San Diego Trail Alliance

Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 16, 2018

Purpose:

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

Please remind us of your name and affiliation; indicate if your update is for information or for action.

Please be clear about the location of the trail or issue.

Please be concise and to the point.

1. Board Update: Meeting was held July 1. It was decided to start a FaceBook page for the organization.

 Welcome to Maryanne Vancio, our new SDTA Board member.

 Current SDTA Board:

 Diane Carter

 Cyndi Denny

 Sandy Jones

 Martin Jorgensen

 Julie Klein

 Vicki Krauss

 Maryanne Vancio

 Lisa Wood

1. Policy and County Updates:
	1. Otay Ranch. Meg Diss, San Diego County Parks.
	2. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO). Marty Jorgensen
	3. Diane Jacob Trail Advisory Committee. Who attended?
	4. Safety. Report of possible safety issue in Crestridge. Cyndi Denny.
	5. MSCP. Lisa Wood – overview. Julie Klien – recent meetings

1. South County Report Outs – Emma Reese
	1. Trail updates in Tijuana River Valley.
2. East County Report Outs

a. El Monte Valley: July 18 Lakeside Planning Group meeting at 7:00 pm at the community center. Lisa Wood will attend.

1. North County Report Outs.
	1. West end of San Dieguito River Trail. Julie Klein.
2. Ramona Report Outs.
	1. Old Survey Road 97/La Canada - Don Wendt and Glen Morgan
	2. Orosco Ridge (Pamo Valley): Cyndi Denny and Maryanne Vancio will summarize SDTA actions.

1. Backcountry - Marty Jorgensen (San Diego Unit of Backcountry Horsemen)
	1. U.S. Forest Service

 BCHC-SD Packing School

 Boulder Oaks

 Laguna

* 1. State Parks

 BCHC-SD Packing School

 Cuyamaca issues

 Lower Willows Trail

 Vern Whittaker Service weekend

1. Jamul Report Outs- Dana Braithwaite and Maryanne Vancio

 Steel Canyon

 Jamul

 Hollenbeck

 9. Items for follow-up and action.

a. Club Calendars

b. Incorporate more of the other user Groups i.e., Hikers, Rock Climbers and Runners into SDTA

c. Set up a meeting with Michael Beck to discuss safety at Crestridge and other issues

d. Ask Meg Diss (San Diego County Parks and Recreation) about current County trail width standards and develop an SDTA recommended standard. (Some current standards may be too narrow for safety and require more frequent maintenance.) Also ask her what is the current trail maintenance staff and how often trails are supposed to be maintained. Maryanne Vancio and Marty Jorgensen.

 10. Open Forum

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| AT A GLANCE |
| **Project Name** | **Site** | **Lead**  | **Goal** | **Actions** |
| POLICY AND REGULATORY |
| Public Lands Dedication Ordinance (San Diego County) | San Diego County  | SDTAMark Kukuchek (Bonita Valley Horsemen) | The county is currently rewriting the PLDO so that developer funds can be used to develop and maintain trails on county land. | Continue to participate in meetings and provide input. |
| Federal legislation HR1349, S2877 | Federal lands | BCHC-SD/Martin Jorgensen | Previous SDTA position was “opposed.” Improvements to the 2018 bill may warrant a shift to neutral or support. | The 2018 bill does not address the use of trail maintenance equipment such as chainsaws and applies only to trails located in Wilderness areas. Regional land managers would have two years to decide if bikes are appropriate on a trail-by-trail basis. |
| Multiple Species Conservation Plan (San Diego County) | San Diego County | SDTALisa WoodJulie Klein | Allow public access through biologically sensitive areas and keep trails open. | Continue to participate in MSCP development, attend meetings, and provide input. |
| Trail Health and Safety Issues | San Diego County | SDTA/Maryanne Vancio, Marty Jorgensen,.Emma Reese (TREVA) | Advocate safe trail design and behavior. Minimize trail user exposure to pollution. | Continue to advocate safe trail design that also minimizes sedimentation and provides for regular maintenance.  |
| RAMONA |
| Ramona Grasslands Open Space Preserve (San Diego County)Old Survey Road 97 | Off Highland Valley and Rangeland Roads | Ramona Trails Association Glen Morgan | Open up more trails and staging. Establish a connection to the San Dieguito River Park Trail system in the San Pascual Valley. | Continue to work with County Parks and other agencies to secure long-term access and staging areas. |
| Boulder Oaks Open Space Preserve (San Diego County) | Mussey Grade Road | Ramona Trails Association Don WendtBCHC-SD/Martin Jorgensen | Influence design of the trails and staging areas. | Continue to work with the county to insure multi-use trails and equestrian staging areas are developed. |
| La Canada de San Vicente Preserve (State Fish and Wildlife) | San Vicente & Chuck Wagon Road | Ramona Trails Association Don Wendt | Public access to trails within the preserve/outdoor educational center. | Continue to work with California Fish and Wildlife to secure access.  |
| Santa Maria Greenway (San Diego County) | Through the community of Ramona | Ramona Trail Association Don WendtJohn Degenfelder | Continued development of trail system. | Ongoing. The trail system is part of the County Trail Matrix. |
| Orosco Ridge (Pamo Valley) Master Trail Plan(U.S. Forest Service) | North of Ramona | San Diego Mountain Biking Association Ben StoneBCHC-SD/Martin JorgensenRamona Trails Association Don Wendt | SDMBA is working with the Forest Service to develop both bike-only and multi-use trail systems. | Both SDTA and BCHC-SD are currently advocating for safety and the development of staging areas for all trail users. Both sent a response to the recent Forest Service scoping letter. We have also requested additional public hearings about the project.  |
| Iron Mountain Mt. Woodson/Poway Trail System (San Diego County/City of Poway) | Highway 67 near Poway Road | Ramona Trails AssociationDon WendtBCHC-SD/Martin Jorgensen | Ensure that all trails and staging areas will be multi-use. The City of Poway and San Diego County are supporting an underpass near Hwy 67 and Poway Rd. The County is inquiring to purchase 160 acres with a goal of acquiring 800 acres.  | Continue to monitor and advocate for equestrian staging with addition land purchase. Attend D. Jacobs Trails Advisory meeting for updates/input and other meetings upon notice.  |
| Sycamore Canyon/Gooden Ranch | Highway 67 / Scripps Poway Pkwy / MCAS Miramar  | Ramona Trails Association Don WendtLakeside Frontier Rider Cyndi Denny San Diego Mountain Biking AssociationBen Stone | Secure a Public Access Plan from county to show options for public input | A permit system is currently in place for MCAS Miramar. More info can be found at <http://cityofsanteeca.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/3951/202> |
| NORTH SAN DIEGO (DEL MAR, FALLBROOK, VALLEY CENTER, ETC) |
| EAST-WEST SAN DIEGUITO TRAIL goes from the mountains in the Ramona area to the ocean in the Del Mar area along the San Dieguito River.  |
| EAST-WEST TRANS COUNTY TRAIL goes from the mountains south of Ramona to the ocean in the north San Diego area.  |
| Del Mar Beach Access | Highway 1 | SDTA/Julie Klein | Resolve ongoing conflicts with dogs and pedestrians. | Continue to participate in meetings and provide input. |
| San Dieguito Trail | Lagoon area | SDTA/Julie Klein | Resolve connection/safety issues | Continue to participate in meetings and provide input. |
| EAST SAN DIEGO (JAMUL, DEHESA, ALPINE, LAKESIDE, ETC.) |
| EAST-WEST SAN DIEGO RIVER TRAIL, Goes from the Cleveland National Forest above and east of El Monte Valley, through the Valley and west through Mission Valley along the San Diego River and on out the flood control channel to the sea.  |
| El Monte Valley | Ashwood St to El Cap Reservoir | SDTA/Lisa WoodLFR/Cyndi Denny | Save key trail linkage for mountains to coast system along the San Diego River from destruction by sand mine. | Continue to participate in meetings (July 18 Lakeside Community Group meeting to have an item); email or write letters to County Board of Supervisors about the value of the valley; monitor sand mine progress.  |
| Lakeside Downs | West of State Route 67 | SDTA/Lakeside Frontier Riders Cyndi Denny | Obtain the use of a local SDG&E easement? | Letter to Joshua Menvielle. Work with SDG&E will be needed to secure access.  |
| Anderson Truck Trail | East of El Capitan Reservoir (North of Alpine) | San Diego Mountain Biking Association Ben Stone | Obtain trail access.from the Forest Service. | Continue to negotiate with County and private property owners. |
| Dehesa/Sloan Canyon | Dehesa area | SDTAMaryanne Vancio | Negotiate trail design for safety/access. | Continue to attend meetings. Negotiations continue with the Sycuan Tribe. |
| Crestridge Ecological Preserve | Between Dehesa and El Cajon | SDTALakeside Frontier Riders Cyndi Denny | Address possible safety issues | Determine veracity of dirt biker attack reports and address accordingly. Encourage the creation of a mounted patrol.Establish working relationship with Michael Beck and his staff |
| Steel CanyonHollenbeck CanyonJamul area | Western Jamul area | SDTA Maryanne VancioJamul Trails Dana Braithwaite | Trail closuresStaging area issues | Continue to attend meetings and be part of any decisions that are made. |
| SOUTH SAN DIEGO (BONITA, TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY, OTAY, ETC) |
| EAST-WEST SWEETWATER RIVER AND LOOP TRAIL goes through the Bonita area to the southern end of San Diego Bay along the Sweetwater River.  |
| EAST-WEST OTAY RIVER VALLEY TRAIL goes along the Otay River to the sea.  |
| Sweetwater Bike Skills Park | Sweetwater area | Bonita Valley HorsemenMark Kukuchek | A trail crossing is needed at Proctor Valley Road | Continue to work with San Diego County Parks and Traffic. |
| Sweetwater River and Loop Trail | Sweetwater River to San Diego Bay | Bonita Valley Horsemen Mark Kukuchek | There is currently no equestrian access to portions of the trail system.. | Continue to work with Diane Jacob and San Diego County. |
| San Diego County Parks proposed campground | Hollister RoadTijuana River Valley | Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association Emma Reese | Ensure the campground design meets the needs of all trail users. | Continue to work with San Diego County Parks. Attend meetings and provide input. |
| Otay River Valley Trail | Otay River Valley to San Diego Bay  | Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association Emma Reese | Represent trail users in development of the trail | Continue to work together with land managers. Attend meetings and provide input. |
| BACKCOUNTRY |
| Bolder Oaks Campground (Forest Service) | Off I-8 E of Buckman Springs Road | BCHC-SDMarty Jorgensen | Redesign of the equestrian sites so they can accommodate larger rigs as part of the ongoing campground renovation | BCHC-SD is continuing to work directly with the Forest Service. Campground renovation is currently scheduled for 2019/2020. |
| Indian Flats Campground(Forest Service) | Warner Springs area | BCHC-SDMarty Jorgensen | Creation of equestrian sites at the campground | Campground is currently closed due to water issues. BCHC-SD will continue to work with the USFS Palomar District on design. |
| Anza Borrego Desert State Park | Borrego Springs/East County | BCHC-SDMarty Jorgensen | Keep trails open and safe. Promote multi-use trails. | Work closely with State Parks and provide input. Advocate for the development of a trails advisory committee. Get Lower Willows Trail open again. |
| Laguna Mountain (Forest Service) | Laguna Recreation Area | BCHC-SDMarty Jorgensen | Modify trails to improve and increase them while protecting sensitive species. | Participate in trail development. |
| Cuyamaca Rancho State Pak | East County | BCHC-SDMarty Jorgensen | Keep trails open and safe and camping available for all trail users. Promote multi-use trails. | Continue to work closely with State Parks and provide input. Advocate for the development of a trails advisory committee and a new horse equestrian camp to replace Los Caballos. Push for needed improvements to the Green Valley Equestrian Camp. |
| Coast to Crest Trail(San Diego Riverpark) | North County | BCHC-SD Julie Klein, Don Wendt,Marty Jorgensen | Represent trail users in the creation of the trail system | Continue to work with land managers. Attend meetings and provide input. |
| Trans County Trail | San Diego County | BCHC-SDMarty Jorgensen | Represent trail users in the creation of the trail system | Continue to work with land managers. Attend meetings and provide input |
| Pacific Crest Trail | U.S. Forest Service | BCHC-SD Marty Jorgensen | Keep trail opened and maintained | Continue to work with land managers. Attend meetings and provide input. |
| California Riding and Hiking Trail | San Diego County/ U.S. Forest Service/State Parks | BCHC-SDMarty Jorgensen | Work to get trail open again | Continue to work with land managers. Attend meetings and provide input. |
| California Coastal Trail | San Diego County coastal area | BCHC-SDMarty JorgensenSDTAMaryanne Vancio | Represent trails users in the creation of the trail system | Continue to work with land managers.Attend meetings and provide input. |
| San Diego River Trail | U.S. Forest Service | BCHC-SDMarty JorgensenSDTAMaryanne Vancio | Represent trails users in the creation of the trail system | Continue to work with land managers.Attend meetings and provide input. |
| OTHER IMPORTANT TRAILS |
| NORTH-SOUTH CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL |
| NORTH-SOUTH CALIFORNIA RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL |
| NORTH-SOUTH PACIFIC CREST TRAIL  |
| OTHER (e.g., Flume, Sycamore, DeAnza, etc) |

**COMMENTING GUIDE:**

**District 1. Greg Cox**. Can send a letter to him at County Administration Office:

1600 Pacific Highway

San Diego, CA 92102

Or at greg.cox@sdcounty.ca.gov He also has a twitter account @SupervisorCox 619-531-5511

**District 2. Dianne Jacob.** Responsive to her constituents. Letter can be mailed to her at 1600 Pacific Highway or also can call or e-mail 619-531-5522 dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov

**District 3. Kristin Gaspar.** Same address.
tel: (619) 531-5533 kristin.gaspar@sdcounty.ca.gov, also FB and Twitter

**District 4. Ron Roberts.** Same address. Each of their pages has a link to FB, twitter. (619) 531-5544

**District 5 is Bill Horn**, and for now, he is most likely not supporting trails.

Petitions are generally not helpful. Instead, craft individual comment letters, tweets, FB comments, and e-mails. Commend County staff for the work they have done. For example, “I rode my horse on the Flume Trail recently and was impressed with the beautiful El Monte Valley.”

State issue, for example, “I am concerned about a proposed sand mine in El Monte Valley. Please protect important resources including trails, agricultural resources, water, and existing small businesses that may be negatively affected by the proposed project.” Again, thank officials and staff for helping protect our scenic County.

Avoid using “form letters” for issues if at all possible. (Land managers often can legally combine them, only counting them as one letter rather than several.) If you must use them, reword them slightly to express your individual feelings.

Meeting Summary from July 1 Board Meeting

Marti, Diane, Julie (and spouse), Cyndi, Maryanne, and Lisa met at Lisa’s house. Sandy and Vicki were absent.

* Marti asked that Lisa revise the matrix to show the 5 east-west and the 4 north south trail corridors.
* All discussed the importance of discussing trail safety. Single track trails are popular but are a safety and erosion problem. Key safety issues include:
* Proper equipment, such as cell phones.
* Proper skills and behaviors, such as sensory training.
* Proper trail design, avoiding jumps and areas where passing is difficult.
* Homeless encampments and other human dangers.
* Fire safety, providing a community map to local fire fighters.
* Lisa asked to attend Audubon and Sierra Club meetings to recruit trail users to the club.
* Lisa asked to develop FB page.
* Diane asked to invite SDMBA to participate on the SDTA Board.
* Cyndi asked to verify report of attack in Crestridge.
* Cyndi asked to invite Meg to the quarterly meeting on July 16th and ask her to speak about Otay Ranch and also various County issues.