

**Santa Ana River Partnership
(Crest-to-Coast Partnership)
Technical Advisory Committee**

**April 12, 2006, 9 a.m.
City of Corona
400 South Vicentia Avenue
Corona, CA 92882**

Paul Frandsen, Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District
Brian Loew, Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District
Patricia Lock Dawson, City of Riverside
Jeff Beehler, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, City of Riverside
Viren Shaw, City of Corona
Brenda Flowers, City of Riverside
Frank Guerrero, Jurupa Parks and Recreation District
Jeff Weinstein, City of Riverside
Jeff Beeler, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)
Maureen Snelgrove, San Bernardino County Parks
Lee Stryffeler, City of Corona
Jim Engle, City of Huntington Beach
Jim Real, Jurupa Parks and Recreation
Gabe Garcia, City of Corona
Ned Ibrahim, City of Corona
Lee Stryffeler, City of Corona
Mark Wills, City of Corona
David Jump, City of Redlands

The above list may be missing some attendees.

Highlights of Meeting and Summary of Actions

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
Self introductions were made.
- 2. Website**
SAWPA showed a draft of the website for the Crest-to-Coast Partnership effort. The website would provide information for internal use by the TAC and Policy Advisory Group (PAG), but would also provide information for the public. SAWPA will post minutes from all committees and subcommittees. In response to a question posed by Patricia Lock-Dawson, Jeff Beehler will look into deemphasizing the name of SAWPA on the page and emphasizing more of

the partners' names. He believes SAWPA may need to have a standardized "look" to all its web pages and may not be able to change the overall layout, but feels partners' logos can be added easily.

3. Mapping Update.

SAWPA is working on a recreational trails map for the entire length of the Santa Ana River. The map will show connecting trails and will be based on the old, poster-sized map produced by EDAW. Jeff Beehler estimates the work will take about a year and will continue to update the TAC on progress.

Patricia Lock-Dawson inquired whether it was possible to create a map showing trail status in each of the counties. She indicated this was a priority to the local elected officials on the PAG who wish to illustrate funding and construction priorities graphically. Jeff Beehler said SAWPA would be willing to create such a map quickly if each of the three county parks directors could get staff to provide such information. Riverside and San Bernardino counties said this was easily done and Jeff Beeler agreed to contact their respective staff members.

4. MOU Discussion

a. **Partnership Agreement.**

The Partnership MOU that establishes the Crest-to-Coast Partnership and creates the PAG and TAC was signed by Riverside County, SAWPA, and the Wildlands Conservancy. Orange County was scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisor (BOS) in mid-April. Maureen Snelgrove indicated that San Bernardino County Counsel expressed concerns about the Brown Act. Counsel had not yet forwarded the agreement to the BOS for consideration and approval due to this concern. Patricia Lock-Dawson agreed to speak with other members of the PAG to address this concern and put it on the next PAG agenda.

5. Progress Update

a. **Project Reports along the River:**

All members present reported on the status of their projects along the river.

6. Update on Proposition 50

There was no update on this subject.

7. Washington DC Trip

There was no update on this subject.

8. Subcommittees

The TAC agreed to establish two subcommittees: One for Operations and Maintenance, which would address security and public safety as well and one for Branding, which would address the need to establish a "brand" for the river to

ensure consistency across jurisdictional boundaries (e.g., in the form of signs, etc.) Each subcommittee met once and reported on their progress.

a. Operations and Maintenance.

Jeff Weinstein, acting as Chair, stated that only two members of the subcommittee were present at the meeting. The subcommittee will develop a plan for sharing maintenance costs and activities across the trail and bring it back to the full TAC for review. Mr. Weinstein stated that the group would be combining different maintenance plans (e.g., EDAW, Dangermond) and hoped to identify maintenance costs per mile. Once approved by the TAC, it would move on to the PAG for approval.

b. Branding

The Branding Subcommittee was convened by Kevin Thomas, acting as Chair. Mr. Thomas was not in attendance, so a summary of the group's activities was given by Patricia Lock-Dawson. She stated that the group would be looking at redesigning the trail logo and developing a PR strategy for using the information. A full report of this group's effort is available in their minutes posted on the website. Maureen Snelgrove requested that she be added to the list of volunteers on this subcommittee. Patricia Lock-Dawson agreed to pass this information onto Kevin Thomas.

9. Round Table

County of Riverside - Brian Loew reported that \$11.6 million has been secured to complete unfinished portions of the trail within the county. Approximately \$5 million will be used to complete the portion of the trail through Hidden Valley. The design work should be completed by July with construction beginning in May '07. Paul Frandsen reported that an agreement with OC Flood was finally reached to build the trail through Prado Basin. The agreement was necessary to provide money for the Army Corps of Engineers to do the design work in this segment.

Jurupa Community Services District – the District is completing a one-mile section of trail in its area that will be ADA compliant. They are preparing a proposal for Land and Water Conservation Fund money for FY07.

San Bernardino County - the County has secured \$640,000 to do the design work in the upper Santa Ana River Wash area. Maureen Snelgrove reported that all four segments of trail are either in design-phase or have been completed.

City of Corona - a public access barrier from State Parks to the SAR trail needs to be addressed. Orange County and San Bernardino County have existing access, but Riverside County does not. Public access needs to be secured through some kind of arrangement with Orange County Flood Control District. Corona is not

sure how that will be secured: via easement or agreement? Paul Frandsen will talk to OC Flood staff and determine what would be the best means to ensure access. Paul Frandsen will bring this up at the next PAG meeting and make a recommendation on how best to proceed. Potential players that need to be involved include: County of Riverside, State Parks, OC Flood, City of Corona, and SAWPA.

State Parks - still has concerns over access at Coal Canyon. A meeting needs to be set up with the Forest Service and CalTrans. Patricia Lock-Dawson will contact Gary Watts to discuss dates and times.

City of Redlands - a Blue Ribbon Committee has met twice. The National Park Service is providing technical assistance. The City should adopt the plan within six months.

City of Riverside – is working with bike club to maintain trail. They will continue to involve this and other groups in developing the Operations and Maintenance plan.

Summit. The TAC and PAG are sponsoring a luncheon at Green River Golf Course and helicopter tours of the trail for representatives from our federal delegation. Initially, Wildlands Conservancy agreed to host a raft trip for the participants, but feels that it might be difficult to combine this with a helicopter tour and/or lunch. Also, Wildlands needs a firm date because of the work involved in preparing the route for the raft trip. Patricia Lock-Dawson will talk with DP Myers on this. She is organizing the event and will contact Parks staff to assist in developing presentation materials for the meeting when a date is set.

Upcoming meetings and announcements

- San Bernardino County is looking to hire additional staff (two maintenance workers and one trails coordinator.) Please contact Maureen Snelgrove if you have any suggestions or ideas.
- “Paving Paradise” at Cal State San Bernardino. An Art exhibit with lectures on how the Santa Ana River has influenced and changed the region over time. Reception is on May 4.
- “River of Life” Conference on May 19 and 20. Organized by the Santa Ana River Watershed Alliance. Supervisor Correa and the Mayor of Redlands, among others, will be speaking about the partnership and trail effort.

10. Next Meeting Date: topics and location

- Partnership Agreement/MOU
- Reports of Subcommittees

The next meeting will be: July 12th
 9:00 a.m.
 City of Riverside

Fairmount Park Boathouse