

PVPLC/City Preserve Management Team Meeting Minutes

9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, Community Room

In Attendance: Recreation and Parks Director Cory Linder, Community Development Deputy Director Ara Mihanian, Maintenance Superintendent Sean Larvenz, Senior Administrative Analyst Matt Waters, Administrative Analyst Katie Lozano, MRCA Supervising Ranger Jewel Johnson, PVPLC Executive Director Andrea Vona, PVPLC Conservation Director Danielle Lefer

Preserve Maintenance

- Review of Active Habitat/Trail Projects (PVPLC): Director Lefer reported that PVPLC is still installing their annual five acres of planting for 2015. They continue to weed in the Portuguese Bend and Alta Vicente Reserves.
- Review of Active Trail/Trail Crew Projects (PVPLC/RP/PW)
 - Three Sisters-Filiorum Connection (PVPLC)-Director Lefer reported that the trail crew is working on a proposed route. Next steps include sharing the route with City staff and getting the PVPLC Board, wildlife agencies and City Council approval. Because habitat loss will likely occur along a new route, Community Development will reach out one more time to Mr. York to see if he would be amenable to an easement.
 - Access from Portuguese Bend Community (PVPLC/RP/PW)-The City is working on signage and closing off vehicle access points.
 - Sacred Cove View Trail Closure (RP/PW)-Analyst Lozano shared that large fissures have opened on a section of the trail. This section will be permanently closed. The fissures will be filled with dirt, and the City will install a barrier and signage.
 - Toyon Remediation (RP/PVPLC) – The City submitted to the PVPLC a proposal to return Toyon to its previous width, and make additional improvements to improve safety and way finding.
 - Closing Packsaddle Trail (RP/PVPLC)- A Rolling Hills neighbor has recently asked the City to resolve the issue of the public entering her property from Packsaddle Trail. The City will close Packsaddle Trail with signage and PVPLC will assist in the closure by placing brush at the trail head.
- Unauthorized/Spur Trail Closures (PVPLC): Director Lefer reported that PVPLC is focusing on maintaining spur trail closures near Rim Trail.
- Signage (PVPLC/PW/RP)
 - Monument Signage, Entry Kiosks, and Welcome Signage (PVPLC/RP)- Director Lefer reported that PVPLC has signed a contract with Hunt Associates for a master signage plan to include welcome and monument signage for the Preserve as well as entry kiosks. PVPLC will contact Deputy Director Mihanian and Administrative Analyst Lozano to begin coordinating the signage plan with the City in the upcoming weeks.
 - Yield Signage (PVPLC): Director Lefer reported that yield signage is currently in the design phase, and the management team is looking forward to having it in place.
 - Marine Protected Area Signage (RP/CD) – Deputy Director Mihanian reported that the signs are scheduled to be placed in late fall. While limited feedback was available on the content of the sign, the City has requested they be mounted on frames more consistent with Preserve signage. PVPLC requested to see the MPA signage content.
 - Coastal Trail Markers (PW/PVPLC)- Maintenance Superintendent Larvenz reported that all placards in Abalone Cove and Vicente Bluffs Reserves are complete. Director Lefer will deliver more decals to Public Works, and Deputy Director Mihanian will work with Public Works on a plan to install decals at Ocean Trails Reserve.
- Upcoming Projects in Preserve (ALL) – Maintenance Superintendent Larvenz reported that Public Works will be closing the portion of Sacred Cove View Trail with fissures, for safety reasons. The project sheet will be distributed today.
- City Preserve Maintenance Logs (RP): Analyst Lozano reported similar patterns as the previous quarter, although there were more frequent reports of ill/dead seals/sea lions on City beaches and graffiti. Reports of ill/dead seals/sea lions should be reported to the City, and the public is advised not to go near the animals; federal law prohibits it. A new spur trail has also opened up at the upper turnout access point to San Ramon Reserve. PVPLC requested the City address the rusting/breaking fence along Seascape Trail in Vicente Bluffs Reserve (potential CIP project because of scope).
- Status of Grant Contracts/Agreements (PVPLC)-no report.

Preserve Operations

- Ranger Report (MRCA): Ranger Johnson reported on activity observed over the past month. Use has been slower than normal likely due to the heat. A group of men were cited at Abalone Cove Reserve for nudity and a fisherman was issued a citation for fishing in the Marine Protected Area. MRCA requests the City consider making some misdemeanors “wobblers” meaning they can be treated as misdemeanors or infractions, because at this time, due to the complexity of filing misdemeanors, the court is often dismissing the citations with no financial penalty. Rangers also requested that the City research prohibiting alcohol on the beach.
- City Preserve Public Use Logs (RP): Public Use Logs were distributed prior to the meeting. Analyst Lozano reported that while use violations have remained somewhat consistent, there are new reports of fishermen creating new spur trails down to Abalone Cove Beach.
- Review of Volunteer Trail Watch Reports (PVPLC): Reports were distributed prior to the meeting. No discussion.
- Closing Preserve after Rain (PVPLC): Director Lefer distributed the rain policy, and the team will place it on the agenda for May to discuss the best ways to implement it.
- Enforcement Priorities (All): Enforcement priorities are currently in coastal reserves and Portuguese Bend Reserve due to high levels of use. Rangers are also monitoring activity in San Ramon Reserve.
- Volunteer Trail Watch and Rapid Response Team Priorities (PVPLC): VTW is focused in Portuguese Bend and Abalone Cove Reserves.

Additional Items

- User Group Etiquette Brochure (ALL): Director Lefer is gathering VTW comments and Analyst Lozano is gathering user group comments. The goal is for the document to be finalized by the end of April.
- Posse in Preserve (RP): The Lomita Sheriff's Department's Volunteer Posse will begin patrolling in the Preserve in the near future. More info to follow.
- Quarterly Preserve Public Forums: May 6th, Sept. 23rd, and Dec. 16th

Next Meeting: May 7th @ 9:30 a.m.