



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2015

TO: Katie Howe, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

FROM: Jewel Johnson, MRCA Supervising Ranger

RE: RPV | MRCA Ranger Services Activity Report

PRESERVE ACTIVITY

- October 1 – December 31, 2014

Portuguese Bend Reserve

- PVPLC report: Unauthorized early morning vehicle use
- Early morning patrols found no evidence of activity
- Repair chain at Palos Verdes Drive South entrance ([see 12/27 Evernote](#))
- Unidentified lock (**SPRIN**) on Portuguese Nature Reserve gate ([see 12/30 Evernote](#))
- Additional “Reserve Hours” signs
 - Portuguese Bend Reserve Crenshaw Trailhead
 - Filiorum Reserve Rattlesnake Trailhead

Forrestal Reserve

- Monitor dog off leash activity
- Monitor unauthorized trail use off Conqueror Trail

Ocean Trails Reserve

- Monitor Founders Park and RPV Beach for dog off leash activity
- Recommend “Rule Sign” at top of Ocean Trails Reserve

Three Sisters Reserve

- Monitor trails for unauthorized “Falconry”

Filiorum Reserve

- User conflict on Kelvin Canyon trail “walk zone”
- Unauthorized trail use on Eucalyptus trail
 - Confusion due to lack of signage

San Ramon Reserve

- Secured gate off Palos Verdes Drive East (**see 11/1 Evernote**)
- City Report of aggressive behavior by mountain bikers building jumps
 - Same location of March 2013 removal
- Monitor location and observed bike activity adjacent to San Ramon Reserve
 - Observed off-road motorcycle and vehicle use of Private and LA County property entering from San Pedro
- Repair and/or reroute trailhead at the top of Palos Verdes Drive East
 - Washed out in the December rains

Abalone Cove Reserve

- High Surf Advisory – (**Oct/Nov/Dec**)
- Removed tagging – (**see 12/6 and 12/11 Evernote**)
- Report tagging on trash bin and table (**see 12/17 Evernote**)

Vicente Bluffs Reserve

- Contact transient | found no camp (**October**)
- Monitor newly posted “Area Closed” locations
 - Recommend additional signage along Seascapes Trail
- Point Vicente Interpretative Center
 - Open Space off overflow lot open and evidence of off-road activity (**see 12/11 Evernote**)
- Vegetation encroaching Seascapes Trail

Alta Vicente Reserve

- Field report of water not working in dog park
- Check for transient camps off trails

Ranger Service Calls – 20

October – 7 | November – 6 | December - 7

- Vicente Bluffs Reserve (Pelican Cove)
 - Fishing in “no take” area
 - Man sitting on cliff in closed area
- Abalone Cove Reserve
 - Someone fainting in reserve | LASO already on scene
 - Inquiry on hiking and swimming
 - Fishing locations
 - Gates closed
 - Naked hiker in canyon off Sea Dahlia trail
 - Fishing Boat
 - Fishing below Archery Range (allowed)
 - Camping inquiry
 - 2 People with orange buckets going down to tide pools
- Three Sisters Reserve
 - Falconry
- Filiorum Reserve
 - Dogs off leash
- Forrestal Reserve
 - Dog off leash (Fossil Trail)
- Misc
 - Port of Long Beach inquiry
 - Ladera Linda Community Center
 - Dogs off leash
 - Malaga Cove
 - Rope climb inquiry

CITATIONS – 10

OCTOBER (5)

- Vicente Bluffs Reserve (Pelican Cove)
 - Fishing w/o License – 3
- Filiorum Reserve
 - Dog off leash
- Abalone Cove Reserve
 - Animals on the Beach

NOVEMBER (4)

- Portuguese Bend Reserve
 - Unauthorized Trail Use – 3
- San Ramon Reserve

DECEMBER (1)

- Portuguese Bend Reserve
 - 7 Dogs off Leash (commercial dog walker – parked in private community)

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Field meeting regarding private entry points from Portuguese Bend Club
- Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Re-Opening
- Preserve Management/PUMP Public Forum (**October**)
- PVPLC/City Preserve Management Team Meeting (**October | December**)
 - **Trail Etiquette Brochure**

INTERPRETATIVE PROGRAMS

- Ranger-led Night Hike at Portuguese Bend Reserve)
 - **October 8 “Blood Moon”**
 - **December 5 “Cold Moon”**
- FALL 2014 Junior Ranger Program
 - **OCTOBER 4TH VOLUNTEER DAY**
OCEAN TRAILS RESERVE: Hike to the beaches below the Ocean Trails Reserve and participate in a beach clean up! Show your community pride and practice the Junior Rangers’ “Leave No Trace” principle.
 - **OCTOBER 18TH NATIVE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL TRACKING**
FORRESTAL NATURE RESERVE: Venture out to find clues about the wildlife living in our hills and neighborhoods. Also, learn about some of the special protected bird and plant species that make the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve such a special place.
 - **NOVEMBER 1ST NATIVE AMERICANS AND NATIVE PLANTS**
POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER: Hike through the Vicente Bluffs Reserve, visit the native plant garden, and learn about the local Native Americans that once lived in Palos Verdes.
 - **NOVEMBER 15TH FIRE ECOLOGY**
LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY CENTER: Meet MRCA wildland firefighters and learn about wildfires. Participants try on real fire gear and try out a fire hose.
 - **DECEMBER 6TH JUNIOR RANGER GRADUATION**
LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY CENTER