

**Santa Ana River Partnership
Technical Advisory Committee**

**January 11, 2006, 9 a.m.
City of Corona
400 South Vicentia Avenue
Corona, CA 92882**

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Viren Shaw, City of Corona
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Frank Guerrero, Jurupa Park & Recreation District
Cheryl Russell, Jurupa Community Services District
Kevin Thomas, County of Orange
Sue Leto, City of Yorba Linda
Gary Watts, California State Parks
Chris Wyrick, City of Norco
Mary Jo Flynn, City of Anaheim
Robert Stables, City of Costa Mesa
Jim Engle, City of Huntington Beach
Jim Canaday, San Bernardino County Regional Parks
Jeff Weinstein, City of Riverside
David Jump, City of Redlands
Lee Stryffeler, City of Corona
Gabe Garcia, City of Corona
Mark Wills, City of Corona

1. Welcome and introductions were made.

2. Website

SAWPA agreed to host a website on the Crest-to-Coast Partnership effort. The website would provide information for internal use by TAC and Policy Advisory Group (PAG), but would also provide information for the public. The TAC agreed that at a minimum, the site should have:

- (1) Minutes from meetings (PAG and TAC)
- (2) Agendas (PAG and TAC)
- (3) Document library

(4) Associated links

Greg Duecker of SAWPA will be working on the site and asked that anyone interested provide info to him at gduecker@sawpa.org. He will provide a “beta” version for review before posting it on the web.

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. Daniel Cozad estimates the work will take about a year and will continue to update the TAC on progress.

**4. MOU Discussion
Partnership Agreement**

In December, the TAC received a draft memorandum of understanding that establishes a formal partnership among all the entities along the river. Members of the TAC provided their comments. Patricia Lock-Dawson will incorporate comments and distribute it back to the TAC once more before going back to the Boards of Supervisors for signature. Comments were as follows:

- (1) MOU identified decisions must be approved by a 2/3 majority. Change this to simple majority.
- (2) State Parks is not included as a partner and should be. Also should include special districts. Recommendation was to change wording so that all potential partners would be included and no parties would be excluded unintentionally or otherwise.
- (3) Recommendation to strike the number “15” when discussing the number of cities along the river and just state “cities.”
- (4) Questions came up about what is meant by shared maintenance. Riverside County suggested a model, but suggested that this be worked out in a subcommittee.
- (5) Recommendation that meeting schedule be quarterly or as needed.
- (6) Recommendation for a sunset date in the agreement (e.g., be renewed or ends five years from signing date.)
- (7) The MOU identifies the need for several subcommittees to address operations, maintenance, security, and consistency of signage. Recommendation made to establish two subcommittees: One for operations and maintenance and one for “branding.”

5. Subcommittees

The TAC agreed to establish two subcommittees: One for Operations and Maintenance (which would address security and public safety as well) and 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.) Paul Frandsen asked TAC members to volunteer for participation in one or both subcommittees. Following is a membership roster for each group.

- (1) Operations and Maintenance.
 - a. Jim Canaday, San Bernardino County

- b. Jeff Weinstein, City of Riverside (Chairman)
- c. Lee Stryffeler, City of Corona
- d. Brian Loew, Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District
- e. Chris Wyrick, City of Norco

(2) Branding

- a. Kevin Thomas, Orange County (Chairman)
- b. Jeff Beehler, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
- c. DP Myers, The Wildlands Conservancy
- d. Jim Real, Jurupa Parks and Recreation
- e. Dan Nove, Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District

Paul Frandsen asked that each subcommittee try and meet once before the next TAC meeting in April. Patricia Lock-Dawson agreed to distribute the membership information to each of the Chairman so that they could contact members and set up meetings.

6. Progress Updates

Project Reports along the River: All members present reported on the status of their projects along the river.

Orange County - working with Supervisor Correa to identify priorities for 1st District's stretch of the river. One priority that has been identified is to remove concrete. A contractor has been selected for Reach 1 and Reach 9 (using Prop 40 funds). Currently working on a development plan for that section (Santa Ana/Anaheim areas) and feasibility study to remove concrete.

Jurupa Parks and Recreation - finished Master Plan to provide design standards to developers.

Jurupa Community Services District - District Advisory Committee is very supportive of the SAR Parkway completion effort.

Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District - the County has secured \$11 million to continue work on segments within Riverside County. The next segment, totaling 7.5 miles at Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, will cost approximately \$5 million of the \$11 million. The segment should be done by May 2007. Agreements and permits will be needed for the next segment within Prado Basin.

Huntington Beach - completed a master plan for two acres adjacent to river, neighborhood park, but connects to other trails. Council approved creation of blue ribbon committee.

The Wildlands Conservancy - reported on efforts to set up blue ribbon committees along the river. Assisted with a partnership between city and county for the purpose of "greening up" the trail at Orange Coast River Park,. The City of San Bernardino created a committee to implement the findings of their blue ribbon committee. The City of Colton created a regional park committee.

City of Costa Mesa - Fairview Park design is completed. The City is now seeking funds to complete construction of the 280 acre park (20 acres of wetlands) adjacent to the river.

San Bernardino County. Phase I from the Riverside County line to La Cadena should be completed by May 2007. The County and City of Redlands is receiving federal assistance in funds to finish Phase IV through the City of Highland.

Congressman Lewis is providing \$750K to purchase federal lands from BLM.

State Parks - reported that CalTrans may present a problem when the trail is moved for freeway expansion at Coal Canyon. CalTrans does not want to allow public access around freeway, which would impede public access to the parkway and Chino Hills State Park. State Parks would like to meet with CalTrans and Orange County to discuss the issue.

SAWPA - reported that the Army Corps of Engineers' Master Plan for the Prado Basin is out for review and encouraged all to review and provide comments, if possible.

7. Round Table Symposium

The Wildlands Conservancy will be working with San Bernardino County Parks to hold a symposium at Green River in Spring 2007.

Upcoming Meeting Announcements.

(1) Pacific Crest Trail Annual Meeting at Mission Inn in Riverside, March 31, April 1 and 2, 2007. Information at www.pcta.org

(2) State Trails meeting May 5, 2007 in Agoura. Information at www.parks.ca.gov.

8. Next Meeting Date: topics and location

Next Meeting - April 12, 2006 9 a.m., City of Corona

Next Agenda Items:

- Update on SB 153 and Proposition 50
- Symposium coordination
- Partnership Agreement/MOU
- Washington DC Trip
- Reports of Subcommittee

9. The meeting was adjourned.