

Santa Ana River Trail & Parkway Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

October 24, 2012

Meeting Summary

Present

Jeff Dickman, County of Orange, Public Works
Pamela Galera, City of Anaheim
Mark Wills, City of Corona
Henry Escaler, Jurupa Area Parks District
Marc Brewer, Riverside County Parks
Patricia Lock-Dawson, PLD Consulting
Eldona Reasoner-Arns, San Bernardino Trails & Greenways
Kelly Elliott, California State Parks
Moira McEnespy, State Coastal Conservancy
Dana Roachat, TWC
Jeff Beehler, SAWPA, Chair
Dawna Munson, SAWPA, Recording Secretary

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 10:10 a.m. at the office of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, located at 11615 Sterling Ave., Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

Jeff Beehler briefly discussed the recent litigation regarding the Santa Ana sucker fish, and reviewed the history of the habitat, the Federal listing, the formation of the Santa Ana sucker Conservation Team Task Force, the ten-year litigation process, and mitigation efforts within the watershed.

2. **Progress Project Reports**

County Reports:

- Jeff Dickman (Orange County) – Orange County is moving toward bringing a consultant on board; they're working with Orange County Parks and using technical engineers. The scope of work is done and they're working on the schedule and tasks. They hope to have someone on board by the year end, and then prepare the environmental document. He briefly covered the issue of motorized vehicles on the trail—people using the trail more for commuting rather than leisure, which may be a concern and a future topic for discussion. Mr. Dickman also briefly reviewed the status of the OC Habitat Management Plan.
- Marc Brewer (Riverside County) – The most important of the current six projects is the Prado Basin through to Hidden Valley construction documentation phase of the Santa Ana River Trail. They're hiring a consulting engineer to do their design and development plans, and hope to have that to their Board by December 6. They're also working jointly with the cities of Corona and Norco to enter into agreements to do some striping of bike lanes, and hope to have both agreements executed by January. The plans are 65-75% complete for the Green River segment by the golf course, and they're nearing completion of the environmental documentation. The final project is continued improvements for the Santa Ana River access – paving access for both equestrian and bicycle use. They're making substantial progress. He noted that at past meetings there has been discussion about the trail pinch-points. Scott Bangle has worked with others on an agreement for strategic coordination in order to pool resources and staff. That has proceeded to a MOU, which they hope will go to their Board December 1.

Annual Report Template

- Jeff Beehler said that Susan Cordella of SAWPA will be contacting people next week in order to start blocking out the annual report. It will be a four-fold document and each county will get a page. The county reports should be laid out in terms of a map, a description, etc. The counties have good pictures to include. We would like to have an outline from each county by December 1.
- Patricia Lock-Dawson suggested including a type of report card area in the report.

3. Website Update

Jeff Beehler said the website currently is being done by a SAWPA intern and it's about finished. The interactive map will be replaced with a trail map. SAWPA will pay for the O&M costs to keep it up and running.

4. Additional Reports

O&M Cost Accounting to PAG:

None.

Additional Reports

- Jeff Beehler briefly discussed the bonds, noting that no one knows at this point what may transpire. There is some discussion about opening it up again. It's important for this group to relay the value of what we've been doing. If there is a big realignment, the Delta is likely to stay. If this group wants to stay involved, it's important to translate that to your administrators.
- Jurupa Valley is now a city and they're working with the Mayor on the trail project and keeping her informed. They're working hard on Horseshoe Lake, and going to the Board to tell them of their support of the project.
- Mark Wills (Corona) – The County is planning a draft agreement and has scoped out the work. As soon as they have the agreement, it will go to Board of Supervisors and the Public Works Dept will do the work by spring.
- Pamela Galera (City of Anaheim) – The Anaheim Outdoors Connection Plan is scheduled to go to their Council for approval in January. The document is posted on the website. She asked the group to provide any comments to her. They are looking at the next project – Five Coves – which is on the west bank of the Five Cove basins. They want to make a trail connection from Lincoln Avenue to Frontera Street; they're planning to extend the Anaheim Coves. They're currently discussing with them the plans for the Five Coves and are drafting a MOU.
- Kelley Elliot (State Parks) – They're still waiting to meet with Riverside County about the new trail alignment in the park. She will forward to Jeff Dickman the policies about motorized biking for reference.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be determined; it most likely will be held in January at SAWPA and notice will be sent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.