San Diego Trail Alliance

Quarterly Steering Committee Meeting

Lisa’s place

Saturday, June 29, 2019

SDTA Minutes: Monday, April 15, 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.

April meeting attendees: Cyndi Denny, Lisa Wood, Vicki Drauss, Maryanne Vancio, Sandy Jones, Walt Kirkwood, Susie Kirkwood, John Degenfelder, Don Wendt, Jeanne Abshire, Kammi Montanero, Laurie Curran, Susan Mena, Brenda Baker, Barbara Hughes, Emma Reese, Dennis Campbell (Land Use/Environmental Planner), Lorrie Bradley (County).

January SDTA Meeting attendees: Sandi Peterson, John Degenfelder, Julie Klein, Martin Jorgensen,   
Don Wendt, Maryanne Vancio, Cyndi Denny, Vicki Krauss, Kammi Montanero, Billie-Jo Swanson  
Barbara Hughes

Agenda Items for Discussion:

Policy and County Updates:

1. Local Coastal Program Update from Dennis Campbell, Land Use/Environmental Planner
   1. Land Use: gave an overview
   2. Implementation: Deals with zoning issues

6 miles of Multi-use trails were approved by the Coastal Commission & County Board of Supervisors

County was able to get additional mileage

No definite planning for staging area at this time.

Del Mar

1. Ongoing issues so efforts continue
2. Consult the Advanced Planning website for further information. Dennis will send a link.
3. Public meeting and informational hearing to be held late May or June. No definite date as yet. It will be held at the offices downtown at 9 am.
4. Letters can be submitted to Dennis. He will get them on record.
5. Report from Lorrie Bradley:
   1. Cottonwood Sand Mine: ETA of EIR? Submittal waiting
   2. Boulder Oaks:
      1. Ongoing efforts to make progress
      2. Approximately 14.2 miles of multi-use trails are planned
      3. Three (3) staging areas, of which one is for Equestrians rigs, eight spots.
      4. Public workshop had equestrians and mtn. bikers. Martha’s Grove allows horses but one direction for all trail users.
   3. San Luis Rey
      1. 1,600 acre park planned with equestrian trails and staging
      2. Connections from Bonsall bridge to Fallbrook and San Marcos
      3. Only one more easement needed
   4. Fiesta Island: City of San Diego is proposing redevelopment. Visit this website for details: <http://fiestaislandamendment.com/>
      1. Planning Commission Public Hearing at City Hall on 4/11, Plan B approved. No changes for equestrians.
6. When is the next Diane Jacob Trail Advisory Committee 2:30 – 4:30, 250 East Main Street, number 169?
7. 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, Any Updates?
8. SDTA proposed another meeting with county to exchange information and assist with projects.
9. SDTA Horse/Mountain Bike Clinic: Preparations assigned in SDTA BOD meeting:
   1. Held 5/25/19 at River Valley Equestrian Center
   2. Cyndi sent out an email invite to various clubs with Lisa’s flyer, Lisa put it on FB and Cyndi put it on LFR FB.
   3. BCHC-SD set up a booth and spoke of Leave no trace during the pizza lunch. SDTA also reminded attendees to stay off trails after rain and to ride SD river bottom instead.
   4. SDMBA contacted Cyndi with bikers attending who was also keeping
   5. 25 horses attended with eight mountain bikers including Exec. Dir. Susie Murphy
   6. About 42 people in attendance, 11 pizzas ordered and picked up by Lisa Wood.
   7. California Horse Trader attended took pictures, interviewed SDTA & Susie /SDMBA, write in June 1 edition under “Focus on Trails”
   8. Vicki Krauss had obstacles set up, balloons, umbrellas, plastic bag on the end of a whip, she assisted riders with their horses, used Callie to show how to get a horse used to an object, how to handle. After Lunch, mountain bikers came into the area and put bikers and riders through various exercises. TRVEA also attended and helped out. Many attendees were LFR members.
   9. Freckles the horse was put through exercise by Vicki, surrounded by the bikers.
   10. Bikers did see one horse spook which was good.
   11. Hikers with Backpacks were there,
   12. Basically, good time for everyone and the Location worked out great.
   13. People have already been emailing to be contacted for the next clinic. Cyndi is maintaining the list.

Tasks accomplished by the following: Lisa did the flyer and send out to all, provide pizzas, and worked with Equestrian center for location.

Maryanne provides water/sodas, paper plates, Vicki brings cooler with ice, Cyndi did desserts, both Maryanne & Lisa brought tables. Notes: need sign at road, code for gate, order 11 pizzas to avoid two trips, send notice to California Horse Trader and they can help get word out in North County to attend.

1. 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 accepted a bid.  SDMBA expects the project to complete by the end of the year. SDMBA have any updates?
   3. Creek to Bay clean up on 4/27/19
   4. TRVEA updates? Canopy trails open yet? The five bulls caught? How is Effie May crossing still unusable? Mesa Trails are open.
2. 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. Crestridge. Email from Gardner requesting a trail user clinic and equestrian input regarding alternative access to Crest as equestrians having difficulty with gates at reserve entrances. Cyndi is corresponding with Gardner and offered to include other trail users to the 5/25/19 clinic along with input concerning alternative access to help equestrians at Crest. LFR & SDTA to assist with ideas for alternatives access. We need to advocate for better signage for trails and riders keeping to the road has helped the trails. No update/reply from Gardner for above items yet.
   4. 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.
   5. The 2nd public workshop for Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch was held, good attendance by equestrians. There was confusion regarding Martha’s Grove, that is multi-use one direction trail, open to hikers, equestrians, and Mtn bikers.
3. North County Updates.
   1. Trail along Lake Hodges will not be closed, but - need to kick manure off the trail.
   2. Lake Hodges reports that persons are camouflaging bard wire and stringing wire across the trail high enough to catch a mountain biker at handle bar level or catch a hiker or horse in the chest. Be cautious on this trail until these individuals are caught.  Alert put out by SDMBA thru FB and reported to Local authorities. Please report if you witness more of this action on trail.
   3. San Dieguito Ranger Station approved and funded.
   4. Pamo Valley Coast to Crest trail previously looting on gate operated by solar, now fixed. Stay on the trail, do not take trail routes off the main trail, as property owners are monitoring the trail users are staying on the main trail. Property owners are hostile.
   5. Any other updates:
4. Ramona Report Outs.
   1. Updates on Old Survey Rd 97: Hope to open Old Survey Rd. 97 8/15 – 10/15. Grand Opening June 9th.
   2. Santa Maria Greenway: 2 new property owners considering giving easements. Current policy is that easements must be contiguous. At Dianne J. Advisory meeting, Dianne requested that any easements offered should be accepted regardless of connection or not. Some property owners claim they haven't been contacted by the county and this shared at the D.J. meeting. Is this still an issue?
   3. Orosco Ridge - NEPA has to be redone.   Summary of Public Comments posted on website.

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. Is BCHC-SD going to have their Trail Maintenance weekend at Los Vaqueros? Update?
   3. Laguna- meadow trails are to be relocated to tree line for environmental reasons. We be an overall net benefit for both trails and environment.
   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. Los Vaqueros weekend for BCHC-SD, weekend was reduced to Friday (ride day), Saturday(work day), and Sunday departure, State park staff not cooperating.
2. Trails and Greenway Conference. <https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24151> Advanced workshops will be at Gooden Ranch and El Monte Park.
   1. SDTA stand up sign from Diane C is great and worked well at the Conference.
   2. Maryanne’s poster of co-sponsorship listing SDTA thanks our co-sponsors LFR, BVH, RTA, TRVEA, BCHC-SD, Blossom Valley Trail Alliance looked good.
   3. People helping were the Kirkwoods, Julie Meyers, Vicki Krauss, Billi-Jo Swanson, Don Wendt, John Degenfelder, Barbara Hughes, Marty Jorgensen, Cindy McKievick, one member from BVTA.
   4. Our Booth looked great, Maryanne kept a candy/chocolate bowl on the table, it attracted everyone.
   5. John, Don, and Meg did a session on the Santa Maria Greenway
   6. Our booth looked so good that SDRP asked us to put up the same booth at their 30th Anniversary event which we agree to do. Cyndi submitted the application.
   7. All the clubs did presentation to power point, which ran on three laptops from Cyndi D, Cindy McKievick, Walt Kirkwood, also all presentations now on a flash drive.
   8. Proposed project on Black Mtn trail to work out between BCHC-SD & SDMBA with LFR offering to also volunteer with project.
3. SDMBA:
   1. Trail Etiquette Project, San Diego Trail Alliance and BCHC-SD are on the new signs with SDMBA, Ultra 100 runners, and Laguna Community Trail
   2. Lake Calavera update?

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 4/14 | 4/15  SDTA MEETING: 6:00 Mimi’s 9812 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee | 4/16 | 4/17  Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway |  | 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  TRVEA Trail Maintenance |
| 4/28 | 4/29 | 4/30 | 5/1  BCHC-SD Los Vaqueros Service Weekend @ Group Camp  Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway, Santee |  | 5/2 | 5/3 | 5/4  LFR Club Ride – Eagle Rock |
| 5/5 | 5/6  SDMBA meeting | 5/7 | 5/8 |  | 5/9 | 5/10 | 5/11  Ramona Parade |
| 5/12 | 5/13 | 5/14 | 5/15 Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway, Santee |  | 5/16 | 5/17 | 5/18 |
| 5/19 | 5/20 | 5/21 | 5/22 |  | 5/23 | 5/24 | 5/25  TRVEA Trail maintenance **9:00 – 11:00 am.** 2310 Hollister Street. |
| 5/26 | 5/27 | 5/28 | 5/29 |  | 5/30 | 5/31 | 6/1 |
| 6/2 | 6/3  SDMBA meeting | 6/4 | 6/5  Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway |  | 6/6  LFR Group Camp Los Vaqueros Cuyamaca | 6/7 | 6/8 |
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| 6/23 | 6/24 | 6/25 | 6/26 |  | 6/27 | 6/28 | 6/29  10:00 SDTA Steering Meeting, Lisa’s;  TRVEA Trail maintenance |
| 6/30 | 7/1  SDMBA meeting | 7/2 | 7/3  Padre Dam Board meeting 3:30 p.m. 9300 Fanita Parkway |  | 7/4 | 7/5 | 7/6  Descanso Parade |
| 7/7  LFR Club Ride  Hollister Mesa Ride, South Bay | 7/8 | 7/9 | 7/10 |  | 7/11  BCHC-SD Membership meeting & BBQ 6:30 pm Flinn Springs County Park | 7/12 | 7/13 |
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| **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.  Progress on barb wire across trails to injure trail users. SDMBA reported the threat. | |
| 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. |
| Cottonwood San Mine | SR-94 Rancho San Diego | | SDTA/ Cyndi Denny | | Advocate for trail access & keep county connections | | | Waiting on EIR, Meg of County is talking to mining owners. |
| 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. |