

# **Santa Ana River Trail & Parkway Partnership Technical Advisory Committee**

**July 18, 2012**

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Members Present**

Scott Bangle, Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District  
Jeff Dickman, County of Orange  
Pamela Galera, City of Anaheim  
Phil Krause, County of San Bernardino  
Mark Wills, City of Corona  
Patricia Lock-Dawson, PLD Consulting  
Eldona Reasoner-Arns, San Bernardino Trails & Greenways  
Kyla Brown, Riverside Country Parks & Recreation  
Kelly Elliott, California State Parks  
Maureen Snelgrove, County of San Bernardino  
Steve Anderson, Jurupa Area Park District  
Jeff Beehler, SAWPA, Chair  
Dawna Munson, SAWPA, Recording Secretary

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, located at 11615 Sterling Ave., Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

### **2. Additional Funding Needs**

- Each of the partners reported on the funding needs of their agency.

### **Funding Recommendations for Critical Pinch-Point Projects**

- The TAC wants to bring forward a recommendation to the PAG to reserve \$5 million for the trail. Jeff Beehler reviewed the pinchpoint area—where the three counties come together and compresses into the area. Resolving the pinchpoint will go a long way toward making a continuous ribbon of trail.
- Scott Bangle reviewed the reasons for needing the \$5 million in funds for the pinchpoint area and getting it done.
- Maureen Snelgrove moved to recommend to the PAG to reserve the \$5 million of the remaining \$12 million to finish the pinchpoint area. The motion was seconded by Scott Bangle and unanimously carried.
- Discussion ensued regarding options for dividing the remaining \$7 million among the three counties. Scott Bangle moved to divide the remainder of the money between Orange and Riverside Counties to do the planning and construction respectively, to complete the trail through Prado Basin. Jeff Dickman suggested amending the motion so that San Bernardino County, which will assist in administering the project, receives any remaining funds not used by the two counties. Scott Bangle restated the motion as amended to include the County of San Bernardino. The motion was seconded by Maureen Snelgrove, and unanimously carried.

### **3. Project Progress Reports**

#### County Reports:

- Jeff Dickman (Orange County) discussed how they had hoped to use a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Phase 2; they met recently with Fish & Game and the Corps, and they believe they need to prepare an EIR. It will be six months to a year before the environmental work is finished. Jeff Beehler recommended using a report by Dr. Chang and Orange County for getting data.
- Scott Bangle (Riverside County) reported that for Hidden Valley, they closed bids and issued a Notice to Proceed. The small section of dirt road will be paved. They also will meet with the City of Norco, which is going to their City Council tonight. They believe they should enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Norco to do the striping if approved at the meeting. Signs currently are going through graphic design. Another project is the down side of the basin, working with engineering for completion of the construction documents.
- Mark Wills (City of Corona) said the City of Norco will be doing the striping. They're also selecting a consultant to complete the construction drawings for the remaining portions of the trail. They hope to have the consultant start in September and start working on the easier portions that they can construct sooner.
- Maureen Snelgrove (San Bernardino County) said they are going to move forward in the design of the gap for Phase 3. There were some issues with Caltrans where they don't have hydrology staff to review the plans. For Phase 4, they're going to reduce the length due to the bridges.

#### Annual Report Template

- Jeff Beehler said that the TAC previously had discussed having an annual report template for efficiency sake. There will be a page for each county and a universal back page. There's a lot going on so this is a good time to do it.

### **4. Website Update**

Jeff Beehler said there's now a way to make the maps static so that it is updated regularly.

### **5. Additional Reports / O&M Report**

#### O&M Cost Accounting to PAG:

- Eldona Reasoner-Arns (San Bernardino Trails and Bikeways): She attended the trail dedication at Yorba Regional Park. It was a very nice dedication with a large number of equestrians there, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
- Patricia Lock-Dawson: The PAG will not be meeting today or have the Spirit of the Partnership award due to some work being done in the park. It is tabled to September. She recently heard from an Orange County reporter that the trail again has been named the best bikeway. She also is working with the cities to try to get the sign adopted.
- Steve Anderson (Jurupa Area Park District): The dirt parking lot was being put in at Horseshoe Lake.
- Chris Boatman: The City of Redlands received an \$850,000 grant from SANBAG for trail development.
- Pamela Galera – The City of Anaheim is close to having a draft of the Anaheim Outdoors Connectivity Plan, which is a city-wide plan addressing open-space, and walking and bikeway trails. The project will extend .8 miles from Lincoln Avenue to Frontera Street. The City also is working on the lease agreements with the property owners—OCWD, OC Flood Control District, and So Cal Edison. The City will apply for grants this fall.

### Additional Reports

Patricia Lock-Dawson added that the Santa Ana River Trust will be hosting an event to enhance the Santa Ana River and raise money. She is working with Inland Empire Waterkeeper applying for grants, and working with the City of Riverside to install directional signs to the trail. The Inland Empire Waterkeeper Trust and the City of Riverside are working to develop a pocket map to aid people in finding restaurants, etc. It's being worked on now.

Some discussion ensued that the under secretary for the Department of Interior, who's supportive of the America Great Outdoors initiative, indicated that they're looking for two projects in every state. There isn't a project yet in southern California for the upcoming year, and the TAC should propose the Santa Ana River. The group concurred. Patricia Lock-Dawson and Scott Bangle will follow up.

### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2012; 10:00 a.m. at SAWPA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.