

**PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team**  
**May 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

Ara Mihranian, Joel Rojas, Katie Howe, Daniel Trautner, Danielle LeFer, Matt Waters, Chris Ortiz, and Ranger Johnson

**Action Items from April 2014 Meeting**

- **Peppertree area Trail Easement follow-up** - Ara reported that draft license agreement language is being reviewed by the City Attorney and that he was waiting for her comments before contacting the respective property owners.
- **Signs:**
  - **Filiorum “trail closure” signs** – this sign was installed
  - **Packsaddle trail “Trail Ends Sign”** – This sign was installed
  - **Preserve Rules Sign** – these signs were installed
    - **Intrepid (Forrestal)**
    - **Calle Entradero (Vicente Bluffs)**
- **Sacred Cove Trail** – As a result of the safety concerns previously discussed by the team, Chris reported that a “trail closed” sign was installed at the east segment and a “proceed with caution” sign was installed at the west segment. The PVPLC will be closing off the old east segment.
- **Vicente Bluffs Follow-up** – The team toured the area of concern last month and discussed measures to prevent the public from entering this area, such as installing additional signs (the PVPLC will provide Chris with sample text), increasing ranger patrol, and asking the VTW to canvass this area particularly on weekends during the summer to educate visitors.
- **Rim Trail Follow-up** – As a result of the team hike, the PVPLC will be closing the spur trails between the Paintbrush Trail and Burma Road Trail.
- **Landslide Scarp Trail** – It was reported that the “no bikes” sign was removed and re-installed. Additionally, Chris will be installing a barrier at each end of the trail that would allow hikers and equestrians to step over the barrier.

**PVPLC Topics**

- **Preserve Decal Replacement** - Abalone Cove Reserve will be completed next month followed by the Vista del Norte and Alta Vicente Reserves.
- **Ladera Linda/Forrestal Unauthorized Bike Trails** – The PVPLC will add this to the project list to close unauthorized trails.
- **Rolling Hills Residents Preserve Access** – Katie and Danielle will be jointly writing an article for publication in the Rolling Hills Community Newsletter on the Preserve and trail etiquette, particularly staying on designated trails and authorized entry points into the Preserve.
- **Volunteer Trail Watch Update** – Danielle reported that there are 34 members and the PVPLC anticipates having another training session this fall.
- **Rapid Response Team** – It was reported that this volunteer group continues assisting the PVPLC in closing spur trails with current efforts focused at Abalone Cove.
- **San Ramon Reserve** - The team continued its discussion of the future trail connection between the Preserve and Friendship Park. The team also discussed unauthorized vehicles entering the Preserve and Friendship Park via private property in the City of Los Angeles off PVDS. The PVPLC is going to contact the Park manager regarding this matter and Katie is going to reach out to the private property owner to properly gate the access.
- **Grant Contracts / Agreements**
  - **Los Angeles County** The PVPLC updated the team on this grant in the amount of \$80,000 for trail delineation and wayfinding throughout the Preserve. The grant contract has not yet been received.
  - **2012 HCF** – The City and the PVPLC are recipients of the 2012 HCF grant for trail connectivity and signage throughout the Preserve. Ara reported that the contract was signed by the City and State Parks, and that before any reimbursements are processed, a deed restriction needs to be recorded against the Preserve. Joel will be talking to the City Attorney on this grant requirement.

**City Manager Topics**

- **2009 Edison litigation status update (RPV)** - It was reported that a settlement has been reached and a settlement agreement is pending. The City Council will be asked to decide on how the distribution should be paid out based on the damages claimed.

### **Public Works Topics**

- **San Ramon Stabilization Project Update** – Chris reported that the project is in its final stages and that the trail and vegetation replacement are to be completed soon.
- **Calwater Trail Damage on Burma Road Trail** – Chris reported that the ruts have been repaired.
- **Abandoned Items at Gateway Park** – Public Works will be removing abandoned items within the coming weeks.
- **Forrestal Reserve Exposed Fence Post Removal Project** – The City and the PVPLC are looking to use volunteers to complete this project.
- **PVDS Road Realignment Project Update** – The team continued its discussion on the updated schematic plan that relocates the parking lot to Gateway Park further away from the Portuguese Bend Club in order to address concerns expressed at the March public workshop. An alternative plan will be presented to the public at a future workshop before going to the City Council. This project will be processed on its own by the Recreation and Parks Department and no longer connected to the roadway realignment project, which is moving forward.
- **Smuggler's Cove Trail Gate Opening for Bicyclists** – Chris is working on completing this project using a similar barrier that is being considered at the Landslide Scarp Trail which will require cyclists to dismount before entering the permitted Preserve trails.

### **RPV Planning Topics**

- **RPV / PVPLC Public Forum May 28, 2014** – Ara will circulate the agenda this week for comments before posting on the City's website a week in advance of the meeting.
- **Management Agreement Amendment No. 1 Update** – The maps attached to the Management Agreement have been updated for Gateway Park and the Archery Range property based on the Council's approval.
- **Malaga Canyon Management** – PVPLC management will begin after conservation easements are recorded on the property.
- **NCCP/IA (Joel)** – Joel reported that conversations with the wildlife agencies continue.
- **Conservation Easement Update** – The language is close to being approved by the City and the PVPLC.
- **Abalone Cove Park Improvement Grant Update** – Ara reported that construction is scheduled to begin any day now but cannot begin until the City receives the Section 106 approval from the State.
- **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 coordinating with Public Works to have the CCT insignia decals produced that will be affixed to the trail markers rather than the placards.
- **City wide Park Signage Inventory Update** – This month's meeting was canceled and rescheduled for June.
- **Agua Amarga Reserve Encroachments (Joel)** – Discussion was continued.
- **Vista del Norte/Crestridge Project Trail Connection** – Ara and Danielle are working to see that the trail connection proposed by the developer aligns with the actual trail.
- **GIS overlays:** The following GIS layers will be completed by a summer intern
  - **Archaeology site**
  - **Port-o-potties**
- **"No Access" signs along PVDS at Archery Club** - Ara is working with Chris on creating the sign language

### **Recreation and Parks Topics**

- **Enforcement Issues** - The team briefly reviewed the ranger hotline report. Rangers continue to conduct night patrols to target afterhours use.
- **Interpretive Programs**
  - **Mountain Bike Safety/Skills/Etiquette Workshop** – Katie continues to work on trail use safety and etiquette workshops to include all trail user groups, and will explore partnering with LA CORBA who routinely conducts similar workshops.
  - **Public Hike to Vanderlip Property** – Katie reviewed this public hike
  - **Junior Ranger Program** – The team reviewed the schedule for the next few months.
  - **Night Hikes** – The night hikes will resume in November 2014.

### **Conservancy Activity Schedule**

Ongoing through <b>May</b>	Weed control, watering Decal installation
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	Spur trail closure		
PVPLC activities through <b>May</b>	<p><b>Outdoor Volunteer Day:</b> Every Friday 9-noon at Abalone Cove</p> <p>May 3: 9-12 Portuguese Bend June 7: 9-12 Portuguese Bend</p> <p>Nature Walk: May 10: 4 pm Forrestal Nature Reserve</p>		
<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>			
	HCF Grant I		Portuguese Bend trails and associated restoration
	REI		Outdoor volunteer workday assistance
	LAWA		Three Sisters
	LACSD		Lunada Canyon
	NFWF		Abalone Cove
	SMBRC		Abalone Cove
	USFWS		Abalone Cove
	HCF Grant 2		Preserve-wide
	DM Mitigation		Lunada Canyon
	LA County Open Space District		Preserve-wide

**Next meeting date – June 5, 2014**