



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 24, 2015  
**TO:** Katie Lozano, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
**FROM:** Jewel Johnson, MRCA Supervising Ranger  
**RE:** RPV | MRCA Ranger Services Activity Report – Inv#1415.03

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#### Preserve Visitor Contacts

- January – March 2015
- 645 Patrol Hours
- 29 Interpretative Hours
- 9 Rangers patrolled the Preserves during this period

#### PORTUGUESE BEND RESERVE

##### Ranger Hotline Calls

- Taxidermy | raw meat on trails (PVPLC approved research project)
- Unauthorized Vehicle
- Unauthorized Trail Use (Bikes)
- First Aid
- After Hours (Hikers) – Caller identified location as “Del Cerro Park”

##### Citations Issued (4)

- Unauthorized Trail Use (Landslide Scarp)
- Dog off Leash (Burma)
- Unauthorized cut/removal of plant - 2

##### Maintenance

- Removed graffiti on signs (Del Cerro Park – **pictures on file**)

Rangers continue to monitor hotspots in the Reserve. Unauthorized trail use on Landslide Scarp trail by mountain bikes continues but with less frequency. We found no evidence of new spur trails and monitor the previously identified spur trails. Rangers have observed a change in entry and exit patterns into the Reserve. The younger mountain bikers are accessing the reserve from Forrester Reserve via Klondike trail. Ishibashi Farm trail markers are confusing to mountain

bikers. There are two trail markers that say bikes allowed and one says no bikes, which is stacked on top of a marker that allows bikes (***pictures on file***). Rangers are monitoring the unauthorized trail use on Rim trail and two spur trails that drop down onto Burma road. The overall compliance with all user groups continues to be high. There has been an increase in questions about how to get back to Crenshaw Boulevard. Recommend directional signage be included in trail sign plans. There has been improvement on hikers bringing sufficient water.

### FILIORUM RESERVE

#### Ranger Hotline Calls

- No Calls

#### Citations Issued

- No Citations issued

#### Maintenance

- Dismantled structure
- Remove human waste covered clothing

There has been an increase in usage and Rangers continue to recommend clarifying trail system. The lack of adequate signage continues to be an issue on the Eucalyptus (***pictures on file***), Pony and Ford trails. The lack of adequate signage allows for the user to go onto private property and create spur trails. Rangers are monitoring an unauthorized equestrian trail system off Vanderlip and Gary's Gulch trail.

Ranger's received a report that a homeless camp was found off Eucalyptus. The trail was checked and we found no evidence of homeless activity. The area appeared to be an old party/hang out spot. The two lean-to structures were dismantled and an old abandoned bike jump was found. The clothing with human waste looked to be an emergency pit stop/accident that was used to clean up. The clothing was removed from the trail.

### FORRESTAL RESERVE

#### Ranger Hotline Calls

- Dogs off Leash
- GPS coordinates
- Unauthorized Trail Use

#### Citations Issued

- No Citations issued

#### Maintenance

- Trash Pick-up (need lids)

### ABALONE COVE RESERVE

#### Ranger Hotline Calls

- Dog off Leash
- Sea Lions on Beach
- "Ruin" Gate Locked
- Memorial at Inspiration Point
- Fuel Pump found
- Access to Beach

ABALONE COVE RESERVE cont'

- People crossing around point

## Citations Issued (7)

- Dog off Leash (Sea Dalia)
- Unauthorized Vehicle (Beach School)
- Alcohol on Beach – 3 (No Bail Schedule)
- Nudity - 2 (Sacred Cove)

## Maintenance

- Remove graffiti on Port-a-Potty and signs (*pictures on file*)
- Removed rope attached to fencing at Abalone Cave Trail (*pictures on file*)
- Report fencing repair on the Abalone Loop Trail (*pictures on file*)

Abalone Cove has seen an increase in usage and Rangers at the direction of the “City” monitor Sacred Cove, especially during high tide events. There has been an increase in graffiti and scheduled after hour patrols will be assigned as we get closer to summer. We received several calls and questions regarding the sea lions on the beaches.

OCEAN TRAILS RESERVE (including Founders Park | RPV Beach)

## Ranger Hotline Calls

- Spraying blue/green along roadside near Trump Golf (forward info to Public Works)
- Sea Lion
- Rattlesnake on trail

## Citations Issued (2)

- Dog on Beach - 2

## Maintenance

- Pick-up litter in La Rotunda parking lot

Paragliders returned to the bluffs and additional signage is recommended for the top of the bluffs (take-off spot) and behind the lifeguard stand on RPV Beach (landing and spur trail up to take-off spot). Dogs off leash and on beach continue to be an issue.

VICENTE BLUFFS RESERVE

## Ranger Hotline Calls

- No calls

## Citations Issued (3)

- Fishing without License – 2 (Pelican Cove)
- Unlawful Take – (Pelican Cove)

## Maintenance

- Pick-up litter

There has been an increase in fishing activity in Pelican Cove. We are monitoring the unauthorized beach access by fisherman and divers. Rangers are being approached by divers inquiring where to access beaches since installation of “Area Closed – No Beach Access” signs along Seascape Trail.

### SAN RAMON RESERVE

#### Ranger Hotline Calls

- No Calls

#### Citations Issued (2)

- Dogs Off Leash - 2

#### Maintenance

- Pick-up Litter at Overlooks (trash cans need lids)

Rangers are monitoring the bike jumps in the reserve and there is evidence they are rebuilding in same location. There is a new spur trail being used primarily by hikers because is a safer and easier trail to access the reserve at the top of Palos Verdes Drive East. *(pictures on file)* We recommend developing a plan to create a sustainable trail head the reserve. We are monitoring the increased activity in the debris basin of San Ramon Canyon and periodically checking for graffiti.

### THREE SISTERS RESERVE

#### Ranger Hotline Calls

- No Calls

#### Citations Issued

- No Citations

#### Maintenance

- No Maintenance

### MISC RANGER HOTLINE CALLS

- Film Permit info
- Smoking at Ladera Linda
- Archery Range Info
- Bow and Arrow trail covered in gravel
- Directions to trails
- Where to fish

### INTERPRETATIVE PROGRAMS

- Junior Ranger Programs
  - January 31 – Program Orientation (Forrestal Reserve)
  - February 21 – Geology and Palos Verdes Landslide History and Exploration (Portuguese Bend Reserve)
  - March 21 – Bees, Bugs and Birds: Learn animal tracking and bird watching skills, finding clues about the wildlife living in the hills.
- Ranger-led Night Hike: Sounds of the Preserve at night and learn about the nocturnal animals

### Administrative | Meetings

- Volunteer Trail Watch (VTW)
  - Training
    - MRCA Ranger's role and activities
    - RPV City Rules and Regulations
    - Signage & Trail Designation
    - Importance of VTW data
    - Communication procedures/Who to call for different scenarios
    - Hot spots in Preserves
    - Scenarios/Persuasive Communications
  
- PVPLC/CITY Preserve Management Monthly Team Meetings
  - Falconry | Hunting in the Preserves (Three Sisters)
  - Unauthorized Vehicles accessing Private|County|City of LA property adjacent to San Ramon/Rancho Palos Verdes
  - Field meeting regarding private access to Preserves
  
- The Marine Protected Area Collaborative Implementation Project (MPA CIP) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW): MPA training for law enforcement officers and allied agencies. The goal was to provide peace officers and uniformed personnel with citation authority with information to assist CDFW wildlife officers in enforcing and gaining compliance of MPA regulations.

There has been an overall increase in usage in the Preserves due to social media (i.e. YouTube, Facebook, Trip Advisor and Yelp). It is very important that we protect the habitat by addressing the needs of all of our users with good sustainable trail engineering wherever possible, education and when necessary enforcement.