

**PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team**  
**January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

Ara Mihranian, Joel Rojas, Katie Howe, Cory Linder, Carolyne Petru, Danielle LeFer, Andrea Vona, Chris Ortiz, and Ranger Johnson

**Action Items from December 2013 Meeting**

- **Jim York Permissive Use Agreement (Ara)** - It was last reported that Mr. York contacted Staff to see if talks on an agreement between the City and Mr. York can resume. However, Mr. York recently informed Staff that he does not intend to resume discussions on an agreement. Therefore, the City and the PVPLC will continue to explore an alternative trail route on City land. Additionally, a “trail closed” signs will be installed at the trail junctions near Mr. York’s property.
- **Peppertree area Trail Easement follow-up (Ara)** - Ara will reach out to the property owners, using the Permissive Use Agreement that was originally drafted for Mr. York as the template, to resume discussions to obtain permission to allow a portion of the Peppertree Trail to traverse their private property.
- **Installation of “Walk bikes” signs at Filiorum Reserve (Ara)** – Danielle and Chris will be installing the signs within the coming two weeks.
- **Packsaddle trail “Trail Ends Sign” (Ara)** - Danielle and Chris will be installing this sign.
- **Ocean Front Estates: No wildlife feeding signs needed (Chris)** – It was recently reported that the feeding of wildlife at Ocean Front Estates has not been observed for some time now. So the team agreed not to install signs at this time and to revisit this issue if the feeding resumes.
- **Sacred Cove (East) closure** – Ara and Danielle will assess the condition of the trail for consideration at the February meeting.
- **Preserve Rules Sign** – Ara will provide Chris a map identifying where the Preserve Rules signs should be placed at the following two additional locations:
  - Intrepid (Forrestal)
  - Calle Entradero (Vicente Bluffs)
- **Barn Owl Trail Sign Replacement** – The “Trail Ends” sign was removed and needs to be replaced.

**PVPLC Topics**

- **Preserve decal replacement** – Danielle reported that the decals were recently completed at Vicente Bluffs Reserve and that the next location will be at Vista del Norte Reserve.
- **Volunteer Trail Watch Update** – dates are being selected for the workshops for the next recruitment of volunteers. Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the web portal that will be discussed with IT.
- **Abalone Cove Restoration Project** – Danielle reported that the plants were recently installed and that the focus will now be on irrigation. She also mentioned that additional funding was obtained that will likely be used for the removal of invasive tree species.
- **Sacred Cove Trail** – See above discussion
- **Forrestal Gate Access** – The PVPUSD was contacted regarding the locks at the Forrestal gate to ensure AYSO are not locking other agencies out with the daisy chain system. The PVPUSD will be contacting AYSO.
- **Smuggler’s Cove** – A member of the public requested that the newly constructed Smuggler’s Cove Trail be designated to include bicyclists to provide improved access to the Olmstead Trail which is difficult for bicyclists to access because of the existing gate off PVDS. The team agreed that rather than re-designating the Smuggler’s Cove Trail, Chris would explore creating an opening to accommodate bicyclists, as well as pedestrians, in the gate off PVDS. This is to be an action item.
- **Grant Contracts / Agreements**
  - **USFWS Coastal Program Grant** - Danielle will provide Ara with a signed copy of the agreement for the City Clerk’s files.
  - **Los Angeles County** – The PVPLC reported that it is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$80,000 for wayfinding signs throughout the Preserve.

**City Manager Topics**

- **2009 Edison litigation status update (RPV)** – A new trial date has been set for March 12, 2014.

## **Public Works Topics**

- **San Ramon Stabilization Project Update** – Chris reported that construction continues and is nearing completion.
- **GIS overlays:**
  - **Dewatering wells (Public works)** - It was agreed to table this item until funding can be identified to cover the associated costs of creating a GIS layer with this information
- **Portuguese Bend Reserve Eucalyptus Trees** – It was determined that the existing trees do not need to be removed.
- **Cave Trail Railing Removal For Improved Trail Access** – this project was completed prior to the holiday break.
- **Cal Water Trail Damage on Burma Road** – Public Works is going to contact Brett Ommen with Cal Waters to see if they will repair the drainage rut in the Burma Road Trail that was caused by a water line leak.
- **PVDS Road Realignment Project Update** - It was reported that the project is being refined to address comments raised by the public during October's workshop. The next workshop is tentatively scheduled for February 2014.
- **Gateway Park Turnout** – It was reported that boulders off PVDS are missing and that unauthorized vehicles are accessing the area. Chris is going to replace and reposition the boulders to prevent access by unauthorized vehicles.

## **RPV Planning Topics**

- **SCE pole replacement Project** – It was reported that SCE is to be contacted to confirm that the project was completed.
- **RPV / PVPLC Public Forum February 19, 2014** – Ara will post the agenda in advance of the meeting.
- **NCCP/IA (Joel)** - Discussions continue with the Wildlife Agencies.
- **Conservation Easement Update** - Joel reported that he forwarded the conservation easement language to the PVPLC for review before submitting it to the Wildlife Agencies for review and approval.
- **Ladera Linda/Forrestal Bike Riders** – The team discussed reports that cyclists coming from Forrestal are accessing the drainage swales below Ladera Linda and the School District's soccer field. The City is going to ask the School District to install a fence in the existing fence opening to prevent this unauthorized activity. Ranger Johnson noted that residents from the neighborhood use the swales to access the Preserve, which is also not permitted.
- **Malaga Purchase Agreement Update** – Disbursement of the funds is pending and escrow needs to close by February 28, 2014.
- **Abalone Cove Park Improvement Grant**
  - **Bid Documents** – Construction bids are due next week and the selected contractor will be considered by the City Council at its February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - **Section 106 Compliance** – This document was submitted to the State on Tuesday and needs to be approved before construction commences.
  - **Interpretive Panels** – Ara met with graphic designer on the three interpretive panels that will focus on the tide pools and indigenous wildlife in the area.
- **California Coastal Trail Update**
  - **CCT trail markers in Preserve** – Ara is coordinating with Danielle on the installation of the CCT decals on the Preserve trail markers. Ara is going to see if decals can be obtained rather than the placards.
- **City wide Park Signage Inventory Update** – The team is meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Park Rules Signs.
- **Agua Amarga Reserve Encroachments (Joel)** - Joel will draft a letter to property owners adjacent to the Preserve who have improvements that encroach onto city property.
- **2014 Trails Conference** – The California Trails and Greenways Conference will be held April 8 to 10 in Palm Springs.
- **Vista del Norte/Crestridge Project Trail Connection** – Joel and Ara described how the Crestridge construction project will provide a trail connection from Crestridge Road to the Vista del Norte Reserve, which will eventually provide a public loop trail that encompasses the Preserve property and the private property.
- **GIS Overlays** - The following GIS layers will be completed by a future intern:
  - Archaeology site
  - Port-o-potties
- **“No Access” signs along PVDS at Archery Club** - It was agreed that the City should move forward with installing these signs in advance of the road realignment project. This will be an action item for Ara.

### **Recreation and Parks Topics**

- **Preserve Incident Log** – The incident logs were discussed, including: afterhours use of Portuguese Bend Reserve, a user conflict issue between an equestrian and a mountain biker in the Portuguese Bend Reserve, a homeless encampment in Vista Del Norte Reserve, and hikers using unauthorized trails to access the beach below Vicente Bluffs Reserve.
- **REI Outdoor School** – According to the conservation easements and the Council adopted PUMP document, commercial use of the Preserve is prohibited.
- **Bike Trail Safety and Etiquette Clinic** – In an effort to improve shared use of the Preserve trails and to improve volunteer involvement, future courses in bicycle safety and etiquette are being explored.
- **Ranger Interpretive Programs** - Katie reviewed the upcoming events scheduled for January and February.

<b>Conservancy Activity Schedule</b>			
Ongoing through <b>January</b>	Portuguese Bend NCCP planting Decal installation Spur trail closure		
PVPLC activities through <b>January</b>	<b>Outdoor Volunteer Day:</b> Every Friday 9-noon at Abalone Cove  Jan. 11 9-12 Alta Vicente Feb. 15 9-12 Portuguese Bend		
<b>Status of Projects and Grants</b>			
<b>NCCP Plans/work</b>		Amount	
	TERPP		Ongoing
	Alta Vicente Restoration		Planting completed
	Portuguese Bend Restoration		Planting
<b>GRANTS</b>			
	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)
	USFWS		Abalone Cove
	HCF Grant 2		Preserve-wide
	DM Mitigation		Lunada Canyon
	LA County Open Space District		Preserve-wide

**Next meeting date – February 6, 2014**