

**Santa Ana River Trail & Parkway Partnership
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 20, 2007 10 a.m.
East Anaheim Community Center
8201 East Santa Ana Canyon Road
Anaheim, CA
714/765-3904**

(Off the 91 FWY at the Weir Canyon Road exit)

Jim Real, Jurupa Park and Recreation
Patricia Lock Dawson, City/County of Riverside
Paul Frandsen, County of Riverside Regional Park & Open-Space District
Maureen Gayk, County of Riverside Regional Park & Open-Space District
Dan Nove, County of Riverside Regional Park & Open-Space District
Jeff Dickman, County of Orange RDMC/HBP
Ric Welch, Jurupa Community Services District
Naomi Gruenthal, City of Anaheim
Jeff Beehler, SAWPA
Zully Smith, Riverside County Flood Control
Lance Natsuhata, County of Orange Resources & Development Management
Department
David Jump, City of Redlands
Steve Campbell, City of Yorba Linda
Marie Knight, City of Orange
David Cho, City of Costa Mesa
Mary Small, Coastal Conservancy
Robert Staples, City of Costa Mesa
Gabe Garcia, City of Corona
Dana Rochat, The Wildlands Conservancy
Tasha Newman Conservation Strategy Group
Frank Guerrero, Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District

1. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Introductions were made.
2. Web Site – Update
The website is posted through SAWPA @ www.sawpa.org
<<http://www.sawpa.org/>> . A domain name has to be chosen. Patricia Lock-Dawson will work with Jeff Beehler to get a domain name and set up a site specifically for the trail and parkway effort.
3. Progress Updates
 - A. Project Reports along the River
SAWPA has created a map showing phasing of trail construction over the next 5 years. The map reflects information provided by staff from the 3 county parks agencies. Staff provided tables that list the types of work and cost estimates for each year between 2007 and 2012. SAWPA used this information to show planned construction throughout the watershed.

The map and tables will be used in the work plan which will go to the Coastal Conservancy.

- B. Green River Project - Pinch Point Update
All the players have been identified and a meeting was held with Orange County Flood, OC HBP to go over possible linkages at the Green River Golf Course. Orange County Parks has worked with OC Flood for a route around the golf links.
 - C. COE Update
Paul Frandsen met with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine status of their work relative to the trail. They are responsible for conducting environmental studies and ensuring CEQA/NEPA compliance, but have not yet begun this for the trail portion. Mr. Frandsen remarked that they remain committed participants and will continue to cooperate. They were invited to the TAC meeting, but were unable to attend. Mr. Frandsen indicated the need to keep the Corps involved and engaged.
 - D. City of Riverside, Hole Lake Segment
The city of Riverside should complete the 1/8 mile gap by October this year.
 - E, Proposition 50 application – Update
The Resources Agency had informed the Riverside County Park District that the proposal had made several ‘cuts’; after the TAC meeting the District was notified that the \$1.7 million dollar grant had been approved. The next step will be to get the guidelines and then work with the various interests for easements and other needed agreements.
4. Proposition 84 – Update
Presentation by Conservation Strategies Group
Ms. Newman gave an overview on what the Conservation Strategies Group does to assist cities and counties with Proposition 84 workshops. Proposition 84 has \$45 million for the Santa Ana River Trail Parkway. \$10 million for each county: Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino, and \$15 million for other projects.

She discussed the types of services they can provide related to funding for cities and counties that can be obtained.

They can provide strategic advise for short and long-term planning; conference call services; informational updates on programs (guidelines revisions, application deadlines); budget process updates; comprehensive overview of natural resource funding programs; and informational reports on policy.

They can also provide information on local park monies and Assembly and Senate bills.

Ms. Newman offered her company's services for long range planning. Contact information was provided for Tasha Newman at 916/558-1516 tash@csgcalifornia.com

Paul Frandsen gave thanks to the Wildlands Conservancy for providing this contact.

Mary Small with the Coastal Conservancy gave an update up the \$45 million for the parkway. The Coastal Conservancy will administer the grants.

She was excited about what this group has done to come up with this plan. The Coastal Conservancy meets six times a year to review grants and make recommendations to its Board.

Patricia Lock-Dawson met with Ms. Small to come up with a strategy on ways to approach this. They will come up with three projects by December 13 to take to the Coastal Conservancy. Ms. Lock Dawson said that a list of projects needs to be finished to come up with the back bone and set criteria.

A set of handsouts was given out including: 1) Criteria for Scoring Project Proposals for the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway; and 2) County of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino project descriptions and timelines.

Ms. Lock Dawson mentioned that by December the TAC should give an overview to the Coastal Conservancy with a five-year work plan from SAWPA.

Paul Frandsen explained the function of the Policy Advisory Group (PAG) and TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) to new members.

The MOU among the counties, SAWPA, and The Wildlands Conservancy for coordinated parkway planning among counties along the Santa Ana River Corridor, Riverside County M.O. 3.1, 2/7/06, was distributed to the group.

6. Prado Dam - Update Presentation by Orange County Flood Lance Natsuhata, County of Orange /Resources and Development Management Department gave an overview of the main stem project and the Army Corps reach. This is a \$1.8 billion project started back in 1990.

There was \$15 million in damages to the dam area in Riverside and Orange counties. The three county flood control districts (Orange, Riverside, & San Bernardino) are working together to fix the project.

He mentioned that there are three components to the main stem. Also, Prado is the key element of the Santa Ana River project. The Army Corps expects to raise the dam about 28' above the old dam. There will be new outlets tripling to 30,000 cu. ft. per second. The Corps will also raise the spillway 20'.

Zully Smith, Riverside County Flood Control, covered the Riverside County portion. She talked about the Reach 9, Phase 2 project near the 91 Freeway. The Corps will do the rough slow protection of the maintenance road.

Mr. Natsuhata said the Corps schedule is to complete the project in 2013. They are preparing the EIR/EIS for the Santa Ana Regional interceptor line. Mr. Natsuhata showed a map for this 4-mile area.

Mr. Frandsen thanked Mr. Natsuhata and Ms. Zully for the presentation.

7. Other Funding Sources – Update

Patricia Lock-Dawson said that additional State monies and local money appropriations are out.

8. PAG Report – Patricia Lock Dawson – update

Ms. Lock-Dawson asked Naomi Gruenthal, Community Services Project Planner for the city of Anaheim about funds for Brewer's pit. Jeff Beehler said that it was listed as a recreation project and thought there was money for it. Ms. Gruenthal will find out.

The PAG met in May and discussed project list. The PAG has tasked the TAC to come back with a sound project list.

9. Sub Committee Report - Update

A. Operations & Maintenance Subcommittee

Jim Real, Chair of the subcommittee, mentioned that they met twice since the last TAC meeting, May 10 and June 18. Jeff Dickman has been appointed a Vice-Chair of the subcommittee. They have discussed the mission statement and issues related to Proposition 84. David Jump was invited to be part of this subcommittee. The next meeting is slated for July 23.

There is a meeting on June 22 with Senator Correra in Santa Ana to discuss flood, parks, Proposition 84 and issues with the Santa Ana River.

10. Funding Priorities – Update

Item was discussed under 5.0.

Patricia Lock-Dawson noted that Tasha Newman will serve on a panel discussion on June 22 in Orange County at Santiago Community College. Celeste Cantu from SAWPA will also be there. Discussion to take place includes an overview of flood banks and the Santa Ana River.

11. Work Plan Status – Update

Item discussed under 5.0

12. Watershed Planning – Update

There is a scoping session planned at the Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District on June 28, 2007 for the watershed-wide planning effort. The TAC's part of the scoping meeting will be to identify the need for additional parks, trails, and open space in the basin.

Jeff Beehler discussed the SAWPA Integrated Plan. Focus is on what should be done and broad vision for all projects.

13. Round Table

Paul Frandsen noted that the Park District's Proposition 40 extension request has been sent to the Governor.

Jim Real mentioned the Greenways/Parks/Trails Conference in Folsom that he attended. He feels there needs to be a broader vision for the Santa Ana River Parkway.

14. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Location: Anaheim Community Center

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

**Criteria for Scoring Project Proposals
Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway**

May 25, 2007

Scoring Criteria	Highly relevant (5)	Somewhat relevant (3)	Not relevant (0)
Does the project complete the backbone?			
Is the project ready to be implemented?			
Is match available and secured?			
Is CEQA complete?			
Is easement or acquisition required? If so, are they complete?			
Is alignment identified?			
Agreements between affected jurisdictions in place (e.g., MOU to establish lead agency?)			
Total Score			

Riverside County – Santa Ana River, Proposition 84 Projects

Project Description	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Segment 1 * Norco - Corona * 6 miles * \$6 Million * No funds budgeted	Preliminary Design, Alignment Alternatives	CEQA, Begin Final Design & Engineering	Complete Final Design, Begin Construction	Complete Construction	
Segment 2 * Corona – Green River GC * 2.2 miles * \$2.7 Million * No funds budgeted		CEQA Trail Design & Engineering	Construction		
 Segment 3 * Green River GC – Prado Basin * 2 miles * \$2 Million * No funds budgeted			Preliminary Design, Alignment Alternatives	CEQA, Final Design & Engineering	Construction
Segment 4 * Prado Basin * 7 miles * \$1 Million * 6.6 Million funds budgeted	NEPA, CEQA Design and Engineering	Design and Engineering, Construction	Design and Engineering, Construction	Design and Engineering, Construction	Construction
 Segment 5 * Prado Basin – Orange County Line * 2 Miles * \$3 Million * No funds budgeted			Preliminary Design, Alignment Alternatives	CEQA, Design & Engineering	Construction
Funding Request \$14.2 Million	2008 Preliminary Design \$300,000	2009 Design \$1.2 Million	2010 Engineering, Construction \$7.9 Million	2011 Design, Engineering \$700,000	2012 Construction \$4.1 Million

San Bernardino County – Santa Ana River, Proposition 84 Projects

Project Description	2008	2008	2010	2011	2012
Segment 1 * Build 3 Trail undercrossings * Bridge over Mission Zanja Crk * Waterman Ave - Alabama * 4 miles in length * \$5 Million	Final Envir. Design changes	Construction			
Segment 2 * Build trail tread surface * Alabama – Upper SAR Wash * 10 miles * No funds budgeted * \$4 Million			Construction		
Funding Request \$9 Million	2008 Prelim. Eng \$500,000	2009 Construction \$4.5 Million	2010 Construction \$4 Million	2011	2012

County of Orange – Santa Ana River, Proposition 84 Projects
Between Gypsum Canyon Road to the County Line at the Green River Golf Course

Project Description	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Segment 1 * Build Trail undercrossing * Gypsum Canyon Road * 250 feet length * \$1.50 Million * No funds budgeted	ROW Acquisition (OCFCD)	Engineers Report	Design, Permits	Construction	
Segment 2 * Build trail tread surface * North side of SAR from Gypsum Cyn. Rd. north * 1 mile * 2 Million * No funds budgeted	ROW Acquisition (private property, public agencies, utilities)	Engineers Report	Design, Permits	Construction	Construction
Segment 3 * Build trail bridge over the SAR * One mile upstream of Gypsum Canyon Road. * 1 mile * \$3 Million * No funds budgeted	ROW Acquisition (OCFCD)	Engineers Report	Design, Permits	Construction	Construction
Segment 4 * Build trail and bikeway * South side of SAR from future bridge to Coal Cyn. SP * 4,700 feet * \$1.5 Million * No funds budgeted	ROW Acquisition (State)	Engineers Report	Design, Permits	Construction	
Segment 5 * Build a trail and bikeway bridge over the SAR * Links Coal Cyn. SP to GRGC. * 375 feet * \$3.5 Million * No funds budgeted	ROW Acquisition (public agencies)	Engineers Report	Design, Permits	Construction	Construction
Segment 6 * Build trail and bikeway – move greens and tees as needed * Between GRGC and the RR * 3,000 feet * \$2 Million * No funds budgeted	ROW Acquisition (OCFCD, utilities)	Engineers Report	Design, Permits	Construction	Construction
Funding Request \$13.5 Million	2008 Entitlements \$2 Million	2009 Eng. Report \$500,000	2010 Design, Permits \$1.35 Million	2011 Construction \$6 Million	2012 Construction \$3.65 Million