

CRAHTAC
County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee
July 10, 2017 3:00 pm/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>
Art Najera Kevin Snow Sheila Snow	Ray Ford Otis Calef	Michael Hecker Curt Cragg		

Members Absent

Archie Mitchell; Ruth Schuyler

Members Excused

Jack Bish; Dan Gira; Barry Stotts; Frank Freitas

Staff Advisors and Visitors

Claude GarciaCelay – SB County Parks

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 05/08/17 meeting approved (Snow/Calef)

Public Comment/Announcements/Correspondence

Correspondence: Letter to promote continued pedestrian and equestrian of Alamo Pintado Bridge.

US Forest Service Update

N/A. Board members queried why there has not been a representative from USFS attending meetings.

County Update:

Claude noted that CalTrans wants to remove the Alamo Pintado Creek Pedestrian Bridge in Los Olivos. They sent a letter to the County (see above).

Discussion followed. The Board wants a letter supporting Pedestrian and Equestrian use in that area, if not on that Bridge, then another. It is well used and loved in the community--both by equestrians and pedestrians. The Bridge itself is an old Rail Road bridge--120 years old so is historic under the Historic Landmarks criteria. It has a beautiful stone foundation. CalTrans is estimating \$900,000 to demolish. There might be a better solution than demolition--why not repair the foundation. There are circulation issues for trails in the area without the bridge and these issues should be considered in any EIR re: access issues.

Ray moved that CRAHTAC draft a letter noting the historic importance of the bridge and its use by the local and horse communities and that CalTrans consider other options and alternative to demolition such as restoration. It is part of a historic route and pedestrian use needs to be apart from Hwy 156. Kevin Snow second. Passed. Kevin and Sheila will work on a draft.

ACTION ITEMS

258: Coastal Trail; Juan Batista de Anza Nat'l Historic Trail: See below Gaviota Coastal Plan (352).

280: Cachuma Equestrian Trail: Closed during the Fire some damage to the Campground.

305: Guadalupe Beach/Nipomo Dune: N/A

319: Orcutt Community Plan Trails: Ray has signs to post.

323: Arroyo Burro/San Antonio/Jesusita Trails: a lot of underbrush and the only access can be by horse or foot. Trail is open because there is no one to stop entry.

326: Franklin Trail: The last section (.5 mile) is to be worked, it's too hot now and it will be finished in Autumn.

329: Slippery Rock/Fremont Trail: N/A

333: Baron Ranch Trail: Kalon passed out information. Otis Ray and Kalon to meet with the Trails Council every two months to talk about Baron. Public Works and Parks Department attended last meeting. Kalon went over the history and where we are now and pass on our recommendations. The roads were eroded but now have been fixed. Proposed trail re-route. Toad should be opened and walker can go around trees but the downed trees should be removed. Recommendations: last section to complete has some large problems with implementation. Ray and Kalon noted that Public Works is okay with our conceptual ideas but not in practice. Public Works eliminated agriculture and could open up a trail route but haven't. Project was approved with the Coastal Development Plan but if Public Works is reluctant about letting it be done. Ray notes that Public Works should let us use the road and let us go through the Ranch to finish the project.

Kalon moved that CRAHTAC approve the recommendations 2010 and direct that CRAHTAC members have the ability to supervise getting the trail open. Jack Bish second. Discussion. Clause noted that the permit appeal period is closing. Ray wants temporary Easement along the road. But if the bridge does not get built then we need to be ready to build in the Autumn. Ray amended Motion: Based on final approval of permits then Public Works gives us approval to get the trails completed and that there is no nexus between opening the bridge and opening the trails. Once trail is built then horses and dogs can use it. Public Works wants to see the bridge built first. Otis does not want to waste goodwill capital by "pushing" Public Works. Ray will re-write motion and send out to CRAHTAC to vote via email. So Motion tabled. Otis, Kalon Ray and Kevin will meet to discuss before sending out. We need to keep the project going this winter.

336: Ocean Beach Park/Surf Beach Access: N/A

346: Goleta Valley Community Plan: N/A

350: More Mesa Development Project: N/A

351: Las Varas Ranch Project Trails: The property is now up for sale. We have to get agreements now-- need clear language before sale. Dan Gira to work on this.

352. Gaviota Coastal Plan: Working on the parking with Claude.

353. 8501 Hollister—Coastal Trail: Need to keep an eye on this.

354. Front Country Trails: N/A

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Please note: Next meeting September 11 3pm at Cachuma Recreation.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Snow, Secretary