

## **Minutes to the September 7, 2017 Preserve Management Team**

**Meeting** Attending: Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Sean Larvenz, Principal Engineer Ron Dragoo, Senior Administrative Analyst Matt Waters, Recreation Supervisor David Pearce, Recreation Specialist Keith Hunter, PVPLC Executive Director Andrea Vona, PVPLC Stewardship Associate Josh Weinik, Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies Kevin Kuwata and Pablo Jimenez.

### **Preserve Maintenance**

- Active Preserve Projects: Superintendent Larvenz announced that the first phase of the bluff fence replacement is underway at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center with the Vicente Bluffs Reserve portion to be undertaken in a later phase.
- Landslide Update: Director Vona expressed the concern that public interest is high regarding how an engineered response to the Portuguese Bend landslide might affect the ecology of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. PVPLC wants to be involved in the coordination of any landslide mitigation. Engineer Dragoo presented the RPV City Council Agenda Report for July 18, 2017 regarding the consideration and possible action to award a Professional Services Agreement to Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. to prepare a landslide mitigation feasibility study. He mentioned as well that public meetings and environmental clearances will certainly be included in the next two plus years before any actual work takes place. Grant applications that the city will pursue for any mitigation design/build projects will most likely be treated as shovel ready. There is some discussion about how to go about removing inactive dewatering wells still in the Preserve.
- Review of Habitat Projects, Trail Projects and Maintenance: Bennett Landscaping will be weeding in Alta Vicente starting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Notification letters about this project were mailed in August to residents in the adjacent neighborhood.
- Preserve Signage Plan: Director Vona announced that of the four bids received for the monument signage installation, that Express Sign & Neon of Los Angeles was selected to begin next month with the desire to have the installation complete by the end of the year.
- Responding to Storm Damage on the Trails: Supervisor Pearce listed the trails currently closed as lower Rim, eastern Ishibashi Farm and Sandbox in the Portuguese Bend Reserve. In Abalone Cove Reserve, Sea Dahlia, Cave, Sacred Cove View (west) and Inspiration Point Trails are closed. Sunset Trail in the Ocean Trails Reserve is also closed. The Preserve Staff will endeavor in the near future to repair eastern Ishibashi Farm Trail and fill in the long gully on the lower portion of Klondike Canyon Trail. Supervisor Pearce announced that he will be meeting with Trump National Golf Club maintenance personnel next week to inspect trail problem areas in the Ocean Trails Reserve. He and Specialist Hunter agreed to meet with Associate Weinik in the near future to flag a route for the safety fence to be installed on the end of Inspiration Point with the consideration to avoid sensitive plants in that area.

### **Preserve Operations**

- Review of Public Events in the Preserve: Specialist Hunter announced the Los Serenos Docents are sponsoring a Coastal Cleanup Day at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park on September 16<sup>th</sup> as part of Heal the Bay and they expect over 40 people to participate. Director Vona announced upcoming PVPLC activities in September that include a hike this Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> at Pelican Cove. Analyst Waters mentioned that the City Newsletter will be available electronically this week and will be mailed out to the public next week.
- Review of Enforcement/Patrol/Education:
  - Sheriff's Report: the deputies reported on their activities throughout the Preserve during August.
  - OSM Report: Supervisor Pearce reported on 2,367 public contacts the Preserve Staff encountered in the Preserve in August. He distributed copies of the OSM Preserve Log while reporting the Preserve Staff accomplished 28 maintenance tasks in the Preserve in August. Specialist Hunter estimated that a thousand people visited Abalone Cove Shoreline Park and Reserve on Labor Day.
  - VTW Report: Director Vona distributed a log of VTW reports for August including accounts of violations and education.
- Ocean Front Estates Vehicle Damage: Superintendent Larvenz reported that the area has been cleaned up, that fencing and irrigation lines are being finished and that replanting will come later.

### **Additional Items**

- Noticing/Transparency Enhancements (upcoming projects/activities): No report.
- NCCP Update: The City is sending Section 9 to the wildlife agencies for review. There is a special workshop with the City Council on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Status of Grant Contracts/Agreements: No report.
- Upcoming Council Agenda Items: October 17<sup>th</sup> – Special Event Enforcement Ordinance; November 8<sup>th</sup> -- Options for Preserve Access, Options for Conqueror Trail Security, Public Drinking Ordinance, Preserve Permitted Uses.
- Public Forum Meeting 2017 Dates: November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- VTW/City Monthly Coordination Meeting: September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- PVPLC Board of Directors Meeting: September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting: October 5, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.**