

## **Minutes to the May 5, 2016 Preserve Management Meeting**

**Attending:** Recreation & Parks Director Cory Linder, Community Development Director Ara Mihranian, Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Sean Larvenz, Administrative Analyst Katie Lozano, Recreation Specialist David Pearce, MRCA Deputy Chief Ranger Kenn Hughes and PVPLC Executive Director Andrea Vona.

### **Preserve Maintenance**

- Review of Active Habitat / Trail Projects / Maintenance:
  - Review of Trail Crew activities / unauthorized/spur trail closures – The PVPLC Trail Crew is working in Abalone Cove and Portuguese Bend Reserves.
  - City maintenance projects
    - Toyon / Peppertree remediation project – Superintendent Larvenz reports the irrigation process is proceeding each week.
    - Fuel modification using goats continues in the Preserve.
- City Preserve Maintenance Logs – Presented without discussion.
- Preserve Trail Maintenance Plan – PVPLC suggested that while a more comprehensive trail maintenance plan is being developed, City and PVPLC staff will bring to monthly management team meetings suggestions for trail improvements that can be made more immediately to improve safety and protect habitat. Executive Director Vona asked the City if they would be willing to remove the old asphalt lane coming off North Spur Trail in the Alta Vicente Reserve. The City will look into the request.
- Island View / Storm Drain Stairs – Analyst Lozano has contacted Los Angeles County about controlling stair access and is awaiting their reply. Deputy Director Mihranian indicated that he is in contact with the concerned H.O.A. about this issue.
- Distinguishing Roads & Trails in the Preserve / Conqueror Trail Gully Remedy Options -- PVPLC offered a list of trails that could be considered roads for City maintenance and consideration. The City will review the list and provide feedback. Deputy Director Mihranian stated that some of the road easements still need to be determined by surveys.
- Gate at Lower Portuguese Bend – Superintendent Larvenz reports this double chain link gate has been repaired. Optimal methods to control vehicular access are being analyzed by the Recreation and Parks Department.

### **Preserve Operations**

- Review of Public Events in Preserve – The PVPLC is having a volunteer work day on May 28<sup>th</sup> in the Alta Vicente Reserve and another one on June 4<sup>th</sup> with a nature walk scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. The City is participating in the “Kids in the Park” Day on May 21<sup>st</sup> with activities at the Ladera Linda Community Center. The City also has a volunteer day on May 18<sup>th</sup> and a docent hike on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Active Preserve Projects – A project form is in process for the de-watering well project on Burma Rd. in the Portuguese Bend Reserve. Geological test pit borings in the Abalone Cove Reserve near the Ginsberg property are scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ranger Report – Chief Ranger Hughes states that they are focusing their patrols

in the Portuguese Bend Reserve including foot patrols. MRCA Rangers will continue to assist coordinating the enforcement transition to LA County Sheriff Dept. Chief Ranger Hughes suggested putting a no bikes sign at the upper Ishibashi Farm Trail junction near Peppertree Trail in the Portuguese Bend Reserve to clarify use.

- Review of Volunteer Trail Watch Reports – It was decided that the PVPLC summary will continue to be sent along with the regular weekly reports.
- Portuguese Point Cliff / Tide Pools Closure Status – Lifeguards are monitoring a current closure. The City is awaiting a geologist report and anticipating a partial re-opening to include most of the tide pools area.
- Rain Closure Procedure – Analyst Lozano announced that the closure process is being improved. In the event of rain on a weekend, MRCA Rangers will make a decision and implement any closure.
- Managing Access Points – Analyst Lozano states that Open Space Mgt. is preparing a report on the Portuguese Bend Reserve access points.
- Walking Bikes on Non-bike Trails – It is determined that this is not allowed.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks – Director Linder announces there will not be a fireworks program.

#### **Additional Items**

- Status of Grant Contracts / Agreements – PVPLC may be getting a grant for the Aqua Armaga Reserve. A habitat restoration grant is in the works for the Alta Vicente Reserve.
- Upcoming Council Agenda Items: Sheriff's contract (May 17<sup>th</sup>), Preserve Monument Signage (June 5th), Consideration of City Council representation on the PVPLC Board (July 5<sup>th</sup>).
- Executive Director Vona suggested a meet & greet between PVPLC and Preserve Staff.

#### **Announcements**

- Public Forum 2016 Dates: July 20<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- VTW / City Monthly Coordination Meeting: May 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Action Items**

- Open Space Management is preparing a Portuguese Bend Reserve access points report.
- PVPLC will clarify no bikes on the appropriate Ishibashi Farm Trail segment.
- PVPLC and Open Space Management will coordinate a meet & greet between Staff.

**Next Meeting: June 2, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.**