

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

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Task Force was held on Wednesday May 21, 2009. Mission Trails Regional Park One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, California 92119

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 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 EPC, Darren Greenhalgh

Members Absent

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

Guests

San Diego County Water Authority: Mojgan Poursadighi, Martin Coghill  
City of Santee, John Coates  
San Diego Mountain Bike Association, Kim Wiley  
John Pilch, Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee

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 March 18, 2009 (Leonard / Frye) carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

The Chair voiced her support for holding future Mission Trails Taskforce meetings at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

### CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE / FOUNDATION REPORT

CAC, Chair Dorothy Leonard reported that the CAC supported Item # 202 on this agenda.

- Updates to the Master Plan include: The CAC had originally appointed Nancy Acevedo to be on the selection committee for the consultant along with Walter Odening. With Walters's death last month, Matt Rahn has been appointed in his place. Matt is also a PhD in Biology and is with the SDSU Field Station project at Mission Trails, so he is very qualified to fill the gap.
- Last month's Explore Mission Trails Day was very successful, with over 1,600 persons in attendance.

### WATER DEPARTMENT

Lake Murray Report: Nelson Manville reported:

- Mission Trails Foundation Executive Director Jay Wilson conducted a volunteer project with La Mesa Middle School for repairing several Lake Murray picnic tables. Sempra Energy will complete the project in the next several weeks.
- Work continues in spraying invasive plant material in primary diversion ditches around Lake Murray.
- Fishing report: bluegill is hitting well at this time. Last week's fishing tournament resulted in 35 bass being caught.
- The upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Lake Murray was discussed.
- Ground squirrels are again (every spring) creating problems. Some organized trapping efforts are being conducted.
- The lake is very full with a water temperature of 70 degrees.
- Kids' fishing derby will be conducted on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### STAFF REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Senior Ranger Tracey Walker reported on the successful Explore Mission Trails Day and the excellent efforts by all staff to ensure a positive event. Walker thanked LH Woods Construction and the San Diego County Water Authority for clearing the Jackson parking area for event parking.
- The successful BioBlitz event cooperative with the Natural History Museum was held two weeks ago. Over 50 scientists dispersed around MTRP collecting samples of local fauna and flora. Later in the day, the general public was invited to observe the scientist study the material.
- The ongoing vehicle "smash and grab" break-ins are continuing. Ranger staff is working with SDPD Eastern Division and SDSU for a solution.

### ACTION ITEMS

201. Park Use Permit review. No new information from the City Attorney's office has

been received. Chair Emerald noted that she would contact the City Attorney's office for an update.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Leonard / Frye) that the CAC will work with staff on a procedure to bring event permits identified by the Senior Ranger to the CAC. The CAC will not be the final authority on determining permit approval but rather make permit recommendation to the Senior Ranger. The motion passed unanimously.

202. Mission Trails Regional Park Endowment Fund with the San Diego Foundation: Transfer of the distributable balance (2008 earnings less San Diego Foundation management fee) in amount of \$1,367.03 to MTRP Foundation for a project to be determined at a later date.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Leonard / Jones) to approve the transfer of the distributable balance of \$1,367.03 to the MTRP Foundation for a project to be determined at a later date. This was the recommendation of the MTRP CAC. The motion passed unanimously.

203. Appointments of at-large members to MTRP CAC to fill vacancy left by the death of Dr. Walter Odening.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Emerald / Sterling) to approve the appointment of Dale Shockley as member at-large to the MTRP CAC. The motion passed unanimously.

204. Change Task Force meeting dates and locations for the balance of 2009.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Jones / Sterling) to change the location and dates of the regularly scheduled MTRP Task Force Meeting. New location to be Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center. The meeting days changed from Wednesday to Thursday to better accommodate councilmember schedules. 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 there is no new information available.

302. San Diego County Water Authority Projects.

- a. Tunnel and Flow Regulatory Structure 2 Projects: The Tunnel portion of this portion of the project has about 3000 more feet to go. Completion is still scheduled for June 2011.
- b. The Shade structure project will be included in the current tunnel construction contract. Meetings are being held to discuss the finer detail of the construction

- permit and related issues with City and Foundation staff.
- c. Budget constraints, current project efforts and related bidding timelines were discussed.
- d. The pipeline-relining project. Recon will be doing the area re-vegetation of all project-affected areas. The entire project affected area has been hydro seeded.

303. CIP Project Updates.

- a. Old Mission Dam Maintenance Project. The e-electronic 1472 has been drafted and will be routed for internal review and approval prior to routing for signatures for council docket.
- b. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station status report. This project is now with the Engineering and Capital Projects Department. There will be a full report on this project at the next CAC meeting. There was reference to an internal memo indicating that, prior to construction, the Mayor wants to discuss funding for each CIP project with appropriate Department Deputy Directors before moving forward.
- c. MTRP Resource Management Plan and Master Plan update. The consultant selection interviews are to be held the week of June 29<sup>th</sup>.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kim Wiley, representative of the San Diego Mountain Bike Association, described their participation in the recent Explore Mission Trails Day event. It was suggested that next year's event include a more usable surface for bike demonstrations. City staff and members of SDMBA continue to work together on trail rehabilitation projects in many regions of MTRP.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Senior Park Ranger  
Tracey Walker  
Staff Representative

Next meeting: July 16, 2009 @ 12:15 p.m.

Location: Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center, One Father Junipero Serra Trail  
San Diego, California 92119