
Marie Spradlin, District V

### Members Absent

Ron Jenkins, District II  
Gayle Cady, District IV (excused)

### Others Present

Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks Director, Park District  
Marc Brewer, Senior Park Planner, Park District  
Maureen Gayk, Executive Assistant, Park District  
Becky Chavez, Secretary II, Park District  
Kathy Burleson, Rancho California Horsemen's Association, Temecula

- 1.0 Call to Order – Lynn Mattocks, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mattocks at 6:31 p.m.
- 2.0 Roll Call & Introduction of Guests  
Roll was called and self introductions were made, see above.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2009  
M/S/C Spradlin, Hewitt  
The minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting were approved.
- 4.0 Opportunity for the public to address the Committee  
Kathy Burleson, Rancho California Horsemen's Association (RCHA) noted that the RCHA has been working with several wine property owners about hitching ties and staging areas for equestrians on their properties. These ties are designed to county trail standards. The RCHA is also actively marking trails through the wineries. They are also working on trail signage, which will be installed after the ties and trail markers are up. Donations have been asked for to offset costs. The RCHA will celebrate 40 years on Saturday, November 14. The venue is yet to be done. An e-mail to the Park District will be sent to forward to the Committee members about this activity. The RCHA will be going to General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) on September 23, the new deadline for corrections.

Lynn Mattocks noted the tremendous amount of work done by the RCHA.

## 5.0 Chairman's Report and Announcements

Lynn Mattocks reported:

- Committee members should have received the notice of mandatory ethics training, AB 1234
- The Flags riding club is having a fall trail ride November 12 –15
- He is working on the Wine Country trails with 20 wineries and 10 property owners
- Developers were supposed to put together a trails package when they submit projects to County Planning. Some wineries have not done that. He is working on getting a connecting trail to the adjoining winery. He will check into this with the Deputy Planning Director Jerry Jolliffe.
- He will attend a meeting a Galloway Downs with representatives of Supervisor Stone's office and the Los Cabellos Advisory Group about land zoning.
- On October 1 he will attend a meeting at South Coast Winery, the 5<sup>th</sup> Wine Country Residents meeting. Keynote speakers include Supervisor Stone; Juan Perez, County Transportation; Bill Wilkinson and Jim Wilson, Temecula Valley Wine Growers Association; and Jim Carter, South Coast Winery.

## 6.0 Committee Members Reports

### District I

Phil Bremenstuhl, new Committee member, said that his interest in trails is as a bicyclist. He is interested in seeing what other jurisdictions do to encourage cycling, hiking and riding in Western Riverside County. He sees unique opportunities in a very diverse area. He attended the Cowboy Jubilee and found that it was difficult to find it as the directions were not complete. He would like the Trails Committee to work on planning of trails in the future with an eye for the people who are unfamiliar with those areas. He emphasized the need for trail mapping. He also suggested that this be incorporated in the Adopt-A-Trail Program. He would like to work on a small subcommittee on trail maps for particular areas. He would also like to see trail maps be specific as to what kind of trails they are and suitable uses. He wants to see how to do it, get the maps in the right hands, and where to make these maps available.

Marc Brewer noted that there have been trails maps available in the past and have been modeled after the La Quinta's. These maps can be produced, and the Park District can work with the Trails Committee to do so.

He also clarified county trail maps, which show the classifications currently adopted by Riverside County. He suggested that Mr. Bremenstuhl and Sue Gilchrist work with Dan Nove on trail maps, some of which have already been done.

Michelle Randall was contacted by Nancy Lacy of Greater Lake Mathews Rural Trails Association regarding adopting Harford Park as Friends of Harford. Marc Brewer gave a status on the maintenance of this area and potential host site.

Ms. Randall was also contacted by Ms. Woody of the Inland Empire Water Keepers organization about a grant to do a field study for clean up at Temescal Wash.

She has been assisting a neighbor with a property sale in Dawson Canyon, which is being sold to the County. She has been assisting appraisers, environmental

assessors, and park staff etc., on the Estelle Mountain and Lake Mathews Reserve. They will put a step over gate in that area.

Juan Perez, County Transportation, met with her regarding trails at the Caljaco Road widening. She will meet with him again on September 21 about this issue.

Ms. Randall has been attending Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Committee meetings. She has applied for a position on that Committee. Their goal is to establish OHV parks to control the amount of trespass.

She sits on the El Sobrante Oversight Committee, which is charged with distribution of an endowment. El Sobrante Oversight Committee and Supervisors Buster and Tavaglione has contributed funds for a program "Clean Money" for youth groups to clean up the environment in Riverside County.

She would like to invite Susana Orosco from Code Enforcement to come to the next Trails Committee meeting about this program.

Ms. Randall sits on the General Plan Amendment Committee. The trails portion will be written into the new general plan, which includes a healthy living element.

#### District II

Amie Kinne showed the project overview and maps of the Silver Lakes Master Plan. This 122-acre park facility is in Norco. Bellstar Sports Management will develop the area. She spoke to the planning manager with the City of Norco on the connection to the Santa Ana River trail with the existing horse rental facility. The trails coming in there make it easy to get lost. She proposes the county do trail signage to spot light this "crown jewel" and showcases the county "crest to coast" trail. Michelle Randal suggested that she contact the horsemen's groups in the area.

#### District III

Bob Hewitt attended a meeting in Idyllwild to establish the Pines-to-Vines Trail. This will be an off road bike trail. The biggest hurdle is that there are some wilderness areas there, which can be an obstacle for the trail. The Forest Service is also a landowner.

Lynn Mattocks has been working on the fence encroachment along the easements along Los Gallos and Calle De Vino, a major regional trail that connects one side of wine country to the other side. He has also been in contact with Code Enforcement about this. They have sent it to Country Transportation because the fence went out onto county road property. He would like county transportation to send a letter to the owners to move the fence back.

#### District IV

LeGrand Velez mentioned the recent passing of Supervisor Roy Wilson. It was mentioned that he was a friend to trails. He echoed sentiments of Phil Bremenstuhl and Amy Kinne regarding the importance of community connecting with the public as to what is out now for trails and to have good signage and maps. He mentioned the Coachella Valley bike map, which was recently produced. He is willing to assist with signage. He also mentioned the regional trails study in the desert.

#### District V

Marie Spradlin talked to a group of people in the Nuevo area about zoning at the Lewis Ranch. Marc Brewer noted that there were some inaccuracies on the trails

plotting in Lakeview/Nuevo. The Park District has addressed this issue. She noted that there is a lot of trash in her area.

Chairman Lynn Mattocks introduced a written report from Sue Gilchrist. The Trails Committee newsletter has an article on the history of Bogart Park. The McCall Park ride is October 24 and 25. A flyer will be sent out regarding specifics. Ms. Gilchrist and park employees surveyed damage done by mountain bikers at Box Springs Park. She recommends elimination of three long newly cut trails; post signage of trails closed at the top and bottom of illegal trails; use county court workers to repair and block off new trail; install numbered markers at .5 mile intervals to help with the adoption of trail segments and safety locations in case of injury; and install two stopovers at the entry gate so the horses don't have to ride down the hill through the plantings.

She also emphasized Trails Committee attendance. Some members are absent more than they are present. This creates a problem with establishing a quorum, finding out what is going on in their respective districts, and being a responsible representative for their Supervisor. If Trails Committee members cannot do this, she suggested that they please consider resigning and allowing someone else to take the position. Lynn Mattocks concurred with this.

**7.0** Park District Staff Report

Marc Brewer presented the Park District staff report, which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

**8.0** Old Business

8.1 Trails Committee Newsletter – information

In the absence of Ms. Gilchrist, no report was given.

8.2 Adopt-A-Trail Program – information

In the absence of Sue Gilchrist, no report of given.

**9.0** Adjournment

M/S/C Mattocks, Hewitt

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next Trails Committee meeting will be scheduled in District V.

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Respectfully submitted by  
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Scott Bangle, General Manager,  
Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District &  
Secretary to the Riverside County Trails Committee

**Staff Report  
Trails Committee  
September 16, 2009**

**Project Status listed below:**

Santa Ana River Trail Impacts/Closures:

- The County of Riverside as well as the City of Riverside is initiating projects along the Santa Ana River that will impact the trail over the next 2 to 2 1/2 years.
- The County is replacing the Van Buren Bridges. The project starts September 16, 2009. There will be periodic closures of the trail during the week. The trail will be open on weekends. They are to post closure notices and signage.
- The City of Riverside is starting a sewerage line replacement project. The project is anticipated to start in February/March, 2010. The trail will have full closures on weekdays during the construction period. The city has determined an alternate route for weekday use. The trail will be open for weekend. They have stated that there will be no steel plates installed for weekend use.

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

- The District has met with TLMA Transportation to determine their staff's availability to provide survey, engineering, and construction management services for this segment of the trail. There is a verbal agreement to provide services.
- The MOU between the two agencies is being drafted. It is anticipated the agreement will be completed by the end of October 2009.
- The District has reviewed TLMA Survey's cost proposal for survey services for this section of the trail. The District anticipates execution of an inter-agency work order for services by early October 2009.
- District staff continues negotiations with Orange County Flood Control to resolve final alignment issues that could impact the Green River Golf Course.

Santa Ana River Trail: (Hidden Valley)

- The District has met with TLMA Transportation to determine their staff's availability to provide survey, engineering, and construction management services for the Hidden Valley segment of the trail: earthen bridge, rest rooms and shade shelters along the trail and paving of the drives and staging area within the park.
- The MOU between the two agencies is being drafted. It is anticipated that the agreement will be completed by the end of October 2009 or early November 2009.
- TLMA Transportation is investigating the status of a TEA grant it submitted and applicant for to supplemental project funding.

Santa Ana River Trail (Doolittle to Tyler Street)

- The City of Riverside has initiated the extension of Jurupa Avenue between Van Buren Boulevard and Tyler Street.
- It has been determined that the Hole Lake Dam (old earthen dam) was structurally unsound, needed to be removed and reconstructed.
- The Hole Lake issue will have an impact on the trail. The City is proposing to construct a temporary bridge for trail use. The City's solution is similar to the one used on the Victoria Avenue bridge replacement project.
- As with the recently completed Agriculture Park Clean-up project, there will be warning and direction signs at the start and end of the construction zones.

Santa Ana River Trail: (Corona to Hidden Valley)

- The consultant submitted a draft of their proposed alignments for the trail (July 10, 2009). Design team staff has completed review and rating of routes. The team is to meet with the consulting team on September 17, 2009 to review comments and selected a recommend and alternate routes to prepare comments.
- The environmental team will initiate its work.

- Staff and the consulting team continue to meet with Orange County Water District regarding alignment issues on lands in the basin/ river they own and/or manage.
- The design team continues to meet with the ACOE to finalized minor issues regarding the trail alignment.

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

- The project is under construction. Work is approximately 30%-40% complete. The project is still on schedule and under budget.
- It is anticipated to complete construction at the beginning of October 2009.

#### Mockingbird Canyon Trail

- The potential trail alignment corridors with preliminary trail alignments have been received from the consultant.
- The corridors and trail alignments have been reviewed by staff.
- The corridors and trail alignments are being taken to the "stake holders committee" for review and comment.
- The project is on schedule.

#### Coachella Valley Trails Project

- The consultant submitted the revised document for review and comment.
- A comment letter has been sent to consultant for additional revisions.

#### Wine Country Trails Mapping Effort

- The initial set of revisions of revisions requested by the Horsemen's Association after meeting with the Wine growers have been completed.
- Copies of the revised map have been provided to the Horsemen's Association.

#### Pines-to-Vines Trail Mapping Effort

- District and Planning Dept staff met with Forest Service Staff, Planning Trails Committee member Bob Hewitt and Idyllwild Trail enthusiasts. The primary topic of discussion was the review potential routes through San Bernardino National Forest between Idyllwild and lands in the valley. The meeting allowed the Forest Service to publically state their process for developing a trail through and on Forest Service lands.

#### Lake Cahuilla Equestrian Campground

- Additional corral panels and parts have been delivered to the site.
- Staff is coordinating park and trails crew staff to grade areas and install the corrals and relocate others within the campground.
- The District website has posted the Lake Cahuilla campground flyer on the website.

#### Items of Interest

- BIA Strikeforce County Conditioning Streamlining. The "Trails Standard Manual" has been distributed to the BIA Strike team for final review comments. The revised Area Plan Trails Maps have been included into the document. The document should go live on the District's website prior to the end of the month.
- General Plan-up Date: As noted in the last report, the 21 Area Plan Trail maps are complete and have been posted on the Planning website.

Periodically, some of the maps have been pulled down for editing.

CVAG contacted the District and County Planning regarding plotting differences between their draft "Non-motorized Trails Plan" and the County's maps. The majority of the differences are minor. Most have since been resolved.