

**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
NATURE PRESERVE QUARTERLY PUBLIC FORUM  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

The forum began at 6:05 p.m. in the Sunset Room at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West.

**ATTENDANCE**

City of RPV: Gonzalo Garnica – Public Works Maintenance Leadworker  
Katie Lozano – Rec. and Parks Administrative Analyst/Open Space Manager  
Deputy Kevin Kuwata – Lomita Sheriff's Department  
Deputy Pablo Jimenez – Lomita Sheriff's Department  
PVPLC: Adrienne Mohan – Conservation Director

Analyst Lozano thanked the group for attending and explained that the purpose of the forum is to share information on Preserve projects and public use, and to solicit public feedback. City and PVPLC staff introductions were made.

**Preserve Maintenance**

Review of active Habitat/Trail Projects and Unauthorized/Spur Trail Closures – Director Mohan shared information on the active habitat restoration and planting taking place at Alta Vicente Reserve and Vicente Bluffs. Dead pines atop Portuguese Point were removed in coordination with the City Public Works Department and arborist. An Eagle Scout is working on Ford Trail erosion repairs with Trail Crew support. Director Mohan also provided an overview of Trail Work and signage maintenance accomplishments YTD.

City Preserve Maintenance Report: Analyst Lozano shared information on upcoming City coordinated maintenance projects in the Preserve, including fuel modification in Ocean Trails Reserve and San Ramon Reserve, view restoration trimming at the top of Burma Road, utility company maintenance along Burma Road, Trump National Golf Club repairs to Sunset Trail, and installation of a trail counter. She also shared a log of maintenance completed since the last Preserve Public Forum.

Preserve Signage Plan: Director Mohan shared information on the Preserve Signage Plan, and installation scheduling at Alta Vicente and Portuguese Bend. City applied for State funding to implement the remaining signs in the rest of the Nature Preserve.

*Public Comments/Questions:*

June Trahern asked where the public could purchase native plants.

Director Mohan shared that PVPLC sells them at the White Point Nature Center in San Pedro every fourth Saturday from 12pm-2pm.

Cyndi Akiyama inquired as to the technology utilized by the new trail counters.

Analyst Lozano shared that information is transferred via satellite from the trail counters, and staff accesses it online. She also shared that the trail counter post counts equestrians and pedestrians, while the piece embedded in the trail counts mountain bikers.

### **Preserve Operations**

Preserve Enforcement Report: Deputy Pablo Jimenez reviewed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports on Preserve Enforcement. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports were available at the meeting, and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report is available online.

Open Space Management Report: Analyst Lozano shared information on upcoming tentative dates for City Council agenda items on the following topics: Portuguese Landflow Feasibility Study, Options for Conqueror Trail Security, Options for Preserve Access, Preserve Permitted Uses, and Special Event Permit Process Ordinance. She also gave a brief overview of conceptual land flow improvement/slowing measures being prepared by the City's consultant. She shared information on OSM's observations and activities over the last two quarters as well as City contact information.

Review of Volunteer Trail Watch Reports: Director Mohan reported out on VTW's observations over 2017, with an emphasis on evidence of mountain bike violations and smoking. She indicated that the next VTW quarterly meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### *Public Comments:*

Anke Raue introduced new PVPLC hike leader Cyndi Akiyama

Cyndi Akiyama asked if Preserve Deputies have seen an increase in compliance.

Deputy Kuwata indicated that they have seen increases in compliance for the violations of dogs off-leash and visitors in closed areas.

Kurt Loheit mentioned that some trimming has been taking place in the Preserve, leaving sharp rods remaining. He offered training for any maintenance crews doing trimming.

Eva Cicoria mentioned the difficulty balancing the need to clear trails for access while keeping trails narrow.

**Preserve Interpretive Activities/Other:**

PVPLC-led Interpretive Activities: Director Mohan shared information on upcoming hikes and a new Volunteer Trail Crew training in January.

Los Serenos Docent/City-led Interpretive Activities: Analyst Lozano shared information on upcoming hikes and volunteer activities.

Next Public Forum: Analyst Lozano shared the dates for 2018 Public Forums (January 17<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and October 17<sup>th</sup>)

*Public Comments/Questions*

Kurt Loheit requested Natural Communities Conservation Plan Updates be given at Public Forum Meetings

Analyst Lozano shared that minor changes are being explored to accommodate landslide mitigation activity and to fine tune trail maintenance operations. The environmental review is also pending. She agreed to bring more detailed updates to future meetings.

**The Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**