

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009
MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TASK FORCE**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Task Force was held on Wednesday January 21, 2009, City Administration Building, 12th Floor Conference Room, 202 C Street, San Diego

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Marti Emerald, City of San Diego
Councilmember Donna Frye, City of San Diego
Councilmember Brian Jones, City of Santee
Dorothy Leonard, Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee Chair
Councilmember Ruth Sterling, City of La Mesa

City of San Diego

Park and Recreation Department: Open Space Deputy Director Chris Zirkle, Open Space District Manager Steve Haupt, Mission Trails Regional Park Senior Ranger Tracey Walker
San Diego City Water Department: Nelson Manville
Council District 7 Staff Representatives: Nathan Batchelder
San Diego City CPCI, Michelle Abella-Shon,

Members Absent

Supervisor Pam Slater, County of San Diego
Supervisor Diane Jacob, County of San Diego

Guests

San Diego County Water Authority: Mojgan Poursadighi, Tad Brierton, Craig Balben, and Jerry Reed, Vic Biances
City of Santee, John Coates
San Diego Board of Supervisors Dianne Jacob's Representative, Tale Halse
San Diego Mountain Bike Association, Kim Wiley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marti Emerald at 12:15 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 19, 2008 (Fry / Leonard) carried unanimously with the following modifications. SDCWA employee Martin Coghill did not attend this Task Force Meeting. Re: Item # 302. (a.) Relining finish date is December, not September. (b.) Estimated completion date of the Mission Trails Tunnel is June of 2011, not 2010.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chair Marti Emerald reported: The Chair voiced her support for the Mission Trails Regional Park and its programs. She has been a regular patron since the 1980's.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE / FOUNDATION REPORT

CAC, Chair Dorothy Leonard reported on the CAC meeting of January 6th.

- A motion was made and passed forward by the CAC to recommend to park staff that the SDCWA provide additional project mitigation due to the additional two years of impact to the park.
- Jay Wilson is the new Mission Trails Foundation Executive Director. He began his duties on January 6th of this year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Lake Murray Report: Nelson Manville reported:

- The lake temp is 58 degrees and level is very high at this time. The launch ramp is in good shape.
- Lake management is running a full fishing schedule at this time.
- A new lake use price list has been released.
- A Lake Ranger Patrol was run for the first time in over a year. This resulted in finding several people who did not pay for their permits. Out of 13 contacted, 9 received citations.
- Several after-hour access problems were reported. Most of these came into the area via the golf course. Turf damage was estimated at between \$30K-70K!
- Nelson will be talking to Park and Recreation regarding the installation of some new bollards to prevent easy access.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Senior Ranger Tracey Walker reported on the attempt to finish off the Kumeyaay Lake Restoration Grant. The new contractor is in place at this time.
- The ongoing vehicle "smash and grab" break-ins have increased during this reporting period. Ranger staff is working with SDPD Eastern Division on a solution. It is felt that an advanced security camera / computer combination is the answer. New MTRP Foundation Executive Director Jay Wilson and Ranger Walker will be attending a meeting at San Diego State University to discuss this possible option.
- The new sign at the corner of Navajo and Golfcrest will be installed in the next few months. The old one is falling apart.
- A new Cowles Mt. Trail Maintenance program is under study at this time. Hikers refusing to stay on the posted trail, causing erosion, native plant destruction, are degrading the existing trail.
- Four new interpretive panels are installed at the Old Mission Dam Interpretive hike area. The fifth panel highlighting the Oak Canyon Trail is almost completed and will be installed very soon. Panels provided by the MTRP Foundation.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Park Use Permit review. It was suggested that the MTRP CAC might be interested in reviewing some of the larger special events that are held at MTRP. There was some concern about the number of events that were coming into the park and the drain they create on park staffing. If interested, it was recommended that some of the larger events permits be brought before the CAC for review and recommendation for approval or disapproval. It was noted that both Mission Bay Park and Balboa Park have a similar process. It was suggested that the proposal come before the Senior Ranger for consideration and possible docket for a presentation to the CAC for review and recommendation. City staff would consider that recommendation prior to issuance of a formal event permit. A possible major event cap was also discussed. Chair Emerald suggested that the City Attorney be asked for an opinion on the subject to see where any liability issues would fall.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Leonard / Frye) to continue this issue for staff analysis and return at the March 18th Task Force meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

202. CAC appointments/reappointments.
- a. SDSU. Reappointment of Matt Rahn.
 - b. City of La Mesa. Reappointment of Pete Cuthbert. No action was taken pending a letter of recommendation from La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Leonard / Frye) to approve the reappointment of Matt Rahn as the San Diego State University representative to the MTRP CAC. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Update on efforts by the County of San Diego to acquire land for the Stowe Trail. Council Member Brian Jones reported that Dianne Jacobs' office is in the process of negotiating with Miramar to acquire some acreage that sits between Santee and the Gooden Ranch. The purpose is to complete a trail called the Stowe Trail. There is a break in the trail that lies on Miramar property. It is desirable to gain access to this section so the trail can be completed. It was hoped that the appraisal of the 280 acres would be somewhere around 3 million dollars. It in fact came in at 7.34 million dollars. Work on a positive resolution will continue with the Navy.
302. San Diego County Water Authority Projects.
- a. Pipeline 3 Relining Project: Going well and is about 70% completed.
 - b. Pipeline 4 failure: No real "smoking gun" determined. Possible defect in the joint area. Another area on Pipeline 4 was identified as a possible break risk. Aggressive efforts are in place to ensure this section is corrected as soon as possible.
 - c. Tunnel and Flow Regulatory Structure 2 Projects: The Tunnel portion is about 5% in construction. It will be completed in 2011. Due to economic conditions, the FRS-2 portion will be deferred for approximately 2 years. The SDCWA will

be dealing with citizens groups in determining additional mitigation opportunities.

303. CIP Project Updates.

- d. Old Mission Dam Maintenance Project. Off site mitigation for the dredging component of the project continues. Several city departments are working together to try and find funding for obtaining long term dredging permits. The plan is to make this project a new CIP.
- e. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station status report. This is now with Engineering and Capital Projects. They are hoping to get it to council by mid February. Design phase is 8-10 months and construction at 14 months.

304. Status of process to officially name the street at the Equestrian Staging Area. The project has moved forward and has been formally submitting it to Development Services for processing. Dan Hall is the Project Manager. All necessary maps and drawings will be submitted today. It is anticipated that the process should move along quickly. Nathan will be giving an update at the next CAC and Task Force meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kim Wiley introduced himself as the new representative for the San Diego Mountain Bike Association.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Senior Park Ranger
Tracey Walker
Staff Representative

Next meeting: March 18, 2009 @ 12:15 p.m.
Location: City Administration Building, 12th floor