

**CRAHTAC**  
**County Riding and Hiking trails Advisory Committee**

**Monday, March 14, 2016 3:00PM**  
*South County Parks Operations Yard / Conference Room*  
*4568 Calle Real, 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>
Kalon Kelley	Ray Ford			
Kevin Snow	Otis Calef	Wanda Weir	Ruth Schuyler	
Art Najera				
Sheila Snow	Dan Gira			

**Members Absent**

Luis Escobar

**Members Excused**

Jim Mills  
Curt Cragg  
Archie Mitchell  
Barry Stotts  
Frank Freitas

**Staff Advisors and Visitors**

Claude Garciacelay – SB County Parks  
Meeting was called to order at 3:10PM

**Approval of Minutes**

May 12, 2014; July 10, 2014 Minutes approved

**Public Comment/Announcements**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**US Forest Service Update**

No USFS update.

**County Update:**

Matt Roberts, Parks Director City of Carpinteria reported on the Rincon Multi-Use Trail project from Casitas Pass Road to Rincon County Park and a pending study of the railroad crossing. The issue is getting bikes off the freeway and connected to Hwy 150, something that was omitted from the 1960's redesign of the Rincon portion of the freeway.

**ACTION ITEMS**

258: Coastal Trail/San Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail: Motion (Gira/Ford) passed to send a letter from CRAHTAC to support the effort.

280: Cachuma Equestrian Trail: N/A

305: Guadalupe Beach/Nipomo Dunes: N/A

319: Orcutt Community Plan Trails: Rice Ranch final approval in January. The County is finalizing the full trail program with 4-5 km outside the construction area of Valley View for an initial phase.

323: Arroyo Burro/San Antonio/Jesusita Trails: Dan Gira inquired of Claude re an 8AM opening of parking area for easier access to trail.

326: Franklin Trail: Waiting still for final USFS approval of upper trail construction. The worry is that dryness may preclude the work from starting.

329: Slippery Rock/Fremont Trail: N/A

333: Baron Ranch Trail: Work started in January from the top down: almost 80% of the trail. What remains is the Land Trust and County sections. The terrain requires that the work now start from the bottom.

Discussion included Kalon noting that this trail project began 10 years ago, and that basically Public Works wants to delay work until the lower trail is re-routed. There is a need to move on or lose work done already and the utility of the upper trail.

Ray Ford mentioned that Public Wrks met in February 2015 to establish a timeline. Ray feels that Trails Council did its part but Public Works has given no assistance or communication re what would satisfy Public Works concerns.

Dan Gira suggested that Caltrans may require a Hwy 101 interchange (or exit/turn lanes) because they will want a "freeway" when the Negative Declaration (for the Gaviota Plan) comes out.

Claude Garciacelay indicated that Public Works is concerned with managing the public because the department is operating a business (avocados) at a location in which mountain bikes are unable to be controlled. Claude will report to the BOS on 3/15/2016 about the Baron Trail project and whether with funding available for the footbridge, turnaround, and trail re-location, work could begin in the fall.

**Motion (Kelley/Ford) passed:** That CRAHTAC desires that the upper Baron Ranch Trail (the new trail segment connecting the existing trail to West Camino Cielo) be completed and opened to hikers as rapidly as possible. Full trail access to other categories of users may be deferred until completion of the lower trail reroute from the east to the west side of the creek. The chair will appoint several committee members to meet with Public Works and County Parks to facilitate this objective. If no agreement can be reached, additional guidance on this proposal may be requested from the Board of Supervisors.

336: Ocean Beach Park/Surf Beach Access: Plover season open; restrictions in place.

346: Goleta Valley Community Plan: Plan adopted! Need to get letter to Long Range Planning to elevate the Goleta Foothill Trail study to the top of the list, particularly re incentives to property owners to dedicate trail easements.

350: More Mesa Development Project: There is better signage but mild complaint/annoyance with stepped up enforcement..

351: Las Varas Ranch Project Trails: N/A

352. Gaviota Coastal Plan: Meeting scheduled with Matt Schneider at Long Range Planning re open space and trail acquisition and property owner incentives. The *current plan relinquishes planning to litigation*: a 30 year plan with no definition of how the public gets parks and what they will be used for.

**Motion (Gira/Calef) passed:** CRAHTAC to meet with Paddy to talk about Parks support and write a letter to address previously addressed CRAHTAC concerns re trails in Gaviota not previously incorporated in the draft plan.

353: 8501 Hollister: McCaw property still being process by Planning and Development.

354: Front Country Trails: Chris Orr has left the position as Trail Work Coordinator. However, agencies need to create a Trail Management Plan so that any such appointee can do his/her job!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Next Meeting: May 9, 2016 Cachuma Recreation Room, 3:00PM**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Snow, Secretary