

Palos Verdes Nature Preserve  
April 17, 2019  
Public Forum





# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance

## Completed in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

1. Preserve Night Hike Policy (Rec. Parks)
2. Renaming Shoreline Park (Rec. Parks)
3. Park Place (Public Works)

## Ongoing/Upcoming

1. Rattlesnake Unauthorized Use (Rec. Parks)
2. Minor improvements at Burma Rd. trail head (Rec. Parks)
3. Burma Road and Rattlesnake Trail Gates (Rec. Parks & Public Works)
4. Garbage Cans (Public Works & Rec. Parks)
5. Landslide Feasibility Study (Public Works)
6. Peppertree Trail and Olmstead Trail Repair (Public Works)
7. Fuel Modification (Public Works)
8. Trails Network Plan Update (Com. Dev.)
9. Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (Com. Dev. & Rec. Parks)



## Night Hike Policy-COMLETE



- Coordination with CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PVPLC, Port. Bend Reserve Neighbors, and PVSBSierra Club
- *Reduces negative impacts to natural resources*
- *Reduces negative impacts to Portuguese Bend Reserve Neighbors*
- Reduces frequency of night hikes (4 per month)
- Reduces night hikes to daylight savings time (Oct.-Feb.)
- Reduces size of night hike groups (20 per hike)



# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Renaming Shoreline Park-COMplete

- Shoreline Park (name abandoned)
- Ocean Trails Reserve
- Ocean Trails Beach  
(Forthcoming resolution)

## Shoreline Park History

- 1997: Acquired from L.A. County
- 2004: Shoreline Park enrolled in Nature Preserve
- 2008: PUMP approved; Shoreline Park combined with 66.9-acre property to the west, and jointly named Ocean Trails Reserve

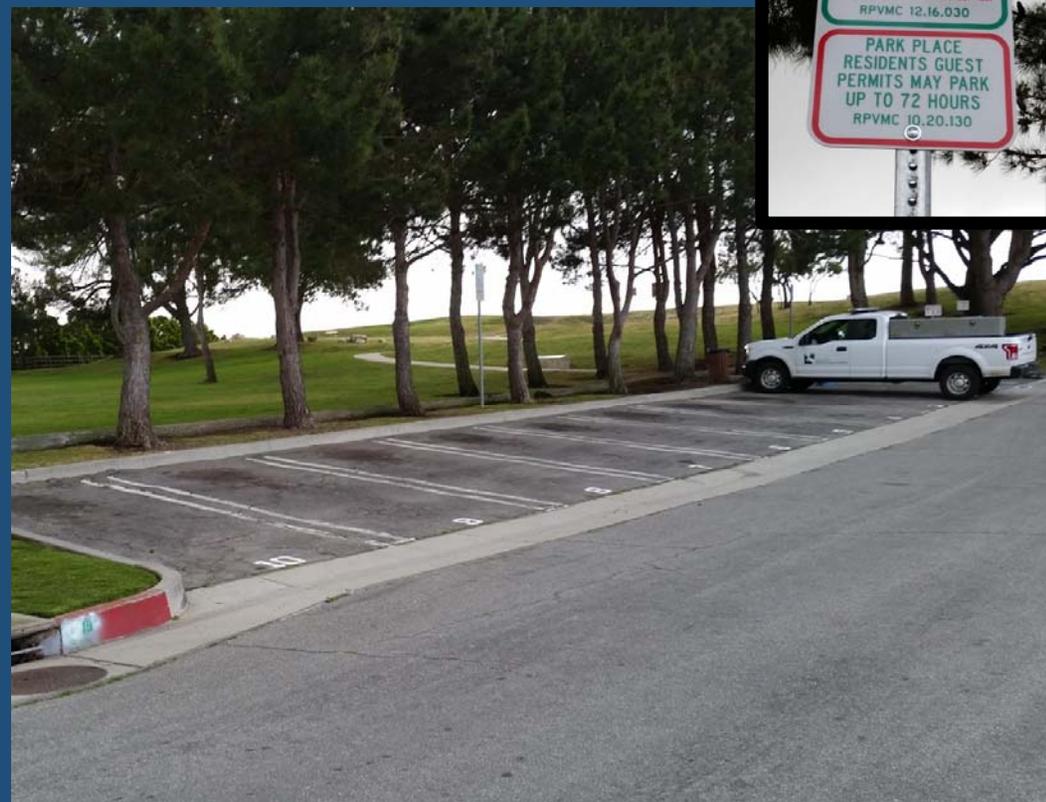
(Managed, zoned, and regulated as Nature Preserve rather than park)





# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Park Place-COMplete

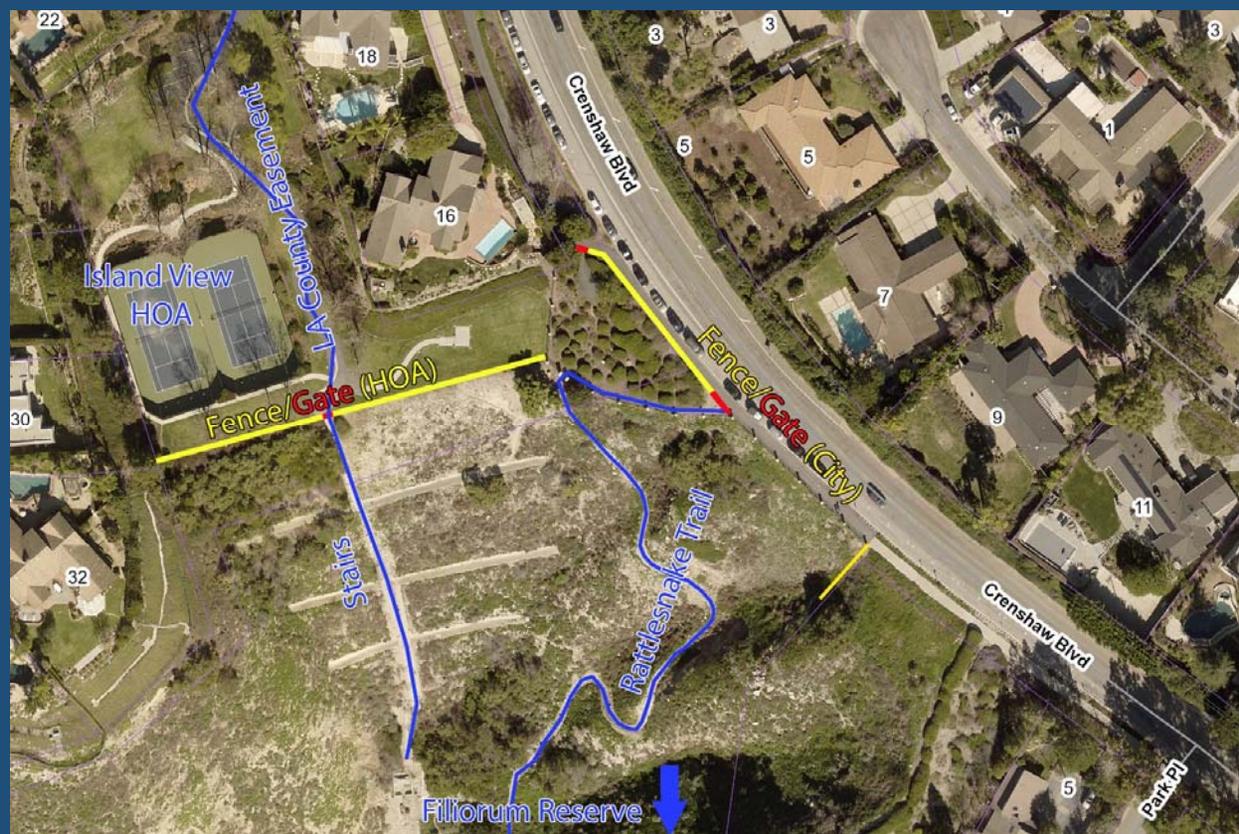
- Approved by City Council January 2019
- Signage installed April 2019
- 16 Recreational Permit Parking spots
  - Available to authorized vehicles (City/PVPLC staff)
  - 3 hour parking limit
  - 1 ADA parking spot
  - 130 citations in first week
- Neighborhood guest parking (up to 72 hrs)
- Previous Recreational Permit parking returned to public parking
- 45 public parking spots on Crenshaw (between Park Pl. and Crest)





# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Rattlesnake Trail Unauthorized Use-ONGOING

- Post and cable fence
- Signage
- Fence and gate
- Public education and enforcement campaign followed by enforcement
- Spur trail closures

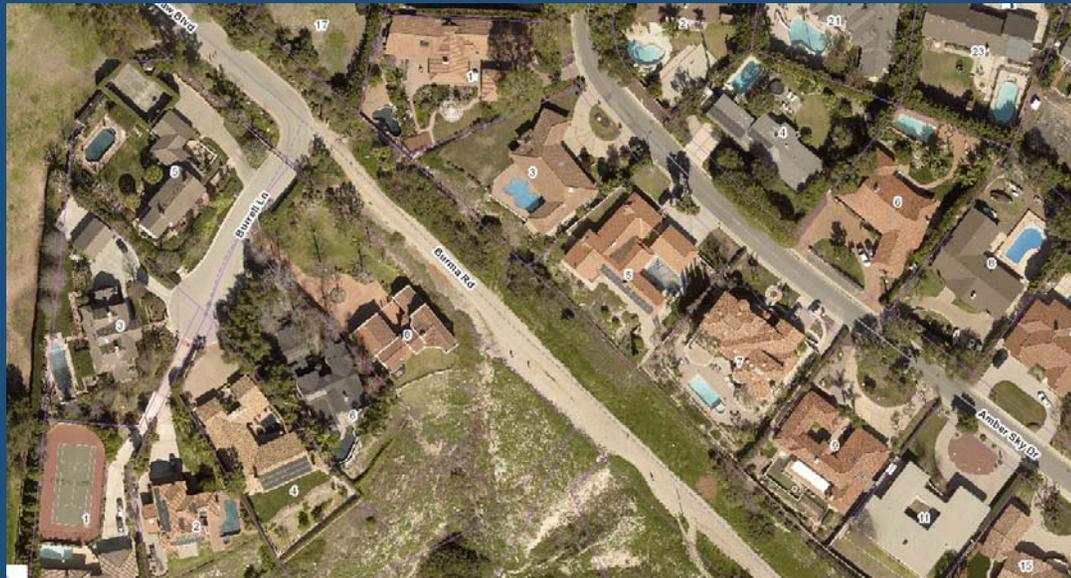




# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Minor Improvements at Burma Trailhead-ONGOING

Address Neighbor Concerns:

- Noise
- Sanitation





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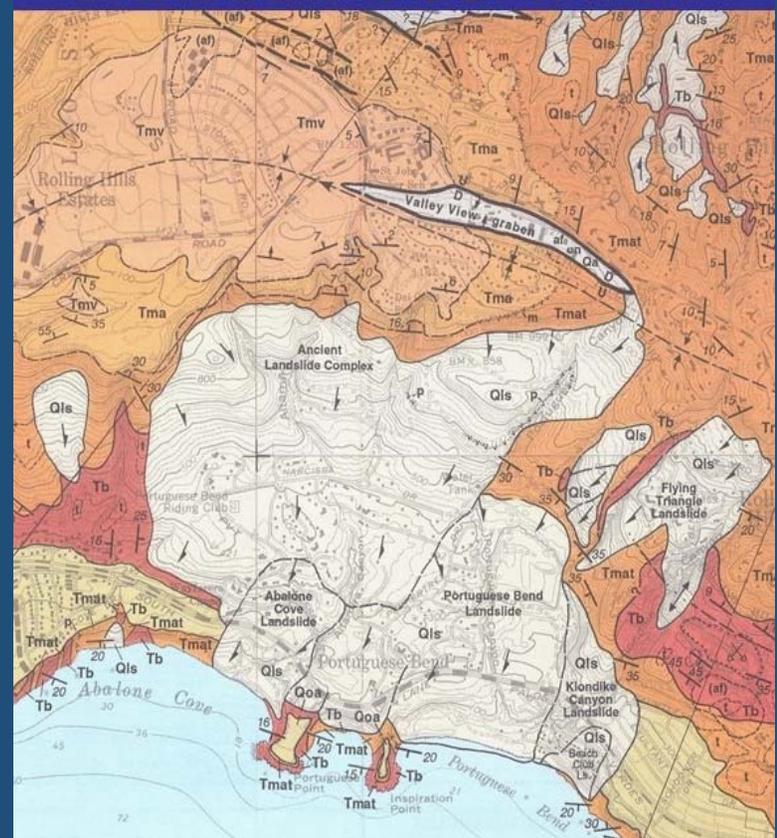




# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Landslide Feasibility Study

- Project to address land movement in the Portuguese Bend Landslide through surface water & ground water management
- The contract includes:
  - Designs of horizontal drains (hydro-augers)
  - Designs of a surface water collection and removal system
  - Analyzing amount of water runoff that contributes to ground water in the Portuguese Bend landslide
- Status: Analysis and field visits
- Public Workshops begin this summer
- City coordinating with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CA Fish and Wildlife Department, and PVPLC
- To City Council by end of 2019

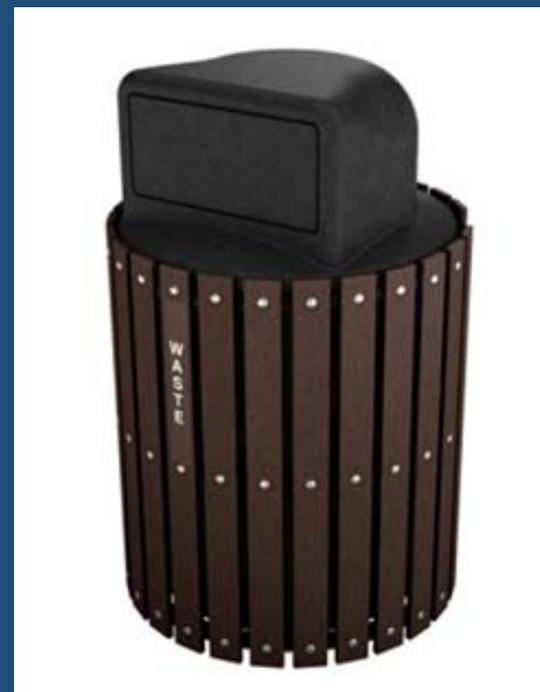
## LANDSLIDE COMPLEX





## City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Trash Cans (Future Potential Purchase)

- 55 Gallons
- 27" d x 37" h
- 49 lbs
- Recycled plastic
- Dome lid
- Recycle cans also brown w/white lettering at major trailheads





# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Fuel Modification

- Goats (March –June)
- Hand Work
- Coordination with LA County Fire Dept. of Weights and Measures





# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Peppertree and Olmstead Trail Repair

- Erosion Damage
- Working with Hardy and Harper



Peppertree Trail



Olmstead Trail



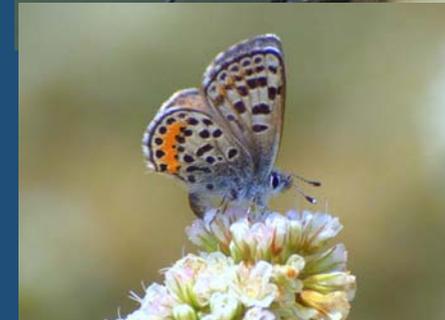
# City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Trails Network Plan (TNP) Update

- The TNP serves to achieve a consistent course of action in developing an integrated network of trails to support the transportation, recreation, and other needs of the general public.
- Awarded Professional Service Agreement to Alta Planning and Design
- Preserve Trails Plan integrated into TNP



## City Coordinated Projects/Maintenance: Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan Update

- Approved by City Council March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Undergoing the Federal Review Process
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment Period (April 4<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Back to City Council for adoption June 18, 2019
- Submit Comments to:
  - Email: [fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov](mailto:fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov); please include “City of RPV NCCP/HCP” in the subject line.
  - U.S. Mail: Karen Goebel, Attn: City of RPV NCCP/HCP, 2177 Salk Avenue, Suite 250 Carlsbad, CA 92008
  - Telephone: Karen Goebel, 760-431-9440



# Review of Habitat Restoration Projects

- Habitat restoration activities this past quarter (Jan-April) focused on controlling weeds at Alta Vicente Reserve.
- Goats weeding at Lunada Canyon



# Alta Vicente - Then and Now



# Future Restoration at Abalone Cove (postponed to Fall 2019)



# Habitat Restoration at Abalone Cove (2019)



# Adopt-a-Plot Activities Ongoing

- Volunteers adopt areas to restore and maintain on their own schedule
- Vicente Bluffs – El Segundo blue butterfly recovery
- Lunada Canyon – Coastal Sage Scrub and Riparian habitat restoration



# Preserve Signage



- ❑ Signs for Three Sisters, Filiorum, Forrestal forthcoming in Spring 2019
- ❑ Abalone Cove, Ocean Trails and Malaga Canyon signage pending grant approval

# Rapid Response & Trail Crew Work

The challenges after the rains...



Weeds mowed early in the spring season are regrowing in many trails – requiring multiple treatments.



# Review of Trail Projects in Q1 2019

- 7 Spurs Closure Projects
- 66 Trail Maintenance Projects (trimming/weed clearing, erosion control, seeding, etc).
- 4 Signage and Decal Repair Projects
- 4 responses for graffiti removal
- 23 Rapid Response volunteer days and 3 Trail Crew events (Pirate Trail, Introductory Class and Vanderlip Trail)

*Trail Technician on part-time schedule in first quarter*





# Quarterly Preserve Enforcement Report





# Preserve Enforcement Report Jan.- March. 2019

Public Contacts: 4,260

- Hikers: 3575
- Dog walkers: 482
- Mountain bikers: 194
- Equestrians: 9

Public Use Issues:

- Total Warnings: 120
- Total Assists: 3
- Total Citations: 39





OSM Jan. - March 2019; 480 trail miles patrolled

Public Contacts: 4,965

- Hikers: 4,285
- Dog walkers: 554
- Mountain bikers: 108
- Equestrians: 18

Public Use Issues:

- Dogs off-leash: 95
- People off trail: 246
- Drone use: 11





# City Maintenance Highlights

**Alta Vicente Reserve:** filled in a large hole in North Spur Tr. and picked up trash reported along Prickly Pear Tr.

**Filiorum Reserve:** dispersed brush piles along lower Gary's Gulch Tr. using them to block spur trails, removed doggie bags left on Zote's Cutacross Tr., dispersed a large rock cairn while filling in a hole on McBride Tr., delivered delineators to Rattlesnake Trailhead for volunteer-event parking, cleared Gary's Gulch Tr. spring drain pipe including installing a rock apron and applied gel over tree carvings on Eucalyptus Tr.

**Forrestal Reserve:** trimmed branches overhanging a sign & sidewalk along Forrestal Dr., removed a discarded metallic stake in Red Tail Tr., retied the downed post & rope fence at the Pirate Trailhead, retrieved a manhole cover rolled down the hill at Cool Overlook, led volunteers in repairing lower Quarry Tr. erosion, cleaned graffiti inside portable toilet & dumpster near Purple Sage Trailhead, replaced the damaged *Danger Falling Rocks* sign at Fossil Trailhead and dug up a protruding post on lower Pirate Tr.



Filiorum Reserve



Forrestal Reserve



Forrestal Reserve



# City Maintenance Highlights

**Ocean Trails Reserve:** cleared trash in a gully below Catalina Tr. near Lake View, cleared construction trash from along El Portal Tr., sanded graffiti off a rock at the beach overlook on Sunrise Tr., removed graffiti from rocks on Sunset Tr. & the beach below, removed exposed plastic sheets half-buried in the access path between El Portal & Gnatcatcher Trails, painted over graffiti on a steel post on Gnatcatcher Tr., painted over fence graffiti on Sunset Tr. while leading a volunteer beach cleanup clearing rolls of cyclone fence and lobster traps and picked up doggie bags left at the staircase to El Portal Tr. from Twin Harbors Dr.

**Portuguese Bend Reserve:** repaired holes in the bridge on Ishibashi Farm Tr. (east), filled in the trench at the Sandbox Trailhead, filled in a hole in Toyon Tr. while resetting the stake & rope fence there, covered graffiti on a concrete casing along lower Burma Rd., trimmed trees blocking passage on Ishibashi Farm Tr. (west), stabilized the eroded Klondike Canyon Trailhead with rocks & dirt while closing a spur trail nearby, covered graffiti on a pipe at the Peppertree Trailhead, created an erosion control measure on the lower end of Klondike Canyon Tr. including installing a drainage pipe, cleaned graffiti off the monument sign at the Ishibashi Farm Trailhead, closed lower Peppertree Tr. due to deep gullies created by storm erosion, cleaned trash from a dewatering well along lower Burma Rd. while also clearing graffiti from the water pipe there, cut away an exposed irrigation line across Toyon Tr., painted over graffiti on a utility pole along Burma Rd. while removing exposed rebar near the scenic overlook, cleaned graffiti off a trail marker at Landslide Scarp Tr. and painted over graffiti in the portable toilet on Burma Rd. while cutting off protruding bolts on a concrete slab nearby.



Port. Bend Reserve



Ocean Trails Reserve



Port. Bend Reserve



# City Maintenance Highlights

**San Ramon Reserve:** did a cleaning sweep along PV Drive East picking up lots of trash and vehicle parts, covered sign graffiti at the upper scenic turnout, cleared debris from the San Ramon Canyon storm drain grating as well as remove tumbleweed from the trail there, picked up lots of litter at the upper scenic turnout along PV Dr. East and lots of trash along Switchback & Marymount Trails and reset a dangling Preserve Rules sign at the Switchback Trailhead.

**Vicente Bluffs Reserve:** installed 2 signs at Toveemor Tr., reset the closure barricades on Pelican Cove beach, used rocks to fill a big hole along lower Seascap Tr. while setting sandbags there to protect plantings from rain runoff, cut off a protruding steel post on the bluff near the northern lot, removed a kite left in the habitat 50 feet in from Seascap Tr., painted over graffiti in the portable toilet at the northern lot, disposed of a lobster cage left on Toveemor Tr. while painting over graffiti on a fence post there, cleared graffiti on two trash cans at Pelican Cove beach and applied decomposed granite to the erosion gullies on Seascap Tr. at the Terrace Tr. junction.



Vicente Bluffs Reserve



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# City Maintenance Highlights

**Abalone Cove Reserve:** installed a *No Take Zone* sign on Beach School Tr., installed *No Access* signs at Sacred Cove View Tr. (west) & on the bluff fence, repaired a Sea Dahlia Tr. marker, assisted PVPLC Trail Crew in resetting a pipe on Chapel View Tr., filled in a large hole in Via de Campo Tr., filled in gaps between the bluff fence & vegetation with cut limbs, cleaned up mud on Beach School & Chapel View Trails, put in 20 native plants on Inspiration Pt., improved delineation on Via de Campo & Beach School Trails, improved S. Cove Tr. (east) including removing railroad ties from an unneeded retaining wall, buried an exposed pipe on Olmsted Tr., cleared a limb across Portuguese Pt. Loop Tr. while covering tree carvings there, removed unneeded signs from Cliffside & Beach School Trails, removed a large steel rod left in Sacred Cove, removed an unused post on S. Cove View Tr. (west) while removing a protruding stake there, cut & hauled away the rusted pipe that hung over Inspiration Pt. cliff, removed unneeded *Area Closed* signs on S. Cove View Tr. (east), replaced damaged *Caution Falling Rocks* signs on Sacred Cove beach, cleaned 12 spots of graffiti, broke up a spur trail on Inspiration Pt. including seeding native plants, re-graded part of Sea Dahlia Tr. repairing erosion, disposed of a fallen sign post on Abalone Cove Tr., replaced an interpretive sign on Via de Campo Tr. while trimming trail borders there, dismantled damaged spur trail barrier on CA Coastal Tr. while installing directional signage, cleared a fire pit & truck wheel from Alta Mira canyon along with other debris, removed a Mylar balloon from the habitat, cordoned off an erosion gully on CA Coastal Tr. and removed cyclone fence from Portuguese Pt. while installing 3 *Caution* signs there.



Abalone Cove Reserve



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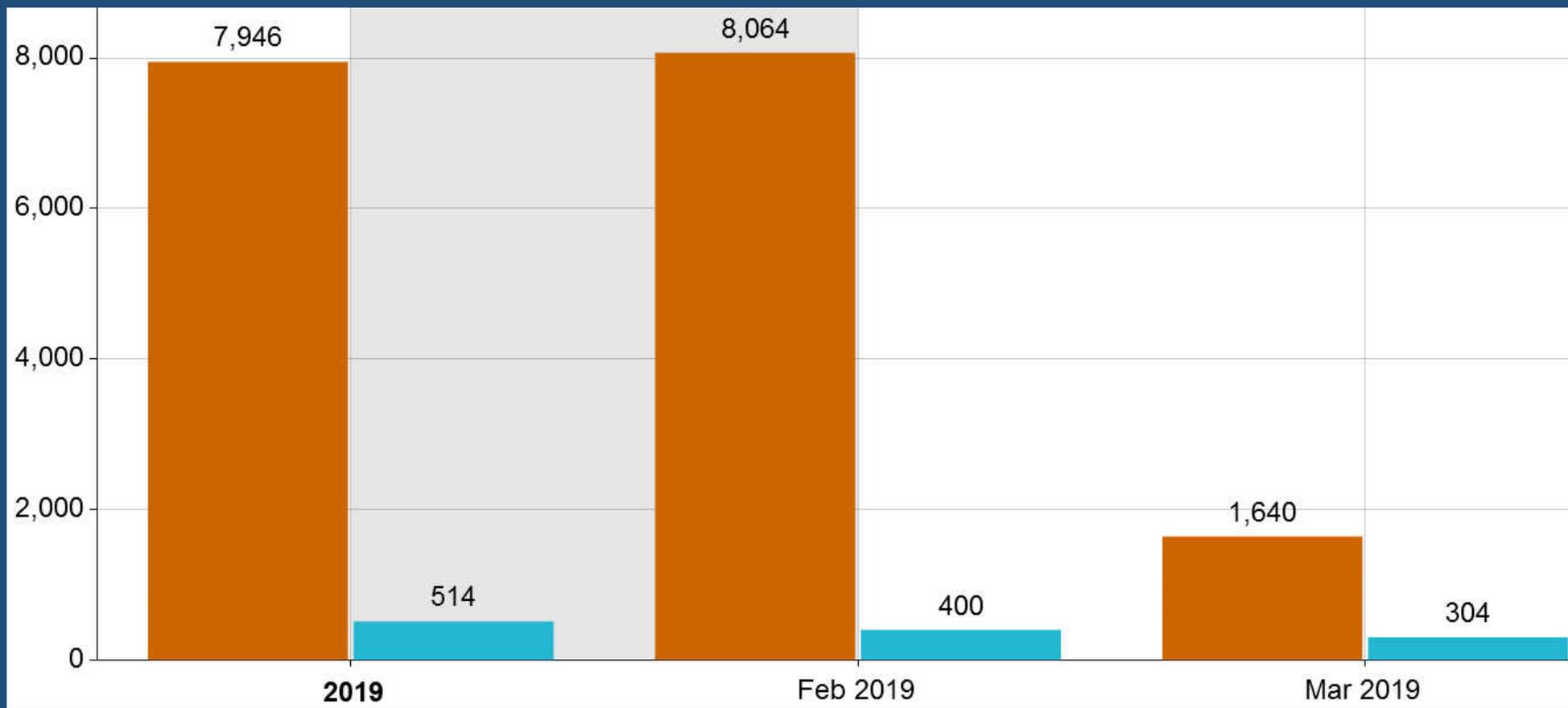


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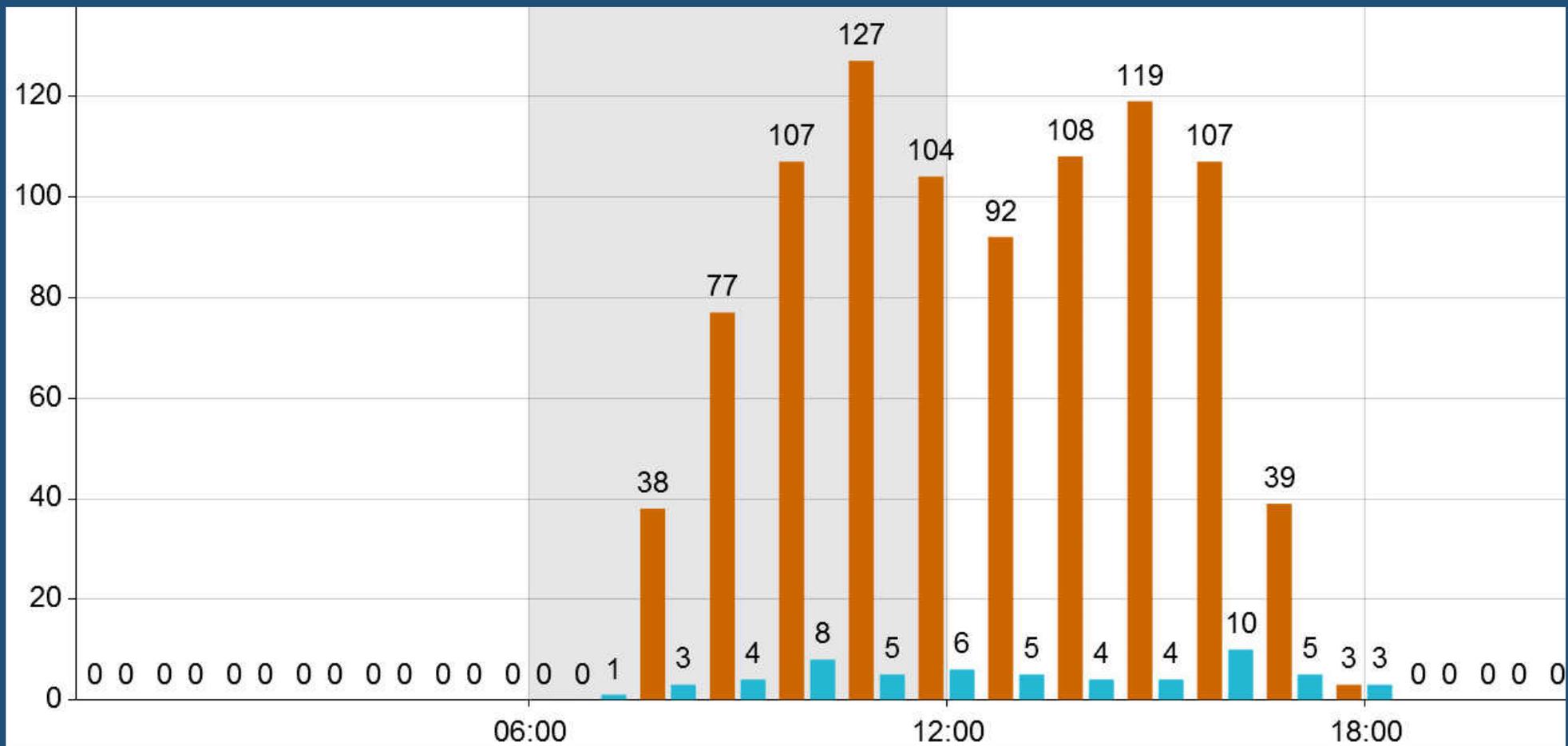
# Trail Counter Data Jan. – March 17th 2019

## Burma Rd. Monthly Entries (hikers-orange, cyclists blue)



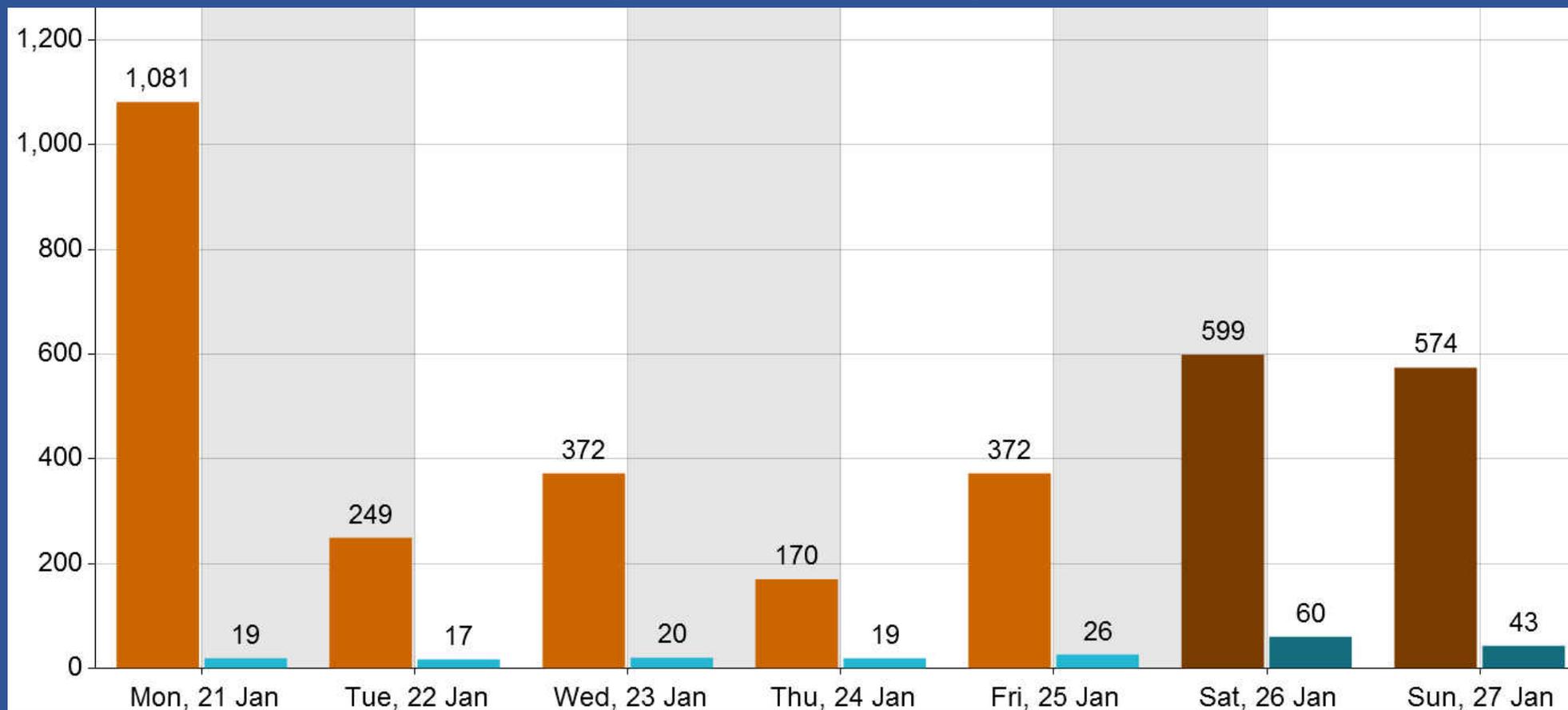


# Burma Rd. Hourly Entries Saturday 3/9/19 (hikers in orange & cyclists in blue)



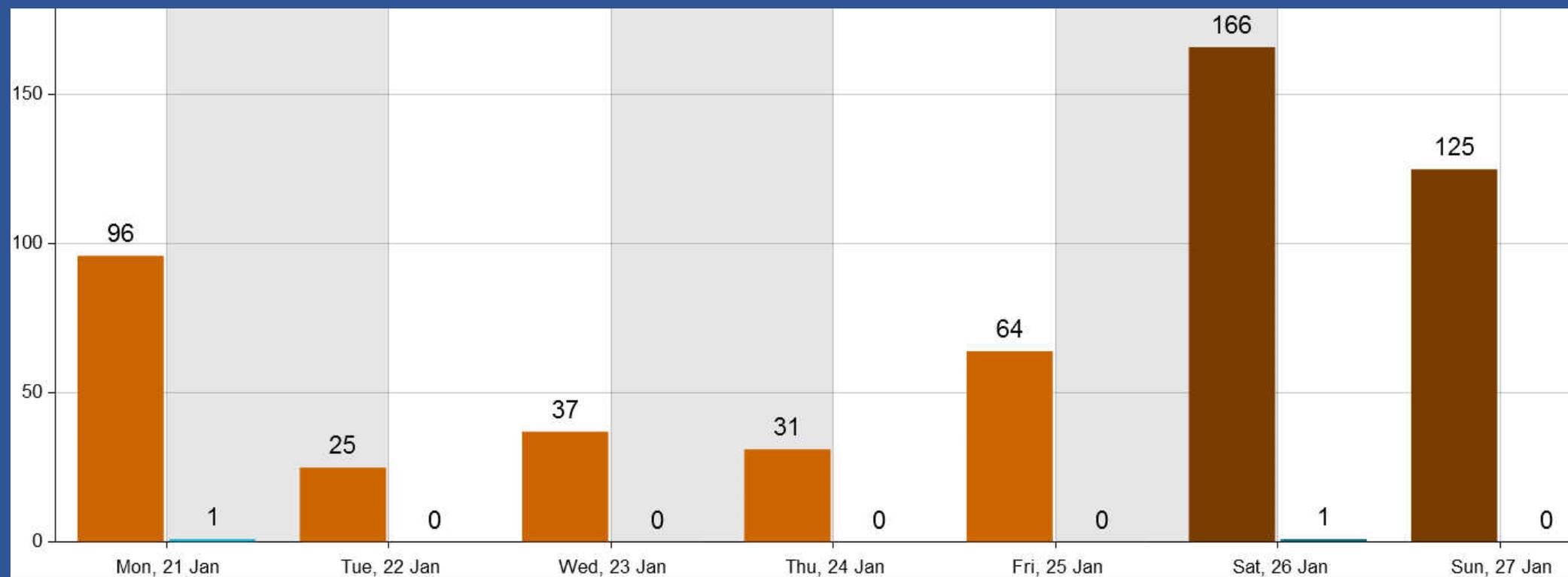


## Burma Rd. Daily Entries Jan. 21st–27<sup>th</sup> (hikers orange/brown, cyclists blue)





# Pirate Trail Daily Entries Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2019 (hikers in brown, cyclists in blue)



# Volunteer Trail Watch Reports Q1 2019

46 VTW volunteers contributed 820 Hours and 628 reports

## Report Summary

Biker Off Trail or on Non-Bike Trail	64	Observed most frequently at Forrestal and Portuguese Bend Reserves.
Bike Unsafe Behavior	35	Observed Preserve-wide, most at Portuguese Bend
Dogs off-leash	149	Observed Preserve-wide
Education	1457	Preserve-wide contacts who received information about rain closures, directions, plants, Preserve rules, etc.
Equestrians on Non-Eq. Trails	2	Observed at Portuguese Bend during rain closure
Spur Trails and Habitat Damage	90	Preserve-wide
Graffiti and Vandalism	95	Concentrated most in Abalone Cove, San Ramon and Ocean Trails
Hikers Off Trail or in Closed Area	194	Most frequently encountered at Vicente Bluffs over the railing, Abalone Cove, Forrestal and Portuguese Bend
Signage and Trail Maintenance	283	Preserve-wide trail erosion and vegetation overgrowth

Many other observations of Evidence of Smoking, Littering/Trash, Motorized Vehicles, Use of Drones, etc.





## City Interpretive Activities

### Docent-led Hikes

**January** : Abalone Cove on 1/19

**February**: Abalone Cove on 2/17

**March** : Forrestal Reserve on 3/23

Check our Spring Activity Guide  
for upcoming opportunities!

Preserve Maintenance & Beach Cleanup:

Volunteer Day June 15<sup>th</sup> at Pelican Cove

### Volunteer Activities

**Jan. 19th: Trail Repair in Forrestal Reserve**

**Feb. 2nd: Beach Cleanup in Abalone Cove**

**March 30th: Beach Cleanup on RPV Beach**

# Nature Walks and Volunteer Days

## Outdoor Volunteer Days

- **April 27 and May 4 – 9am-noon**  
**Alta Vicente Reserve** — Help restore this native habitat to support to many threatened and endangered wildlife species.

## Nature Walk

- **May 11<sup>th</sup> – 9am**  
**Forrestal Reserve** - Strenuous walk through coastal sage scrub habitat for amazing ocean views.



# Adopt-a-Goat

- Help the Land Conservancy restore habitat at Abalone Cove Reserve by adopting a goat!
- Meet “your goat” at a May date to be announced.





# City Council Agenda Topics

May 7<sup>th</sup>

- Approve Use Covenant for Measure A Grants Acquired by PVPLC for Preserve Improvements

June 18<sup>th</sup>

- Consideration of NCCP/HCP Adoption



## Preserve Public Forums Dates 2019

July 24<sup>th</sup>

October 16<sup>th</sup>

@ 6 p.m. in City Hall Community Room  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.



Trail Closures

[Trailalerts.rpvca.gov](http://Trailalerts.rpvca.gov)

Trail related  
questions/concerns/info:  
Open Space Management

310-544-5260

[trails@rpvca.gov](mailto:trails@rpvca.gov)

City Manager Weekly  
Administrative Reports

1<sup>st</sup> Report of the month

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