

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE Members Present

David Boyer, USMC
Jessi Brown, City of La Mesa
Shawn Chambers, MTRP User Group
Cynthia Cornelius, Member-at-large
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Rob Hutsel, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Committee
David Lipson, San Diego State University
Kevin Loomis, Chair
Jennifer Morrissey, MTRP Foundation
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Scott Penwell, City of El Cajon
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Gary Strawn, City of Santee

Members Absent/Excuse

Rick Gulley, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Committee
Mike Pent, Special Member
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council

City of San Diego

Rob Wheeler, Senior Park Ranger, MTRP, Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by CAC Chair Kevin Loomis.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Searcy) to postpone the approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting until the next meeting on March 3, 2026. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT – *Kevin Loomis*

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- No updates

STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – *Rob Wheeler*

- Kwaay Paay West Trail improvements: new staircase, drainage features, tread repair.
- Ranger supported Eagle Scout project: new bench and shade structure at Four Corners junction
- Rangers have been making repairs to footbridges in Suycott Valley and doing storm damage cleanup around the park

FOUNDATION REPORT – *Jennifer Morrissey*

- Primrose removal project at Kumeyaay Lake near completion
- Interpretive panels for Oak Grove Loop Trail in production; work starting on VC loop trail
- Eco Ambassadors applications open for spring session

COMMUNICATIONS –

- Greg Bartow, Community Member
 - Expressed concerns regarding the East County Advanced Water Purification project schedule and associated mitigation

ACTION ITEMS - None

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. East County Advanced Water Purification Project Update – *Rebecca Abbott, Engineering Manager, East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Power Authority*

- Two sliplining subsegments installed (~1,500 ft)
- Disturbed habitat within the project area to be restored with native plants
- Improvements have been made to fencing and worksite aesthetics
- Committee and park staff to be informed in advance of temporary closure of left turn lane from EB Mission Gorge Rd to Father Junipero Serra Trail
- **MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Hutsel) to include an action item on the March 3 CAC agenda stating “What, if any, additional mitigation actions are appropriate for recommendation on the East County AWP Project”.
- **MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Loomis/Hartegan) to form an ad hoc subcommittee to develop mitigation options for March CAC consideration. The movement passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

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302. Request to Establish San Diego River Crossing as a Capital Improvement Project at the City of San Diego – *Vicram Vettiylhil, Deputy Chief of Staff, District 7*

- Task Force approved recommendation (4-0) to establish as CIP
- Next steps: Mayors proposed budget (April), Council approval (July)
- Estimated cost: \$6M, no funds have been identified yet

303. Approval of 2026 MTRP CAC Schedule – *Kevin Loomis, CAC Chair*

- Proposed dates: March 3, May 5, July 7, September 1, November 3
- Election day conflict noted for November 3
- **MOTION:** It was moved (Loomis) to place an action item on March 3 CAC agenda to change November 3, 2026 meeting date to November 10, 2026

304. CAC Ad Hoc Stowe Trail Subcommittee Update – *Kevin Loomis, CAC Chair*

- Biological and cultural assessments nearly complete; review expected mid-January
- NEPA process ongoing; US Fish & Wildlife consultation required (135-day timeframe)
- Additional tribal communication anticipated

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 6:30 PM.