San Diego Trail Alliance

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 21, 2019 6:30pm

Mimi’s Cafe 9812 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee

Purpose:

1. Keep trails open for non-motorized recreational users.
2. Foster good communication between stakeholders.
3. Promote use/stewardship of trails.

Attendance:  
Sandi Peterson  
John Degenfelder  
Julie Klein  
Martin Jorgensen   
Don Wendt  
Maryanne Vancio  
Cyndi Denny  
Vicki Krauss  
Kammi Montanero  
Billie-Jo Swanson  
Barbara Hughes  
Diane Carter

Agenda Items for Discussion:

1. Steering Committee Update: Board members include: Diane Carter, Cyndi Denny, Sandy Jones, Martin Jorgensen, Julie Klein, Vicki Krauss, Maryanne Vancio, and Lisa Wood. Cyndi and Lisa met with Meg Diss on 1/18/2019 and went over this agenda with her.

Bike/ horse clinic conducted by trainer, Vicki Krauss, planned for East County. Ranch owner, Darren Bankhead has been contacted about providing that location. Possible dates are 5/25 or 6/22. Maryanne raised concerns about issues with hikers. Sounds like another clinic idea.

1. Policy and County Updates:
   1. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance update (PLDO) completed.
   2. Diane Jacob Trail Advisory Committee 2:30 – 4:30, 250 East Main Street, number 169. Marty raised a point about 2-4 ft. trail widths being proposed for open space trails. This would not be conducive for riding horses.
   3. MSCP important point- Endangered Species Act authority goes from Federal to County.   
      South County - in process. Please attend above meeting, if possible. N. County- up next but no meetings planned as yet. East County- after N. County
2. South County Updates:
   1. National Wildlife Refuge Parking Area: With about 40 spaces, including pull-through spaces, this project will provide staging for access to the Sweetwater River, south of SR94 at Millar Ranch Road.
   2. Sweetwater Bike Skills Update:  The County has approved $600,000 in the budget for the project.  Design has been completed and the project has been approved to go out to bid.
3. Middle and East County Updates:
   1. El Monte sand mine: Project is responding to voluminous comments on EIR.
   2. El Monte Flume Trail: 24” water pipe proposed for the western part of the trail by Padre Water District. At Padre Board meeting, Janice Shackelford & Maryanne Vancio gave the visual demo of the actual size of a 24” pipe. County is also addressing the pipe proposal.
   3. Fiesta Island: City of San Diego is proposing redevelopment. Visit this website for details: <http://fiestaislandamendment.com/>
   4. Crestridge. Unconfirmed reports of horse/bike issues. Be careful to clean up manure. Stay on the fire road when the trail is muddy to prevent damage   Also, there are no trail markers so it's easy to ride off-trail. Trail manager, Gardner Grady, of Endangered Habitat (EH) can close trails at his discretion.  We need to advocate for better signage for these two issues and try to create a better relationship with trail manager.
   5. Cottonwood Sand mine: proposed sand mine over Cottonwood golf course. County is addressing owner on permit application as it affects several community trails and two regional trails & connections. No EIR yet that anyone is aware of.
4. North County Updates.
   1. Trail along Lake Hodges will not be closed, but - need to kick manure off the trail.
   2. San Dieguito Ranger Station approved and funded.
   3. Coast to Crest trail has completed 3 additional miles. Ribbon cutting ceremony - 1/26, 10am, Pamo Valley.
   4. Show Park area- lots of trash but wildlife is returning.
5. Ramona Report Outs.
   1. Old Survey Road 97. Work party on 1/26/19, 8am. Address-16881 Old Survey Rd.   
      Contact Glenn at 619-884-9758.
   2. Santa Maria Greenway: 2 new property owners considering giving easements. Current policy is that easements must be contiguous. Could we advocate a policy change? Some owners claim they haven't been contacted. Issues to raise with Diane Jacobs.
   3. Orosco Ridge - NEPA has to be redone.

1. Backcountry - Marty Jorgensen (San Diego Unit of Backcountry Horsemen) (Walt is new chair)
   1. Boulder Oaks- full rebuild of staging area will close trail for 1year.
   2. Laguna- meadow trails are to be relocated to tree line for environmental reasons. We be an overall net benefit for both trails and environment.
   3. Anza Borrego - important meeting in regard to the long-term closure of Lower Willows Trail. 1/28/19 7:00-9:00pm Alpine Community Library 1752 Alpine Blvd. Terry Jorgensen- 760-802-1420.
   4. Cuyamaca: Options regarding Los Caballos Horse Camp are being considered. Some new riding areas are under consideration.
   5. Cross County Trails- all long-term projects.
   6. Santa Ysabel- staging area proposed.
   7. BCHA has a program for trash pick-up on the PCT using pack horses. Also, a trail monitoring program called Wilderness Riders.
   8. The Rendezvous will be held in Norco this year, 3/29-3/31.  <https://www.facebook.com/bchcalifornia.org/>
2. California Trails and Greenway Conference. <https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24151> Advanced workshops will be at Gooden Ranch and El Monte Park.

This event is being held at Sycuan this year so we really need to be there. We are planning to get a booth or table for SDTA. Equestrians are under-represented at this time.

* 1. Asking local riding clubs for donations of $200, if possible. We will display literature for each club that donates. Maryanne can get the money in so checks can be made out to her and mailed to: 9837 Circa Valle Verde, El Cajon, CA 92021. The deadline for the booth is 3/1/19.
  2. Have a banner made for this event and other similar events. Diane Carter has agreed to order it and will be reimbursed for it.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1/27 | 1/28  7:00 Alpine Library Lower Willows and other trail issues | 1/29 | 1/30 | 1/31  Diane Jacob Trail Meeting 2:30 250 E Main room 169 | 2/1 | 2/2 |
| 2/3  BCHC-SD BOD Meeting 6:30 pm Denny’s | 2/4 | 2/5 | 2/6  Padre Dam Board mtg 3:30 pm 9300 Fanita Pkwy, RE Flume Trail if on agenda | 2/7 | 2/8 | 2/9 BCHC State meeting, Santa Nella |
| 2/10 | 2/11 | 2/12 | 2/13 | 2/14  LFR Stagecoach Camp. | 2/15  BCHC-SD Vern Whitaker Camp | 2/16 |
| 2/17 | 2/18 | 2/19 | 2/20 Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway, Santee | 2/21 | 2/22 | 2/23  TRVEA Trail maintenance **9:00 – 11:00 am.** 2310 Hollister Street. |
| 2/24 | 2/25 | 2/26 | 2/27 | 2/28 | 3/1 | 3/2  LFR Boulder oaks club ride |
| 3/3 | 3/4 | 3/5 | 3/6 Padre Dam Board meeting | 3/7 | 3/8 | 3/9 |
| 3/10 | 3/11 | 3/12 | 3/13 | 3/14  BCHC-SD monthly meeting, 6:30 Denny’s El Cajon | 3/15 | 3/16  Tentative 10 am SDTA Steering meeting @ Lisa’s instead of 3/30 meeting date. |
| 3/17  BCH St Patrick’s Day Ride, Sunrise, Mt Laguna | 3/18 | 3/19 | 3/20  Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway | 3/21 | 3/22 | 3/23  Tack sale, In Kahoots, 8-2. Ramona |
| 3/24 | 3/25 | 3/26 | 3/27 | 3/28 | 3/29  Back Country Rendezvous | 3/30  10:00 SDTA Steering Meeting, Lisa’s;  TRVEA Trail maintenance |
| 3/31 | 4/1 | 4/2 | 4/3  Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway | 4/4 | 4/5 | 4/6 |
| 4/7  LFR Poker Ride.  BCHC-SD BOD Meeting 6:30 pm Denny’s | 4/8 | 4/9 | 4/10 | 4/11 | 4/12  BCHM Joshua campout | 4/13 |
| 4/15 | 4/15  SDTA MEETING: 6:00 Mimi’s 9812 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee | 4/16 | 4/17 | 4/18 | 4/19 | 4/20 |
| 4/21 | 4/22 | 4/23  Trails and Greenways Conference | 4/24 | 4/25 | 4/26 | 4/27  Lakeside Parade |

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| AT A GLANCE | | | | | | | | |
| **Project Name** | **Site** | | **Lead** | | **Goal** | | | **Actions** |
| POLICY AND REGULATORY | | | | | | | | |
| County Multiple Spp Conservation Plan | San Diego County | | Lisa Wood  Julie Klein | | Advocate for public access/trails. | | | South County Plan is approved. East and North Plans stalled. No SDTA action. |
| RAMONA | | | | | | | | |
| Boulder Oaks County Open Space Preserve | Mussey Grade Road- Ramona | | RTA Don Wendt  BCHC-SD/Martin Jorgensen | | Advocate for trails and staging areas. | | | County planning efforts have stalled. Preserve remains closed to the public. No SDTA action at this time. |
| La Canada de San Vicente California FWS Preserve | San Vicente & Chuck Wagon Road- Ramona | | Ramona Trails Association  Don Wendt | | Advocate for access to current trails and new trails and staging areas. | | | Plan is complete. No SDTA action at this time. |
| Ramona Grasslands County Open Space Preserve | Off Highland Valley and Rangeland Roads- Ramona | | Ramona Trails Association  Glen Morgan  Don Wendt | | Advocate for connection to the San Dieguito River Park Trail system in San Pascual Valley and better staging off Rangeland Rd. | | | Continue to lead rides and meet with County Parks and other agencies to secure more open access, connections, and improved staging. |
| Old Survey Road 97 |  | | Glenn Morgan RTA | | Established trail connections eventually | | | Two trail Maintenance held, to mark trail & begin building trail connection at N/W end. |
| Santa Maria Greenway (San Diego County) | Through the community of Ramona | | Ramona Trail Association  Don Wendt  John Degenfelder | | Advocate for a trail system along Santa Maria Creek. | | | John attended a December 2018 meeting celebrating dedication of 10 easements. More with potential interest. Report-out pending from January 16, 2019 meeting. |
| Orosco Ridge Master Trail Plan  (U.S. Forest Service) | North of Ramona | | Ramona Trails Association  Don Wendt | | Advocate for safety, multiuse, and adequate staging areas. | | | Mountain bikers have hired a trail planner, raised funds. No SDTA actions at this time. |
| Poway Trail System (State FWS/San Diego County/City of Poway) | Highway 67 near Poway Road | | RTA Don Wendt  BCHC-SD/Martin Jorgensen | | Advocate for multiuse trails and staging areas. Advocate for cooperation between agencies and public input into decisions. | | | No SDTA action at this time. |
| Sycamore Canyon/  Gooden Ranch | Highway 67 / Scripps Poway Pkwy / MCAS Miramar | | RTA Don Wendt  Lakeside Frontier Rider Cyndi Denny | | Advocate for multi-use trails and staging areas. | | | No SDTA action at this time. |
| NORTH SAN DIEGO (DEL MAR, FALLBROOK, VALLEY CENTER, ETC) | | | | | | | | |
| Del Mar Beach Access | | Highway 1  Del Mar area | | SDTA/Julie Klein | | Advocate for safety, multiuse. | No SDTA action at this time. | |
| San Dieguito Trail | | Lagoon area | | SDTA/Julie Klein | | Advocate for safety, multiuse. | No SDTA action at this time. | |
| Lake Hodges trail system | | Escondido/San Dieguito area | | SDTA/Julie Klein | | Advocate for trail access and prevent the loss of existing trails. Horses still allowed, kick poop off trail to keep horse access. | No SDTA action at this time. | |
| EAST SAN DIEGO (JAMUL, DEHESA, ALPINE, LAKESIDE, ETC.) | | | | | | | | |
| El Monte Valley Sand mine | Ashwood St east to El Capitan Reservoir | | SDTA/Lisa Wood  LFR/Cyndi Denny | | Advocate for trail access and prevent the loss of existing trails. | | | SDTA provided trail-related comments on the draft EIR. No further SDTA action until a meeting or hearing is scheduled. |
| El Monte Valley Flume Trail | South side of the Valley | | SDTA/ Lisa Wood/ Maryanne Vancio | | Advocate to prevent utility encroachment into existing trail. | | | Attend Padre Dam meetings with this on the agenda. |
| Lakeside Downs | West of State Route 67- Santee | | SDTA/Lakeside Frontier Riders Cyndi Denny | | Advocate use of SDG&E easements as trails. | | | Attend meetings – no meetings currently scheduled. |
| Dehesa/Sloan Canyon | Dehesa area | | SDTA  Maryanne Vancio | | Advocate for safe, accessible trail design. | | | Trail users should continue to attend any meetings and provide input. No meetings are currently scheduled. |
| Crestridge Ecological Preserve | Between Dehesa and El Cajon | | SDTA  Lakeside Frontier Riders  Cyndi Denny | | Advocate for trail safety and accessibility. | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. For discussion: east county mounted patrol? |
| Steel Canyon | Western Jamul area | | SDTA  Maryanne Vancio | | Advocate for staging areas and multi-use trails.  Sycuan tribe ready to build staging area, so timeline for county? | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. |
| SOUTH SAN DIEGO (BONITA, TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY, OTAY, ETC) | | | | | | | | |
| Sweetwater Bike Skills Park | Sweetwater area | | Bonita Valley Horsemen  Mark Kukuchek | | Advocate for a safe trail crossing at Proctor Valley Road. | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. |
| Sweetwater River and Loop Trail | Sweetwater River to San Diego Bay | | Bonita Valley Horsemen  Mark Kukuchek | | Advocate for equestrian access to the entire trail system. | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. |
| Tijuana River Valley Regional Park | Hollister Road  Monument Road | | Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association  Emma Reese | | Advocate for safety and multi-use of campground facilities. Advocate for safe trail crossings of the Tijuana River. | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. |
| Otay River Valley Trail | Otay River Valley to San Diego Bay | | TRVEA Emma Reese | | Advocate for the trail and staging areas. | | | Attend meetings. No meeting currently scheduled. |
| BACKCOUNTRY | | | | | | | | |
| Bolder Oaks Campground (Forest Service) | Off I-8 E of Buckman Springs Road | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate for suitable areas that can accommodate larger rigs. | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. |
| Indian Flats Campground  (Forest Service) | Warner Springs area | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate for equestrian access to campground. | | | Attend meetings. No meeting currently scheduled. |
| Anza Borrego Desert State Park | Borrego Springs area | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate to reopen the Lower Willows Trail and keep other trails open and safe and promote multi-use trails. | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. Marty has been advocating for the development of a trails advisory committee. |
| Laguna Mountain (Forest Service) | Laguna Recreation Area | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate for trail modifications to improve them while providing protection for sensitive species. Advocate for equestrian camping in the Laguna mountain area. | | | Attend meetings and participate in work days. None currently scheduled. |
| Cuyamaca Rancho State Pak | East County | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate for a redesign of Green Valley Equestrian Camp and the reestablishment of Los Caballos Horse Camp. | | | Attend meetings. No meetings currently scheduled. Marty has been advocating for the development of a trails advisory committee. |
| Coast to Crest Trail  (San Dieguito Riverpark) | North County | | BCHC-SD Julie Klein, Don Wendt,  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate for trail development, safe access and staging areas. | | | Attend meetings and participate in work days. None currently scheduled. |
| Trans County Trail | San Diego County | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate for trail development and safe access and staging areas. | | | Attend meetings and participate in work days. None currently scheduled. |
| Pacific Crest Trail | U.S. Forest Service | | BCHC-SD Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate for continued access and adequate maintenance. | | | Attend meetings and participate in work days. None currently scheduled. |
| California Riding and Hiking Trail | San Diego County/ U.S. Forest Service/State Parks | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen | | Advocate to get all or part of the trail open again. | | | Attend meetings and participate in work days. None currently scheduled. |
| California Coastal Trail | San Diego County coastal area | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen  SDTA  Maryanne Vancio | | Advocate for trail development and safe access and staging areas. | | | Attend meetings and participate in work days. None currently scheduled. |
| San Diego River Trail | U.S. Forest Service | | BCHC-SD  Marty Jorgensen  SDTA  Maryanne Vancio | | Advocate for trail development and safe access and staging areas. | | | Attend meetings and participate in work days. None currently scheduled. |