

## **Minutes to the March 1, 2018 Preserve Management Team Meeting**

**Attending: Administrative Analyst Katie Lozano, Associate Planner Irving Anaya, Maintenance Intern Scherman Singh, Recreation Supervisor David Pearce, Recreation Specialist Keith Hunter, Recreation Leader David Laybon, PVPLC Conservation Director Adrienne Mohan, PVPLC Stewardship Associate Josh Weinik and Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Pablo Jimenez.**

### **Preserve Maintenance**

- Active Preserve Projects: Stewardship Associate Weinik reported that PVPLC Stewardship Staff is continuing their Adopt-a-Plot program. Conservation Director Mohan reported that a Cal Water-funded habitat restoration plot is planned for a site adjacent to North Spur Trail in the Alta Vicente Reserve and a site inspection with OSM is pending.
- Review of Habitat Projects: Director Mohan reported that PVPLC is currently weeding their restoration areas in Alta Vicente and Portuguese Bend Reserves including the Peacock Flats area. Vicente Bluffs Reserve will have rabbit fences installed in two spots to protect plantings.
- Trail Projects/Maintenance:
  - Sandbox Trail Repair: Director Mohan announced that the PVPLC Volunteer Trail Crew will be continuing the repairs on Sandbox Trail on March 10<sup>th</sup> including installing check dams. Recreation Supervisor Pearce indicated that OSM is obligated for the Whale-of-a-Day event, but will try to assist. Parking for this event is discussed.
  - Marymount Trail Re-route: Recent clearing of vegetation around the drainage basin near the lower trailhead now allows a better way for trail users to get past the large swale by shifting the trail to swing around the end of the swale. Supervisor Pearce recently met with the PVPLC Trail Maintenance Staff on site to flag out an improved route. Director Mohan said that PVPLC will formulate a plan to create this new stretch of trail.
  - Director Mohan announced that PVPLC will be updating their Preserve trail maps. There is some discussion about current trail status being included.
  - Recreation Specialist Hunter reported that the Abalone Cove Staff has been busy clearing Olmsted Trail of overhanging brush in order to facilitate vehicle passage.
  - Supervisor Pearce commented on the standing water in the drainage at the upper end of Lunada Canyon Trail and there was some discussion about mosquito abatement.
- Preserve Signage Plan: Director Mohan announced that PVPLC is having the monument sign footings installed at Lunada Canyon next week with mid-April as the projected time for the full installation.
- Encroachments in Forrestal and on McBride Trail: Due to Code Enforcement letters sent to encroachments along McBride Trail, one homeowner responded with substantial cutting of non-native plants in the Preserve across from their property. Associate Weinik expressed concern that some of those cuttings were pushed downhill. Community Development is awaiting response from other homeowners on McBride Trail and at Alta Vicente Reserve. Associate Planner Anaya said he will check

with the CD Director regarding the status of the Forrestal Reserve encroachment previously reported.

### **Preserve Operations**

- Review of Public Events in Preserve: Supervisor Pearce announced the Los Serenos docents will lead a tour in Forrestal Reserve on March 24<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that the City will host a Volunteer Day on March 17<sup>th</sup> with the work site to be determined. Director Mohan reported that PVPLC will host a volunteer day on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Alta Vicente Reserve. Recreation Leader Laybon will be conducting a volunteer day at Abalone Cove Park & Reserve at the end of the month. Associate Weinik announced that he will soon be conducting annual monitoring of vegetation transects at Alta Vicente and Portuguese Bend Reserves. He also reported that the PVPLC authorized biologist will soon be surveying birds in the Preserve. Josh also asked if the Citizen Science Survey monitoring Cactus Wren at Abalone Cove Reserve could have parking arranged for them and Specialist Hunter confirmed that can be arranged with some notification and accompanying identification.
- Review of Enforcement/Patrol/Education:
  - Sheriff's Report: Deputy Jimenez gave a summary of their recent activity in the Preserve.
  - OSM Report: Supervisor Pearce reported on 2,049 public contacts the Preserve Staff encountered in the Preserve in February. He distributed copies of the OSM Preserve Log while reporting the Preserve Staff accomplished 31 maintenance tasks in the Preserve in February.
  - VTW Monthly Meeting: At the meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, subjects discussed included trending issues with the Preserve, education efforts, and coordinated response to maintenance items.

### **Additional Items**

- Noticing/Transparency Enhancements (upcoming projects/activities): Analyst Lozano will arrange noticing regarding new Agua Amarga Reserve entry signage.
- Status of Grant Contracts/Agreements: Analyst Lozano said that the \$400K California state signage grant award notification for the Preserve monument signage will be announced this month.
- Upcoming Council Agenda Items: March 29<sup>th</sup> (special meeting) – Consideration of NCCP; April 3<sup>rd</sup> (consent) – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Special Event Permit Process Ordinance; April 17<sup>th</sup> (regular) – Public Drinking & Smoking Ordinance; (regular) Adoption/2<sup>nd</sup> reading Special Event Permit Process Ordinance.
- Preserve Ad Hoc Committee: March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Forum Meeting Dates 2018: April 18<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- VTW/City Monthly Coordination Meeting: March 28<sup>th</sup>
- VTW Quarterly Meeting: April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Next Meeting: April 5, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.**