

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TASK FORCE

## TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

## ATTENDANCE

### Members Present

Councilmember Scott Sherman, City of San Diego  
Councilmember Chris Cate, City of San Diego  
Councilmember Kristine Alessio, City of La Mesa  
Councilmember Ronn Hall, City of Santee  
Supervisor Dave Roberts, County of San Diego  
Dorothy Leonard, Chair of MTRP Citizens Advisory Committee

### Members Absent

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego

### City of San Diego

Andy Quinn, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park  
Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division  
Chris Zirkle, Deputy Director, Open Space Division  
Liz Saidkhanian, City of San Diego  
Jason Grani, City of San Diego

### City of Santee

Bill Maertz, Director of Community Services

### Guests

Rich Thesing  
Jim Fisher, SDCWA  
Brent Fontain, SDCWA  
Craig Balben, SDCWA  
Kevin Loomis, SD MBA

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Sherman at 1:03 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (CATE/ALESSIO) to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. (D. Roberts not present)

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES – NONE

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Scott Sherman informed all to mark their calendars for the Mission Trails Regional Park 5-Peak Challenge.

#### MTRP CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

*Dorothy Leonard reported the following for the CAC meetings held in March, May and July :*

- Approved the Senior Ranger's recommendation to support the 10th annual XTERRA Mission Gorge 5K and 15K trail run on February 7, 2016, and the 2nd annual Children for Children 5K run on April 9, 2016.
- Recommend support of plans for the East Fortuna Staging Area administration building, item 101 on today's Task Force meeting agenda.

#### MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT

*Dorothy Leonard reported the following:*

- Amateur Photo Contest entries are on display in the gallery through October 9th with the winners being honored at a reception on September 20, 2:00 p.m.
- Art in the Park fundraiser is Saturday, October 10, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 5-Peak Challenge launch and media event is Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. at the Kwaay Paay trailhead near the campground. The parking lot at Father Junipero Serra Trail and Bushy Hill will be reserved in the morning for hikers and media event attendees. Hikers who have completed all 5 peaks, with Kwaay Paay being their 5th, will be greeted as they come down to the trailhead and presented with a certificate and a Challenge pin.

#### STAFF REPORTS

A. Water Department's Lake Murray Report – No Report

B. City of Santee Community Services Department – *Bill Maertz reported the following:*

- SANDAG and their consultant KTU+A have completed the trail alignment study for the Carlton Oaks golf course segment of the San Diego River Trail. The preferred alignment is a southern route nearest the river. They will be monitoring the river during the El Nino rains this winter to understand where the trail will need to be elevated or reinforced. The trail project is fully funded through SANDAG's Early Opportunities trail program.

Park Staff/ Sr. Ranger's Report – *Andy Quinn reported the following:*

- On Sunday, Aug. 16, the San Diego Runners Institute completed their 15K/21K run in the park. There were close to 250 participants. That was one of the hottest days of the year. There were 5 heat fatigued incidents, one of them needing to be airlifted.
- The end of summer has been quite busy for us. We've been actually rescuing more canines than humans. We've placed more heat advisory signage on A Frames at the major trail heads and continue to make contacts with hikers.

- With the recent rain, we had run-off of about 30 feet of debris onto Father Junipero Serra Trail Road. It's located in a section where the fire occurred last summer.
- C. Open Space Division Staff Report – No report

### COMMUNICATIONS

None

### ACTION ITEMS

101. Presentation of plans for the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building (Community Support Facility) – *Jason Grani, Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.*

Enrique Rodriguez, lead architect of Davy Architecture, gave a presentation of the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building (Community Support Facility). Landscape Architect, Kelly Price, gave a presentation on the overall site plan.

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (CATE/HALL) to support the recommendations of Davy Architecture and the Mission Trails Regional Park ad hoc sub-committee with the plans for the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building. Motion carried unanimously.

102. Appointment of Kevin Loomis as alternate for Kim Wiley, User Group (San Diego Mountain Bike Association) representative to the MTRP CAC (Term expiring January 2017) – *Councilmember Sherman*

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (CATE/ROBERTS) to approve the appointment of Kevin Loomis as an alternate for Kim Wiley, User Group (San Diego Mountain Bike Association) representative to the MTRP CAC (term expiring January 2017). Motion carried unanimously.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego County Water Authority projects within MTRP – *Craig Balben, Brent Fontain, Jim Fisher- San Diego County Water Authority*

The San Diego County Water Authority is a public agency supplying wholesale water to agencies throughout San Diego County. The water provided to these agencies is conveyed through large-diameter pipelines, commonly referred to as aqueducts. A few projects will be taking place at Mission Trails Regional Park and Lake Murray.

Pipeline 3 which was shut down in 2006 will be reactivated. The system requires it to be put back in service. One vent has already been removed and replaced with a valve structure. The other vent will be demolished and replaced with a valve structure. Work will begin the week of October 12th and be completed the week of December 14th. The Water Authority periodically inspects these pipelines to maintain the integrity of the delivery system. The inspection is done from inside the pipe, requiring the pipeline to be shut down, drained, inspected and refilled. The Water Authority will begin draining one of its pipelines on November 1, 2015. The water will be released from the drainage structure

into natural or man-made channels. The Water Authority does not anticipate the discharge rate will exceed the capacity of these channels, and crews will monitor the draining to ensure no problems arise. The draining will be completed by November 10, 2015. The reactivation of pipeline 3 is to be complete before the relining project in Lake Murray.

The relining of pipeline 4 is performed underground within the existing pipeline, with workers and equipment accessing the interior of the pipeline through excavated access portals spaced out along the pipeline alignment. A new steel pipe is to be installed inside the old concrete pipe. The majority of the work is underground. The schedule is to award a contract next summer, start work next fall and complete in the spring of 2017. SDCWA is currently going through environmental process.

302. Old Mission Dam Dredging/Maintenance project update- *Chris Zirkle, Open Space Division, P&R Dept.*

This is not a public works contract. This is a maintenance project. We're going to be meeting with staff from Park and Recreation, the mechanized beach cleaning team. We're also meeting with the City of San Diego Transportation and Storm Water Department staff. The goal is to get at least a couple of hundred yards this fall so that we can relieve some of the pressure building up on the dam. We did retain some engineering services and found out that 860 cubic yards need to be removed, to get the bottom level back to its 2007 configuration. The Regional Water Quality Control Board permit only allows for 750 cubic yards of excavation.

303. East Elliot trail restoration and closures – *Chris Zirkle, Open Space Division, P&R Dept.*  
No report.

304. MTRP Master Plan and Resource Management Plan – Steve Haupt reported for *Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego Planning, Neighborhood and Economic Development Dept. / Mark Carpenter, KTU+A*

On Monday, staff received input from the Wildlife Agencies on two remaining trail alignments within MTRP and are in the process of reviewing it. Staff is currently reviewing a Trails Implementation Plan prepared by the consultant at the request of the agencies, that will be incorporated into the Master Plan Update. Staff and the consultant will begin the process of completing the draft Master Plan Update for MTRP CAC Subcommittee review and comment. We anticipate that this will be sometime the later part of October or mid-November. We will then again adjust the schedule and begin the process of environmental review by DSD staff prior to the publically noticing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m.