San Diego Trail Alliance

Monday, August 24, 2015

Purpose:

1. Keep Trails Open for All recreational Users.
2. Foster Good Communication between all recreational user Groups.
3. Maximize usage of Recreational Facilities for all.

Agenda:

1. Trails:
   1. Lakeside Trails – El Monte Valley, Sand Mining; Lisa Wood of the LCPG Trail sub-committee covered all the items below:
      1. Meeting with the County on scope of issues – Environmental Impact report for sand mining El Monte Valley, Aug 26 @ 6 pm, Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine St, Lakeside, California 92040 – All should attend.
      2. Need Letters from the community concerning public concerns for EIR
      3. How best to respond to EIR
      4. Updates / Input from Lisa Wood:
         1. We must meet with the developer, Crystal Howard always
         2. Requested two trails, one for equestrians and one multi-use for the other groups. CH agrees.
         3. The problem is the valley is slated for destruction, claiming there is no biological habitat, when there is. The valley should be slated extremely degraded instead of destroyed.
         4. Only for 15 years, partner with?
         5. The Process: County processing permits, Notice of preparation, use the EIR from the golf course project, subsequent EIR needed, Scope involves Visual, Habitat, and air quality, recreational.
         6. Comments and concerns due Sept 14, 4 pm.
         7. Valle Fever spores kills Horses, dogs, children, fatal on dogs; Dust on Horses; these are the impacts we think you should address;
         8. Next steps – Provide the EIR to the public, 45 days to read the EIR, prior EIR goes to the board of Supervisors;
         9. Important to convenience B of Supervisors: why are we destroying the local aquifer? Why are we creating flood danger?
         10. CEQA – process – what
         11. There is no way to contain Valley fever & water makes it worst.
         12. This will put existing sand mining out of business, Why are we?
         13. Aug 6, SDRC about acquiring the three parcels A,B,C release by Helix, for connection from beach to mountains,
   2. Poway Bridge – potential 800 acre expansion of trail system, updates from RTA? City of Poway owns the property, proposed that City of Poway give 10,000.00 C to C link to N-S trails; make a crossing south of Iron mtn, Trans County trails, warren canyon trail, proposed 700-800 ft. from summit.
   3. Additional Trail Updates
      1. Rock House, equestrians joined sdmba to fill out survey; top of Mother Miguel, owned by Fish & Wildlife, 3300 responses – need for Trail system, SDG&E, Fish & wildlife, private.
      2. Harmony Grove? New Village Trails, six ft. wide, fencing impacts, Trails on map but not built; Elfin Forest – private entity, road right of way, wrote to county, Dir of Public Works, Planning and Use, Board of Supervisors
      3. Del Mar San Dieguito Lagoon?
      4. TRVEA – Trails safety concerns and user designations
         1. Single track canopy trails, after county existing EIR, 7.1 miles of hiker/horse only trails; inform decision maker before decision made; county can amend. Bikes/Single track trail with bad line of sign, suggest pilot bike scouting.
      5. Any meeting updates county wide? Otay Ranch 13, planned community meeting in Otay;
2. Communication:
   1. Share calendars. Send LFR Calendar to RTA
   2. Email Communication
   3. Meeting with other user groups: SDMBA
      1. SDMBA representative
      2. Make more letters to take back to memberships
      3. Reach out to Rock Climbing Association, primary location is Mt. Woodson, they need trail access, so SDTA needs to reach out.
3. Recreational Facilities:
   1. Reports from the Field
   2. What’s going on/ who’s involved
      1. TREVA Mini Trail Trial, 9/19 10 am – 2pm; RSVP, Mary Christen 858-761-1784;
      2. BVH, 9/18 Sunnyside Arena
      3. Garry McClintock Memorial Ride & BBQ 9/20, RSVP required, room for 70 Riders on private land ranch, 9/20/15;

Garry McClintock Service, 10 is Alpine

* + 1. Backcountry Horseman, Trail Maintenance weekend at Vern Whitaker, Nov. 6 – 8, trail work on Saturday, with 100 mile ultra-runners;
  1. Maintenance Log – Update: Reporting club service hours to County, State and Federal officials.