

CRAHTAC
County Riding and Hiking trails Advisory Committee
Monday March 9, 2015; Parks SoCo Maintenance Yard Conference Room
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	Jim Mills		
Sheila Snow	Dan Gira	Wanda Weir		
Art Najera	Otis Calef	Curt Cragg		

Members Absent

Jack Bish; Archie Mitchell; Luis Escobar; Ruth Schuyler

Members Excused

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 3:07 pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 1/12/15 meeting approved (Gira/Mills)

Public Comment/Announcements

None

Correspondence

None

US Forest Service Update

No USFS staff present. Claude noted that he sent an email to Joe Duran and Pancho Smith about the meeting but did not get a response from either.

County Update:

None – Update with Action Items

ACTION ITEMS

258: Coastal Trail/San Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail: Dan Gira noted that progress was being made on issues relating to Parasido, Naples, etc and that he hoped that this may bear fruit in the next 2+ years.

280: Cachuma Equestrian Trail: Otis said that the Kiosk at the trailhead parking area needs improvement.

305: Guadalupe Beach/Nipomo Dunes: Claude noted that the Shell Oil Co. road remediation plan was pulled from the Planning Commission agenda.

319: Orcutt Community Plan Trails: Rice Ranch is ramping up for its new specific plan.

323: Arroyo Burro/San Antonio/Jesusita Trails: Ray Ford said he will have a letter ready for the next meeting to send to the City of Santa Barbara (Previous motion: Motion to send letter to the Santa Barbara City Council to consider removing the “Homeland Security” boulders and newly planted trees blocking roadside parking adjacent to the Cater treatment facility.)

326: Franklin Trail: Claude reported the County is working with RMA to get Phase 2 of the trail opened. The County has a verbal agreement to open the trail and hopes to have the trail open to the public this summer.

329: Slippery Rock/Fremont Trail: Dan explained that given the reluctance of County long range planning staff resistance to seeking a public trail due to terrain steepness and the lack of ability to find the nexuses to require them that we need to explore new mechanisms for building trails into the planning process. CRAHTAC members and the Trails Council will be meeting with Long Range Planning staff to discuss ways of doing this.

333: Baron Ranch Trail: The County is engaged in getting bids for the design of the parking lot and bridge and the good news is that the County has the funding to get the Lower Part of the Baron project through the environmental process.

336: Ocean Beach Park/Surf Beach Access: No new report.

346: Goleta Valley Community Plan: The hearing on the Goleta Comm Plan will be on June 24 at the Planning Commission.

349. Point Sal Access: Otis and Kevin Snow met with members of the Backcountry Horsemen to discuss ways to secure more access at Point Sal.

350: More Mesa Development Project: Dan reported that the More Mesa Preservation Coalition is trying to get the Sheik to make an offer to them to purchase the property. Nothing currently on the table.

351: Las Varas Ranch Project Trails: The Las Varas EIR will be back before the Planning Commission in mid-April. Dan Gira motion; Sheila Snow 2nd to have CRAHTAC send a letter to the PC recommending denial of the project.

352. Gaviota Coastal Plan: Nothing new to report. EIR should be ready in Fall 2015 or Winter 2016. Claude reported the trail guidelines were much better this time around.

353. Toro Canyon Creek Beach Access: In litigation: Applicant is suing the County re/ the requirement to do an EIR on his project.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Next meeting May 11 at 3pm at Cachuma Lake.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Ford, Co-Secretary