

PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team
August 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Ara Mihanian (via phone), Joel Rojas, Carolyn Petru, Andrea Vona, Bindu Vaish, Matt Waters, Katie Howe, Danielle Lefer, Juan Pinto, and Ranger Johnson.

Action Items from July 8, 2013 Meetings

- **Port-o-potty mapping (Joel)** – Bindu is to provide Joel with mapping information so that the GIS layers can be created.
- **Jim York Permissive Use Agreement (Ara)** – Joel reported that this item has been moved to the September 3rd Council meeting since Mr. York is out of the country and details are still being worked out. It was also reported that the PVPLC Board reviewed the Agreement and had made one minor text edit that needs to be reviewed by Mr. York.
- **Peppertree area Trail Easement follow-up (Ara)** - As previously reported, Ara met with the property owners to discuss a possible License Agreement to allow the public to use the segment of the Peppertree Trail that traverses private property. The property owners indicated an interest in such a License Agreement, but wanted to review it first after the City enters into a similar agreement with Jim York for a trail that traverses his property.
- **Installation of “Walk bikes” signs at Filiorum Reserve (Ara)** - The team was informed that the City Attorney has opined that the “walk bike” sign is enforceable per Section 12.16.080 of the RPVMC. The City will fabricate new signs with the Code Section cited. The signs will be installed in the areas identified by Danielle, Councilman Knight and Eva Cicoria.
- **Peppertree Area No Trespassing Signage (Juan)** - The sign was installed.
- **Placement of a “do not proceed onto unpermitted trail” sign at the start of the unauthorized trail that leads down from the overlook area adjacent to Burma Road and a similar sign where the unauthorized trail connects to Burma Road down below (Danielle)** - The sign was installed.
- **Placement of a “do not proceed onto unpermitted trail” sign at the railing next to the unauthorized trail leading from Del Cerro Park (Ara/Juan)** - The sign was installed.
- **Placement of a “do not proceed into private neighborhood” sign adjacent to Vanderlip Drive (Juan)** - The sign was installed.
- **Installation of Preserve Rules Signs (Juan)** – Installation of the Preserve Rules at the 58 entry points continues and should be completed within the coming week. The team also discussed how the PVPLC, with grant funding, will be working on creating a Preserve entry monument sign, as described in the Council adopted Vision Plan, for the key entry points to the Preserve.

PVPLC Topics

- **Ongoing trail project update:**
 - **Coastal trail connector with PV Drive (Smuggler’s Cove)** - This project is slated to commence in Fall, along with the restoration work.
- **Dumpster request for Coastal Cleanup Day** – The PVPLC will coordinate with Public Works to secure a trash container on September 21st.
- **2009 HCF Grant Status Report** – Ara reminded the PVPLC that the Status Report is due to the State Parks in September.
- **Agua Amarga Reserve Encroachments (Danielle/Joel)** – The PVPLC is planning on sending letters to the Preserve adjacent property owners notifying them of the Preserve that abuts their property.
- **Preserve Decal Replacement** – The PVPLC has the new decals and has begun to install the decals at Abalone Cove and Forrestal.
- **Volunteer Trail Watch Update** – Orientation occurred on June 29th followed by training sessions on Saturday, July 13th and Saturday, July 20th. The next training session is scheduled for August 10th. There are approximately 25 volunteers for this round. The volunteers are scheduled to begin field work in the coming weeks.
- **Annual Report Update** - Andrea reported that the 3-year Restoration Plan and the Annual Report is being reviewed by the Wildlife Agencies. Joel will circulate the 3-year Restoration Plan amongst the City Departments for comments. Ara will ask the Council if they prefer hard or electronic copies of the 300-page document.
- **Abalone Cove Restoration Project** – The team had no issue with the proposal. The Council and Successor Agency will be reviewing the required Landowner Agreement.
- **San Ramon Eagle Scout Project** – The PVPLC reported that this Eagle Scout project involves replacing an existing pedestrian foot bridge. Work is scheduled to begin in fall.
- **Coolheight posts: getting wobbly** – The PVPLC will be repairing the trail posts along the switchback section of the Coolheights Trail that was previously installed by the PVPLC.

- **Cave Trail: remove railing for trail access** – The team discussed providing an opening in the existing bluff top fence to provide access to the Cave Trail. Public Works will assess the situation to determine what is needed to provide the requested opening.
- **Calwater trail damage on Burma Road** – It was reported that the Burma Road trail was recently damaged with ruts caused by running water. Bindu will explore repairing the damaged trail that appears to be caused by Calwater.
- **Cathy Nichols Sign Removal** – It was reported that the “no trespassing” signs installed by Cathy Nichols property have been removed. Ara will coordinate with Juan to re-install the signs.

City Manager Topics

- **2009 Edison litigation status update (RPV)** - The City and the PVPLC were recently notified that the July 15th case has been vacated. Further information is pending in regards to a new trial date. Matt reported that representatives from SCE and Henkels and McCoy are in the process of touring the burn site
- **Edison Poles Update** – SCE is in the process of installing avian protection devices on 18 power poles throughout the Preserve. The installation was coordinated with the PVPLC and will be completed by October.

Public Works Topics

- **San Ramon Stabilization Project Update** - The project staging area is off PVDE at the switchbacks and construction continues to move forward. Ara reported that he will be working with Ron from public works to identify a trail route to hopefully connect San Ramon to Friendship Park. The plant palette for revegetation is being reviewed and provided by the PVPLC. Bindu is to remind Ron that the PVPLC needs 6-month lead time to grow the plants.
- **GIS overlays:**
 - **Dewatering wells (Public works)** - this item was tabled until funding can be identified to cover the associated costs of creating a GIS layer with this information.
- **Crenshaw Red Curb Project** – Council approved the project and the work was completed on Phase I.
- **Bollard removal at PVIC (Juan)** - Work is scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks.
- **Portuguese Bend Reserve Eucalyptus Tree** - The PVPLC previously reported that the burned trees from the 2009 fire near the water tank appear to be unstable and asked for the City Arborist to determine what should be done. Based on the City Arborist’s assessment, two trees will be dropped within the coming weeks.

RPV Planning Topics

- **RPV / PVPLC Public Forum August 7th Meeting** – This meeting will follow the same format as the first meeting. Ara will reserve the room and arrange for set-up.
 - **Review Draft Agenda** – Ara will post the Agenda on the Monday before the meeting.
- **NCCP/IA (Joel)** - Joel indicated that the City is exploring removing the 40-acre parcel formally owned by the RDA which contains the archery club from the Preserve for various reasons and adding more of the Gateway Park area into the Preserve. The PVPLC is discussing this proposal with its Lands Committee.
- **Conservation Easement Update** – The final language is still under review by the City, PVPLC, and Wildlife Agencies.
- **Malaga and Windport Canyon Purchase Agreement Update** - Joel reported that the appraisals for these properties have been approved by the State. The City is moving forward in purchasing the parcels in Malaga Canyon owned by Angeles LLC. and is awaiting to hear from another landowner with parcels in Malaga Canyon. Staff has not heard from the owners of Windport Canyon property if they are still interested in selling.
- **Abalone Cove Park Improvement Grant** – Ara reported that the construction plans will be completed within the next few weeks and that the Focus Group will review the plans on August 12th. The City Council will receive an update at its September 3rd meeting prior to going out to bid.
- **California Coastal Trail Update** – Ara reported construction is underway and final details, such as bench specifications, are being finalized.
- **City wide Park Signage Inventory Update (Planning)** – Ara updated the team on the progress of the City Park and Preserve Sign Master Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for September 5th. The PVPLC will work on creating a Preserve Identification sign as previously discussed at this meeting.
- **GIS overlays:**
 - **Archaeology site (planning)** - Joel is looking for an intern to work with the City’s GIS Staff to create a GIS layer.
- **Water Department habitat impact at Portuguese Bend follow-up** – Joel needs to send a letter to Cal Water.
- **Follow-up on Fire Station Trail Sign Vandal** – See above

- **“No Access” signs along PVDS at Archery Club** – Ara reported that the Portuguese Bend Club HOA is requesting that the City install no trespassing signs along PVDS. The team agreed to install signs similar to other areas of the Preserve that are closed and to direct the public to the coastal access at the archery club.

Recreation and Parks Topics

- **Park Ranger Update** – Updated logs were provided to the team.
- **Hike Handout** – the hike schedule was reviewed by the team.
- **Junior Ranger Program** – Ranger Johnson provided an update on the program.

Conservancy Activity Schedule			
Ongoing through August		Portuguese Bend NCCP maintenance Weed control at restoration sites Decal installation	
PVPLC activities through August		Outdoor Volunteer Day: Walk: Aug. 10: Agua Amarga	
Status of Projects and Grants			
NCCP Plans/work		Amount	
	TERPP		Ongoing
	Alta Vicente Restoration		Weeding ongoing
	Portuguese Bend Restoration		Weeding ongoing
GRANTS			
	Coastal Conservancy Grant		Coastal Trail
	HCF Grant 1		Portuguese Bend trails and associated restoration
	REI		Outdoor volunteer workday assistance
	LAWA		Three Sisters
	LACSD		Lunada Canyon
	NFWF		Abalone Cove
	SMBRC		Abalone Cove
	California Trails & Greenways		Abalone Cove (near Coastal Trail)
	HCF Grant 2		Preserve-wide
	DM Mitigation		Lunada Canyon

Next meeting date – September 5, 2013