

**Minutes of the Meeting of the July 15, 2021
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, via zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Colin Parent, City of La Mesa
Councilmember Raul Campillo, City of San Diego
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee
Councilmember Joe LaCava, City of San Diego
Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego
Councilmember Dustin Trotter, City of Santee

Members Absent

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, County of San Diego

City of San Diego Staff

Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Jennifer Canalas, Center Director, Open Space Division
Vicram Vettiyil, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Michael Simonsen, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Richard Flahive, Office of Councilmember LaCava
Tiffany Lavan, Associate Planner, Public Utilities Department
John Sufflebean,

County of San Diego Staff

Michael Kulis, Office of Supervisor Anderson
Matt Sanford, Region Manager, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Chair Raul Campillo at 10:01 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (ANDERSON/LACAVA) to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- The City of San Diego, the Lenail Family, and I have agreed to work together to build a bridge across the San Diego River. The Lenail family has let us know that they have already raised over \$700,000 for the project. At the last meeting, letters of support from many elected officials were presented including a letter from California State Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins. I am thrilled to announce that Senator Atkins has been able to secure

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\$1.5 Million Dollars in State funding to support funding the bridge also. I would really like to thank Senator Atkins, and all her staff for advocating for our regional parks, and for the river throughout her career. Her support is greatly appreciated. Much more information on this will be forthcoming, as we will be hosting a press conference on Thursday July 22 where this investment will be formally announced making our park better and safer for all our visitors.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE / MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

MTRP CAC Report

- One of the items of discussion at the last meeting was the West Sycamore staging area project. We are looking at using additional antenna funds to support the project. It appears that the project has become more expensive, so we have postponed action on the item until we get a report from the Development Services Department at the September meeting. We will hopefully be making a recommendation to the Task Force following that report. The City volunteer office also provided a report on the City's volunteer management program called Better Impact. Mission Trails staff has been struggling to get the volunteers back into the park due to the program, so we appreciate support from Council office in trying to figure out how to get the volunteers back.

MTRP Foundation Report

- We are looking to get the Visitor Center open in the next couple of weeks. We are also working on getting the astronomy association star parties back up and running.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – Tiffany Lavan

- A report was provided on the habitat restoration and vegetation management project currently underway in the canyon below the Lake Murray Dam.

City of Santee Community Services Department – None

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-Ryan Robertson

- The Campground will be opening at the end of this month. The City is working with the Foundation on opening the Visitor Center. We have been seeing an uptick in medical related calls primarily due to the heat. Staff is working hard on non-native vegetation removal projects. With the prolonged heat and lack of rain, we are seeing wildlife, primarily deer, in the early mornings and late afternoons in non-typical areas of the park. Most likely in search of water.

Open Space Division Staff Report- None

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable) - None

ACTION ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. East County Advanced Water Purification Program – *John Sufflebean, City of San Diego; Kyle Swanson, East County AWP, Padre Dam Municipal Water District; Rebecca Abbott, East County AWP, Padre Dam Municipal Water District*

- This project is an effort to create a more sustainable water supply for San Diego and is a part of a larger County wide program. This current phase of the project will repurpose one of the wastewater lines that runs through the park along Father Junipero Serra Road. During construction, access to the road will be affected but the specifics have not yet been determined.

302. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II Construction Update and revegetation plans-
Construction Manager Aaron Trimm and Summer Adleberg

- A presentation was given with a progress update. The project completion date has been pushed back to Summer of 2022. The overall goal of the revegetation effort for restoration is to replace existing upland habitat within Mission Trails Regional Park and to mitigate the temporary habitat losses from the project’s implementation. In accordance with the Master Restoration Plan and in accordance with The Good Neighbor Policy Agreement, revegetation will include the establishment of approximately 17 acres of coastal sage scrub, southern mix chaparral and native grassland habitats within the project area.

303. West Sycamore Staging Area CIP update – *Ryan Robertson*

- Email update from staff stated the following: The negotiation with the consultant is completed and proposal is finalized. We are working on processing the Mayoral Action for the project which usually takes 2 to 3 months. The schedule should remain as shared a few weeks ago. A year and a half for design and environmental documents, then 6 months for bid and award for a contractor to begin construction. Construction is anticipated to take a year.

304. Old Mission Dam dredging project update – *Ryan Robertson*

- There is currently no identified funding for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 10:00 AM