



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2011
TO: Tom Odom, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
RE: Ranger Services

Park Visitor Contacts

- April 13 – June 30, 2011
- 446 Patrol Hours
- 79 Interpretative Hours
- Low Activity in the Reserves during the week
- 6 Rangers patrolled the reserves during this period

Warned and Advised

- Dogs on the Beach (APRIL) ABALONE COVE
- Dog off Leash (MAY) PORTUGUESE BEND
- Mountain Biker – speed (MAY) PORTUGUESE BEND
- Mountain Biker – speed (JUNE) PORTUGUESE BEND
- Commercial Dog Walker (JUNE) FORRESTAL
- Horses on prohibited trail (JUNE) ABALONE COVE
 - Report of Horses on Beach below the Archery Range

Citations Issued

- Dog off Leash
 - 5 – Portuguese Bend Reserve (MAY)
 - 2 – Portuguese Bend Reserve (JUNE)
- Parking Citation – Blocking Emergency Access
 - Abalone Cove Shoreline Park



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First Aid

- Group of 50 hikers in Portuguese Bend Reserve (MAY)
- Gave out water to 22 hikers
- Drove 4 hikers out of Reserve – no further medical aid needed.

Administrative

- Attended "State of the Trails for the PV Nature Preserve" (APRIL)
- "City" Marathon – Abalone Cove Shoreline Park (MAY)

Court

- Guilty Verdict in Parasailing Case (12.16.045 – RPV Ord.)
- 1-Year Probation
- \$50 fine + court fees
- Community Service at "South Bay Volunteer Services"

Interpretative Programs

- Ranger-led Nike Hikes
 - April 16 (2 participants)
 - May 21 (20+ participants)
- The Junior Ranger Program
 - May 28 "How to Spot Wildlife Along the Trail"
 - June 25 "Fire Ecology and Our Ecosystem"
- Planning for "Junior Ranger Summer Camp"
 - 2 – MRCA Naturalist assisted in the planning

Park Maintenance

Portuguese Bend Reserve:

- Litter at Overlooks (Crenshaw, Eagle's Nest)

Abalone Cove Reserve:

- Remove graffiti off trash cans (APRIL)
- Dumping at gate (APRIL)
- Fire pit at Sacred Cove (APRIL)

Forrestal Reserve

- Pick up trash at trailhead and at terminus of Forrestal Road



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Interpretative / Signage

- Missing trail markers (No bike) in Portuguese Bend Reserve Trails (Rim, Landslide Scarp, Vanderlip, Kubota, Garden)

There continues to be good overall compliance but we did see an increase of dogs off leash in Portuguese Bend Reserve. We warned and advised but cited when necessary. The off leash activity has lessen at the soccer fields in Forrestal. We received complaints regarding dogs off leash on the Pirate trail in Forrestal but were unable to locate the violators. There continues to be an issue with hikers forgetting to bring enough water for themselves or dogs. We had a large group of fifty in May who were hiking from Crenshaw to the Beach, unfortunately twenty-two of the hikers either forgot or ran out of water, an additional four hikers were driven back to their vehicles. Interpretative signs at the main trailheads or in the kiosk would remind the public of the importance of water for their hikes.