

Minutes to the July 6, 2017 Preserve Management Meeting

Attending: Director Cory Linder, Maintenance Superintendent Sean Larvenz, Senior Administrative Analyst Matt Waters, Recreation Supervisor David Pearce, PVPLC Executive Director Andrea Vona and PVPLC Conservation Director Adrienne Mohan, Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies Kevin Kuwata and Pablo Jimenez.

Preserve Maintenance

- Active Preserve Projects: Superintendent Larvenz announced the repair work for Peppertree Trail starts on July 10th and Burma Road grading will start on July 31st.
- Review of Habitat Projects, Trail Projects and Maintenance: Conservation Director Mohan reported that phase three is active along PV Drive South in the Alta Vicente Reserve, while active bids are now out for phase four – irrigation and acacia removal.
- Preserve Signage Plan: No update other than the RFP is being crafted.
- Responding to Storm Damage on the Trails: Supervisor Pearce listed the trails currently closed. One of the goals of Open Space Management is to repair the lower portion of Klondike Canyon Trail so it can be opened soon, because it is in high demand by the public. He also explained the re-opening plan for Sacred Cove and the challenges it presents. Director Mohan announced the Trail Crew will reset the wooden steps on North Spur Trail in the Alta Vicente Reserve on July 8th. PVPLC is working with eagle scouts to repair erosion gullies on Ford and Barkentine Trails. There is some discussion about how Vanderlip Trail east of Water Tank Trail heads into private property and what to do about this access.

Preserve Operations

- Review of Public Events in the Preserve: Supervisor Pearce announced the Los Serenos are sponsoring a hike at 10am on July 8th at PVIC, Vicente Bluffs Reserve and the PV Lighthouse. Director Mohan announced upcoming PVPLC activities in July. There is some discussion about the appropriateness of some notification signs displayed by the docents with the example mentioned of a large sign recently placed near the La Rotonda hike location.
- Status of Encroachments: Director Linder will pursue encroachment enforcement procedures with Community Development.
- Review of Enforcement/Patrol/Education:
 - Sheriff's Report: Deputies report on their activities. They have been testing a motorcycle in the Preserve to ascertain its usefulness in keeping up with bicyclists going too fast for foot pursuit or on trails too narrow for their Polaris. The Surf & Saddle patrol may resume soon. An IC (Incident Command) trailer may park periodically at Sacred Cove access lane along PV Drive South to respond to the increased potential of emergency responses to that area. Deputy Kuwata mentions that some of the signs in the Preserve are too camouflaged with natural colors that make them more difficult to be seen by trail users.
 - OSM Report: Supervisor Pearce reported on 1089 public contacts the Preserve Staff encountered in the Preserve in June. He distributed copies of the OSM Preserve Log while reporting the Preserve Staff accomplished 30 maintenance tasks in the Preserve in June. He also announced that the

Preserve Staff is currently half-staffed.

- VTW Report: Conservation Director Mohan distributed a log of VTW reports for June including accounts of violations and education. There is evidence of increased smoking by patrons of the Preserve and of more spur trails being formed. There is a problem spur trail area near the northern parking lot toward the beach in the Vicente Bluffs Reserve and this was discussed a bit. The VTW is observing increased widening of some trails because of over trimming. There is some discussion about how to proceed with removing trails from the maps if the trails no longer exist. The social media showcasing of the trails in the Preserve is discussed briefly.
- Ocean Front Estates Vehicle Damage: Superintendent Larvenz reported that concrete work for the sidewalk repair was completed last week and irrigation repairs will be undertaken in the next couple of weeks. Director Mohan stated that PVPLC will provide a revegetation plan to Public Works for the planting needed inside the fence from the street.

Additional Items

- Noticing/Transparency Enhancements (upcoming projects/activities): PVPLC mailed letters recently to update the Via Capri neighborhood regarding the revegetation progress being done in the Alta Vicente Reserve.
- Status of Grant Contracts/Agreements: PVPLC is applying for a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant for improvement of the middle section of Lunada Canyon in the Aqua Armaga Reserve.
- Upcoming Council Agenda Items: August 1st – Public Drinking Ordinance, Preserve Permitted Uses; September 5th -- Options for Conqueror Trail Security, Options for Preserve Access.
- Public Forum Meeting 2017 Dates: November 15th.
- NCCP Update: The process is continuing.
- VTW/City Monthly Coordination Meeting: July 26th.

Next Meeting: August 3, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.