MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2013
TO: Katie Howe, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
RE: RPV Ranger Services Activity Report | Invoice #C8

Park Visitor Contacts

- January 1, 2013 – March 31, 2013
- 517 Patrol Hours
- 89.5 Interpretative Hours
- 6 Rangers patrolled the reserves during this period

32 - Citations Issued

JANUARY
- Portuguese Bend
  - Unauthorized Trail Use (Bike – 3)
  - Unauthorized Motorized Vehicle (1)
  - Dog off Leash (2)
- Forrestal Reserve
  - Dog off Leash (2)

FEBRUARY
- Sacred Cove
  - Nude Sunbathing (2)

MARCH
- Portuguese Bend
  - Unauthorized Trail (Bike – 16)
  - Dog off Leash (4)
- Ocean Trails
  - Unauthorized Trail Use (Hiker – 1)
- RPV Beach | Sunset Trail
  - Dog off Leash (1)

A local public agency exercising joint powers of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation & Park District, and the Rancho Sierra Recreation & Park District pursuant to Section 6500 et seq. of the Government Code.
Meetings

- January 10 | RPV/PVPLC TEAM MEETING
  - Recent activities in the reserve

- February 7 | RPV/PVPLC TEAM MEETING
  - Trail marker placement and clarification
  - Schedule follow-up Preserve Enforcement meeting with RPV/PVPLC.

- February 28 | Preserve Enforcement Meeting | RPV/PVPLC
  - Ranger Contract Services
  - Ranger Prioritization of preserve issues
  - Ranger Contacts with preserve visitors
    - Positive, fair encounters
    - Fair, informative and approachable
    - Ranger discretion
  - Signage
    - Present, location and clear
    - Replace quickly when vandalized/removed
    - Rangers will assist in replacing vandalized trail markers
  - Spur Trails and Closures
    - Close them properly and completely
    - Rangers will assist in maintaining the closures
  - Compliance Solutions: TEAM EFFORT
    - Clear Signage
    - Enforcement
    - Unauthorized trail closures
    - Public Education
    - Volunteer Patrol
    - Communication

- March 7 | RPV/PVPLC TEAM MEETING
  - Unauthorized motorcycle use in San Ramon
  - Requested more information (date|time)
  - Continue to work with RPV/PVPLC clear installation of trail markers and replacement of vandalized trail stickers.

- March 19 | CITY COUNCIL
Interpretative Programs

- MRCA | RPV Junior Ranger Program
  - January
    - 19 | 26 – “Introduction to the Junior Ranger Program”
  - February
    - 21 – “Jeepers Creepers” | Ladera Linda
    - 23 – “Native Ways” | Point Vicente Interpretive Center
  - March
    - 16 – “Trail Trackers” | Ladera Linda
- March 23 | Moonlit Hike
  - We were joined by a pack of coyotes

Park Maintenance

- Dismantled small structure off quarry trail in Forrestal Reserve
- Removed graffiti off water pipe and Barn Owl trail marker in Portuguese Bend Reserve
- Pick-up litter along the trails in the Reserve

RANGER HOTLINE

JANUARY

- Dog off Leash | Forrestal Reserve
  - Flying Mane
  - Mariposa
- Graffiti on water pipe and Barn Owl Trail marker | Portuguese Bend Reserve
  - Removed by Ranger
- Dog off Leash | PVPUSD Field (2)
- Dog on Beach | RPV Beach
- Poaching Garibaldi | Abalone Cove
- Vandalized gate | Portuguese Bend
- Dogs off Leash | Filliorm Reserve
- Mountain Bike after hours activity | Portuguese Bend
- Night Hike Questions

FEBRUARY

- Hang Gliding near cliff | Vicente Bluffs Reserve
- Flying gliders | San Ramon Reserve
- Aggressive pit-bull off leash | Filliorm Reserve
- Dogs off leash | Forrestal Reserve
  - Pirate
  - Mariposa
MARCH

- Requesting information on beach | Whites Point-San Pedro
- Illegal dumping in private driveway | Declined to give callback info
- Dog off leash | PVPUSD Soccer Field
- Dog off leash | Forrestal
  - Fossil Hill Area
- Lost in Portuguese Bend Reserve | wanted trail map
- Dogs off leash | Forrestal Reserve
  - Unknown trails
- Dogs off Leash | PVPUSD Soccer Fields
- 2 - Sea Lions | Abalone Cove Tide pools
  - Placed by Marine Mammal Care Center
- Dogs on beach | Abalone Cove
- Fishing | Abalone Cove
  - Fishing allowed
- Someone building encampment off the trail
  - Found structure off Quarry Trail and removed
- Sea Lions | Abalone Cove
  - Placed by Marine Mammal Care Center
- Sea Lions | RPV Beach
  - Placed by Marine Mammal Care Center

RANGER OBSERVATIONS

We see good overall compliance of park rules and regulations. The main issues continue to be dogs off leash, vandalized trail markers and unauthorized trail use. It is very important to have clear and consistent signage and efficient patrols based on the known usage patterns. We will continue the balance approach of education and enforcement to maintain maximum compliance. As we continue to monitor and increase enforcement in the known problem areas, we anticipate the negative activity (i.e. unauthorized trail use) will move to lesser-known reserves.

The MRCA Rangers are available to install, repair and replace signage and trail markers.
Forrestal off Quarry Trail

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3/26/13 Ranger Service call <79> O/C 15775SSTEVE CARLSON 310-567-0941. Location THE TRAIL AT FORESTALL ST THE PARK: FORESTAL RESERVE: YES trail ask Name: N/A COMPLAINT or CONCERN? BUILDING AN ENCAMPMENT OFF THE TRAIL.

Removed
Abalone Cove Lifeguard Stand

Notebook: ranceriewefs notebook
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Location: 33°44'31" N 118°22'48" W

Just catching some sun rays.
Install pinch points or appropriate methods to slow bikes
Portuguese Bend Reserve

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Location: 33°4453' N 118°21'43" W

Updated: 4/3/2013 2:45 PM

Missing TOYON trail marker sticker