

CRAHTAC
County Riding and Hiking trails Advisory Committee
Monday, November 9, 2015 3:00 pm/Cachuma Lake Recreation Area
Highway 154 Santa Barbara, CA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

<u>District 1</u>	<u>District 2</u>	<u>District 3</u>	<u>District 4</u>	<u>District 5</u>
Art Najera	Jack Bish	Jim Mills	Archie Mitchell	
Kalon Kelley	Ray Ford	Wanda Weir	Ruth Schuyler	
Sheila Snow				

Members Absent

Luis Escobar; Otis Calef; Dan Gira

Members Excused

Curt Cragg; Barry Stotts; Frank Freitas; Kevin Snow

Staff Advisors and Visitors

Claude Garciacelay – SB County Parks

Meeting was called to order by Chair Art Najera at 3:05 pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 3/9/15 meeting approved (Cragg/Mills)

Public Comment/Announcements/Correspondence

None

US Forest Service Update

No one present.

County Update:

None

ACTION ITEMS

258: Coastal Trail/San Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail: SB Trails Council in negotiation with Craig McCaw/8501 Hollister LLC re trail and coastal access. Walked through and flagged path; potential beach access at Eagle Canyon past Baccara; 12 parking spots.

The Gaviota Trust is in contact with Paradiso del Mar; lawsuit to be heard in the spring 2016.

280: Cachuma Equestrian Trail: Los Padres Trail Riders camped at Live Oak Camp and rode the trails. New gates much appreciated.

305: Guadalupe Beach/Nipomo Dunes: N/A

319: Orcutt Community Plan Trails: Project goes to BOS December 13 in Santa Maria. Project went through Planning Commission in 1 hearing; one neighbor upset with the trail location.

323: Arroyo Burro/San Antonio/Jesusita Trails: Trail heavily used; parking issues somewhat resolved.

326: Franklin Trail: Two parts open, users can go 5 miles. Environmental documents being reviewed by SBTC. Because the trail falls within "categorical exemptions," no review by USFS required. However, upper portion very steep and will be review by Pancho Smith of USFS.

329: Slippery Rock/Fremont Trail: Goleta Community Plan finalized but no trail.

333: Baron Ranch Trail: County working on facilities in lower portion, including parking and bridge across the creek to west side. County doing environmental work. SBTC doing fund raising for construction, with goal of raising \$150,000. Agriculture on west side will be abandoned, though slow down may occur related to relocating the utility shed. USFS has construction project proposal scheduled when lower portion completed.

336: Ocean Beach Park/Surf Beach Access: Open until closure from March to October.

346: Goleta Valley Community Plan: Has been approved and adopted.

349. Point Sal Access: Barry Stotts passed out map information on the area. It is considered a "wildland" area, i.e. hikers and pedestrians must access at own risk. **Motion (Stotts/Freitas)** to remove this item from Action Item list. **Passed** (Mitchell abstaining).

350: More Mesa Development Project: Complaints of trash strewn about.

351: Las Varas Ranch Project Trails: No particular report except that word is that owners are thinking about a lawsuit against the County.

352. Gaviota Coastal Plan: A draft Plan still in review.

353. Toro Canyon Creek Beach Access: N/A.

Old Business: N/A

Elections: The slate of officers from 2015 agreed to serve their positions in 2016. MSP (Ford/Kelly)

New Business:

Consensus that Front Country Trails be put back on the agenda. Motion (Ford/Schuyler) passed that agencies should develop trained volunteer groups.

Jim Mills remembered Bob Carlson, back country hiker extraordinaire who recently passed away.

Archie Mitchell noted that new interest exists re access road to Point Sal. Ray Ford and Archie will meet to hike.

Next meeting January 11 at 3pm at Parks Maintenance Yard in Santa Barbara

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Snow, Secretary