San Diego Trail Alliance

Monday, Oct 19th, 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 – Lisa Wood
      1. El Monte Valley, Sand Mining;
         1. City of San Diego concerned about water.
         2. Sierra club will vote no against the proposed Sand Mine
         3. Notice of preparation on EIR to address traffic, and other concerns; letters to Greg Cox and Diane Jacob;
         4. Trails along Berm, so riding between berm and road.
         5. Next is between migrated and impact
         6. CEQA 45 days after subsequent EIR, State Geologists, historic use – impacts, migrated;
         7. Delay permits to end of three years;
         8. Helix is public company thus its land is public land, its three parcels in addition.
         9. Trails, bond for it like everyone else. Trails officially adapted and into the system.
         10. California Native Society input?
      2. Lakeside Community Planning Group trails sub-committee (LCPG)
      3. Lakeside Downs Conservancy Project (Michael Beck has acquired 400 acres for Conservancy); No trail access for public, trail routes for Eyplus hills to riverbottom;
      4. Notes: Ben Stone from San Diego Mt. Bike (SDMBA) is reaching out to Michael Beck (re Fanita Ranch) – we need to work in conjunction with the Mt. Bikers to present a united group.
   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.
      1. Trans County, Brian Albright working the numbers;
   3. Canada de San Vicente
      1. Update from Alison (RTA): Pressure Calif Fish & Wildlife, Access to public beside hunters; respond and write Joel Anderson, Duncan Hunter;
      2. San Diego Mountain Bike (SDMBA) has arranged a subcommittee meeting with State Fish & Wildlife relative to Ramona Trails – how best to network: Ben Cross Acknowledged that Calif Fish & Wildlife very difficult to work with; Michael Beck has connection /contact with CAFW;
   4. USFWS – Mother Miguel rock House update: GPS the Trails, need signs to use switchbacks, mark the trails.
   5. Elfin Ridge – Email Nancy Reed for update
2. Updates 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. Brainstorming Notes: Nancy Reed is our information source for these issues. County Supervisor Bill Horn is District Supervisor. What can we do to help out here?
4. Mountain bikes + Mounted Patrol Opportunities: Harmony Grove/ Elfin Forest have Patrol Opportunities.
   1. TRVEA - updates
      1. Met last Wednesday, Oct 14, with County, SDMBA, TRVEA, EIR, no sematic change to open to bikers
      2. Need to complete dredging, south side of smugglers, stop pumping water 9/28 but need to finish before rains come; storm water-actual water a problem without dredging, add ramps for north-south connections, push for ramps over SD storm water.
      3. TREVA has trail maintenance every 2nd Saturday of the month, 9 am Hollister. Be on time.
      4. In event of the rains and flooding, TREVA need list of available trailers and phone tree, to evacuate horse in flood areas.
   2. 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;
   3. Cuyamaca – Roads and Trails Plan (Marty):
      1. This is the first Road and trails plan, Bob Patterson is the contact.
5. Communication:
   1. Share calendars. Get 2016 calendars to Ramona Trail Assoc.
   2. New board members; Marty Jorgensen and Lisa Wood
   3. Pros & Cons of 501(3)c Status: Discuss pros and cons, costs of reporting name and purpose changes to IRS with revised determination letters, amending bylaws & policies, need grant writer, file to state and Federal every year; pro was money and donations, but fund raising events would need insurance; Members felt SDTA had more flexible as is.
      1. This lead to discussions of cost of insurance for organizations, insurance expensive for TREVA, SDMBA, etc.
   4. Networking with other user groups: SDMBA

Motor cross / gateway to Bonita ranch;

Network at the ground level with State Fish & Wildlife; Funds for public access? Funding from Caltrans; Maps of Valley;

Trails: City of San Diego, Mission Trails; Home Federal application in Santee for Bonita Ranch; Skyline trails in Big Bear; Kitchen Creek Rd;

Management Zone/ Connectivity to communities

Harmony Grove, Lilac Hills connector is 7 miles, lilac parking lot under Bridge; Marko Gonzalez contact for Lilac Hills;

Miner ridge, Del Mar Mesa, build new trail;

Calif. Fish & Wildlife monitoring how the county will handle/monitor Del Mar Mesa;

15/85 Strawberry fields avoid CEQA; future is County; reach out to PR people at Developers and community development; Get email lists;

Ben Cross forward County Wide trail map to SDMBA;

* 1. Facebook/website/meetup/newsletter = how to best get the word out about trail issues??
     1. Build a website and FB; SDMBA sends newsletters to 8000 emails, FB 4000 users with boast post;
     2. Alison volunteered to read documentation like EIR, government plans, etc., and help write letters;
     3. Reach out to Unaffiliated trail users;
     4. Develop Liaison in every area where there are trails.

1. Recreational Facilities:
   1. Reports from the Field
      1. Jamul: Mill ranch Road goes to Pioneer grade now graded for trail users;
   2. How to get the best usage from facilities