

CRAHTAC
County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee
May 8, 2017 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> |
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| Art Najera Kevin Snow Sheila Snow | Ray Ford Otis Calef Jack bish | Michael Hecker | Archie Mitchell Ruth Schuyler | |

Members Absent

Members Excused

Curt Cragg; Dan Gira; Barry Stotts; Frank Freitas

Staff Advisors and Visitors

Claude Garciacelay – SB County Parks

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 01/09/17 meeting approved (Calef/Schuyler)

Public Comment/Announcements/Correspondence

Correspondence: none

US Forest Service Update

Los Padres Forest Association project with a Bay Area youth organization worked on the Manzana Narrows and the trail to the South Fork Station. An Ojai group (and kind of CCC group) has also been at work.

County Update:

Michael Hecker is a 3rd District appointee to CRAHTAC, with interests in the Santa Ynez Valley trails and bike lanes.

ACTION ITEMS

258: Coastal Trail; Juan Batista de Anza Nat'l Historic Trail: See 253.

280: Cachuma Equestrian Trail: Closed during the heavy rains but now open.

305: Guadalupe Beach/Nipomo Dune: Now open after extended closure.

319: Orcutt Community Plan Trails: Trails complete; signage being worked on/installed. Bicyclists quite happy though some areas are a bit deep with sand.

323: Arroyo Burro/San Antonio/Jesusita Trails: Weathered the rains quite well; Art Najera is monitoring and maintaining. The issue is the presence of No Parking signs on the Cater Treatment side of the road: an enduring issue for years.

326: Franklin Trail: The Forest Service upper section (2.6 miles at 2000 foot elevation) is almost completed but needs compaction from the lower end; final work will come from top down.

329: Slippery Rock/Fremont Trail: N/A

333: Baron Ranch Trail: the Planning Commission hearing moved to June 28 for permits to construct parking and turn-around area and the bridge; the trail may be ready to go in the fall. Public Works is ambivalent at best on opening the trail. Apparently, anything that infringes on Public Works' concerns (Tajiguas restoration?) may threaten Public Works' support of the proposed loop trail through the avocado ranch, connecting with the USFS trail above.

336: Ocean Beach Park/Surf Beach Access: Surf Station closed for Plover nesting season.

346: Goleta Valley Community Plan: N/A

350: More Mesa Development Project: N/A

351: Las Varas Ranch Project Trails: N/A

352. Gaviota Coastal Plan: N/A

353. 8501 Hollister—Coastal Trail: (Craig McCaw property west of Bacara.) Meeting due with the County and Trails Council; McCaw to coordinate final trail location and beach access.

354. Front Country Trails: Still good coordination between multiple agencies to do trail projects.

Old Business:

New Business:

Please note: Next meeting July 10 3pm at Public Works Yard in Santa Barbara

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Snow, Secretary