San Diego Trail Alliance

Monday, January 11th, 2016

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: Update from Lisa Wood
      1. El Monte Valley, Sand Mining; No Draft Dier yet;
      2. Lakeside Community Planning Group trails sub-committee (LCPG): committee has not met.
      3. Lakeside Downs Conservancy Project: purchase with 50% Caltrans & Military; Talk to Michael Beck as Habitat and Trails go together.
   2. Ramona Grasslands / Survey Rd. 97: Update from Marty Jorgensen & Glen Morgan: Western portion closed due to Golden Eagles nesting season Feb 15 – Sept, 2016;
   3. USFWS – Mother Miguel rock House update:
   4. Elfin Ridge – Update from Nancy: Harmony Grove Village, 450 homes to be developed, 20 Built; Conservancy – Escondido Creek Tom Duffy – City Parks
   5. TRVEA/ Tijuana River Valley - update from Emma Reese
      1. TREVA has trail maintenance every 2nd Saturday of the month, 9 am Hollister. Be on time.
      2. In event of the rains and flooding, TRVEA need list of available trailers and phone tree, to evacuate horse in flood areas.
   6. Fallbrook Santa Margarita and the Conservancy:
      1. Fallbrook Trail Council very organized and on top of this, language included to keep trail access; If Western River Conservancy doesn’t keep the trails, the board can pull the plug;
   7. Cuyamaca – Roads and Trails Plan (Marty):
      1. Meeting with Kevin Best, new superintendent at Cuyamaca; Green Valley Falls is at 10% use by equestrians; Signage at all Trailheads, Coldstream reroute open to Bikes;
   8. Anza Borrego: Lucky 5 Ranch – establish Wildlife Corridor; 2 Superintents;
      1. New trails opened. Dirt Roads open to Horses, 150 Miles; Alonic pass CRHT
2. Lilac Hills – Overview and update from Lisa Woods: Michael Beck is against General Plan amendment. Gen. Plan Amendment is Bill Horn’s district; developers increasing density, which destroys intent/purpose of general plan. Randy Goodson pairs with Bill Horn, Bill Horn told in State ruling he cannot vote, conflict of interest; Zero green House emissions, every developer has to NOT affect waste, solar, and greenhouse emissions;

City of San Diego: Village 13 EIR, Harmon Grove – adjacent to San Diegouito; Lilac Hills – the Yellow Deli; MSPC 25/75 – open space based on community plan; same issue Village 13; County rezoning to industrial, laws passed that Indian Reservations can grow pot;

Minutes from Brainstorming Session:

During the meeting we created a to-do list:

1. Pursue a meeting with Michael Beck relative to Fanita Ranch, Lilac Hills, etc…
2. Pursue a meeting with City of Santee Re: Mission trails, Fanita ranch
3. Pursue a meeting with the Owner of Evergreen Nursery (Lakeside)
4. Pursue a meeting with City of Poway
5. Pursue a meeting with Rob Hutsel – San Diego River Foundation; Get on Advisory Board; Get on San Dieguito River Park Advisory Board

Rain Etiquette: We discussed drafting “rain rules” for all trail users, including equestrians and bikers. This continues to be a problem, as people snap photos after the rain of hoof prints and bike tracks on the trails and post them on facebook, we need to remind people to be courteous. Suggestions were made about posting reminder signs at trail heads (we could discuss this with the County). RTA brought up that they have done this at Holly Oaks.

Habitat Involvement: As more and more conservancies and ecological foundations are acquiring open space, it would be beneficial to create relationships to make sure trails can be included in these areas. We need to find out what conservancies manage which lands. It is a confusing mix of who does what.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Continuing problem of lack of communication and response to trail usage. IMBA (MT Bikers) have assigned reps to meet with the Dept. Still very difficult.

Tijuana River Valley: Continued problems regarding the dredging they were supposed to do. They are supposed to dredge every two years, but permits have not been properly executed and the dredging has not been done. City of San Diego is supposed to be responsible for the dredging. TRVEA has been very involved with these trails, meeting with city, county, border patrol etc.

SDMBA Updates: Building Black Mountain; McCain Valley – bikes reroute trail system connected Cleveland Forest & Mt. Laguna, Kitchen Creek to go east to McCain Valley/ Cottonwood; Bring water