

**Minutes of the Meeting of the May 19, 2022
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, County of San Diego

Staff

Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Vicram Vettiyil, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director, Open Space Division
Nick Chavez, Community Services Director, City of Santee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Chair Raul Campillo at 10:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (TROTTER/ANDERSON) to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- During the recent budget process, I advocated for funding for the Old Mission Dam Dredging project. As a result, \$750,000.00 is allocated in the budget for the project.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego River Crossing Bridge Project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Raynard Abalos, Project Manager, Engineering and Capital Projects and Ben Lenail, Project Applicant*

- Continued until the July meeting

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302. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II Construction and Vernal Pool Habitat Site Restoration Transfer – *San Diego County Water Authority Staff Aaron Trimm, Summer Adleberg, Rachel Kulis*

- The project is nearing completion. There will be a pipeline shutdown in June to make the final connections. Then the existing vent structures will be removed followed by the removal of the laydown yard. It is anticipated that the construction crews will be out of the park by Fall.
- Temporary irrigation is currently being installed that will be followed by native plant installation and hydroseeding. There will be a 120-day plant establishment period and then a 5-year maintenance and monitoring period.
- It was determined that 0.04 acres of vernal pool habitat was impacted by the San Diego County Water Authority. As mitigation, the Water Authority has created a 1.65-acre site that includes 26 vernal pools. The success criteria were met in 2018 and there is a long-term maintenance and management plan in place. Next steps include transferring the property to the City of San Diego along with an endowment fund for the continued maintenance of the site. The transfer will go to the City Council for final approval and sign off.
- Water authority is planning on removing the temporary trail closures in August.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Appointment/Reappointment of MTRP CAC Representatives

- David Boyer, representing MCAS Miramar
- Marilyn Reed, representing Navajo Community Planners Inc.
- Kin Searcy, representing Scripps Ranch Civic Association

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (ANDERSON/LACAVA) to approve the reappointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT– *Dorothy Leonard, Chair MTRP CAC*

- There was a presentation at the CAC about the proposed river crossing bridge. A field trip to the site is being planned for June 1st at 4 PM.

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – *Jennifer Morrissey, Executive Director, MTRPF*

- Thank you to Councilmember Campillo for advocating for the Old Mission Dam project and for funding for wildlife cameras for the park. The annual photo contest is going on and there will be an award ceremony on June 5th. In partnership with the San Diego Unified School District, the Foundation has received a grant to host a summer camp. The camp will accommodate up to 90 students per week and the Foundation is currently in the process of hiring staff for the program. The Foundation is currently applying for grant money to purchase additional property for the park. The Foundation has contracted with a company to produce a comprehensive assessment of the Visitor Center.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – *Nick Chavez*

- Introduction of Nick Chavez. The new Director of Community Services for the City of Santee. Today is his 1st day with the City of Santee. He does have over 20 years of

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experience in park systems throughout California and is looking forward to working with all involved.

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-Ryan Robertson

- Ranger Medina-Bandy has accepted a position as a Park Ranger with the County of San Diego leaving Mission Trails with a vacancy. We will be working on filling the vacancy as soon as possible.
- We have been experiencing major issues with our online campground reservation system that is a contracted-out service. We had to shut down the system for almost two weeks. The system is now back up and running. Staff did an amazing job handling the situation which included being available to take in-person reservations for extended hours and spending an immense amount of time with our IT staff, and representatives from the contracted company.

Open Space Division Staff Report- Erika Ferreira

- Thank you to Councilmember Campillo for advocating for Old Mission Dam Funding. We have already reached out to the previous project officers to start working on the needed permits as soon as possible.
- District Manager interviews will be conducted in June. We are hopeful that we will have a new Open Space District Manager on board prior to the next Task Force meeting.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 21, 2022, 10:00 AM