

CRAHTAC

County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee

Monday, March 8, 2021 3:00 pm.

By Zoom Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

District 1

Kalon Kelley
Kevin Snow

District 2

Jack Bish
Ray Ford
Otis Calef
Dan Gira

District 3

Mike Hecker
Faith Deeter

District 4

Ruth Schuyler

District 5

Members Absent

David Hosking, Ruth Schuyler, Archie Mitchell, Barry Stotts, Frank Freitas and Cary Losson

Members Excused

Staff Advisors and Visitors

Jon Menzies – County Parks Trails Coordinator
George Amoon – Contract Parks Planner
Todd Stepien – Cachuma Lake Operations Manager
Ashlee Mayfield – MTF
Dan Ardoin – SMVOS
Sheila Benedict
Kathleen Rosenthal – SYVR

I: Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Hecker at 3:09 pm.

II: Roll Call

III: Approval of Minutes

Unanimously approved (Ruth abstained due to absence).

IV: Public Comment/Announcements/Correspondence

Dan Ardoin made a request for a meeting with County Parks in regards to Orcutt Trails.

V: Correspondence

VI: Updates

Chair update – There has been good trail work done at Cachuma. He is excited to move towards mountain bike races on the restored Cachuma trails as soon as the Covid situation allows.

VII: New Business

Dan Gira made a motion to add the Recreation Masterplan to the Action Items. Seconded by Mike Hecker. Motion approved.

IX: Action Items

258. Coastal Trail/Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail (opened 1/9/84):

280. Live Oak Equestrian Trail (opened 11/9/87):

- Ray Ford mentioned the possibility of expanding trails at Live Oak in the future with due process.
- Kathy Rosenthal raised concerns regarding the environmental impact report in regards to hiking on trails. There may be a possibility of affecting ranching.
- Dan G mentioned that the BOS consistently finds that ag and trails mix, setting the precedent otherwise is dangerous and CRAHTAC fought for a long time to protect public access to ag/grazing areas.
- Otis stated that grazing and public trails can coexist, which is important for trail expansion. It is exciting that the area has Potreros as its ranchland.
- Ruth stated that equestrian groups have had the trails for years. These are wide trails with different terrain that could be nice for group hikes,
- Ashlee brought up that modifications to limit crowds and separate different user groups could be used including continuing parking fees or alternating days.
- Mike stated that cattle don't affect users in other areas.

305. Guadalupe Beach/Nipomo Dune (rev. 11/11/96):

319. Orcutt Trails (revised 9/9/13):

- Dan A. mentioned that Orcutt Hill Road is all potholes. The trail head is a mess. The area has been impacted by development.
- Jones property – masticating the open space, bonnie access, grant applications for trailwork on those two pieces.
- George Amoon – KS21 might get denied. KS3 may only have 5 spaces. The Orcutt Creek Trail study was done 20 years ago. This study will need internal review.

323. Arroyo Burro/San Antonio/Jesusita Trails (opened 9/9/96, rev. 3/11/02): An FPA crew is working on the burn scar.

326. Franklin Trail (opened 11/10/97):

329. Slippery Rock/Fremont Trail (opened 5/11/98)

333. Baron Ranch Trail (opened 5/10/99): To limit user group conflicts, consider alternate days. Mike Hecker made the point that the no dog rule must be posted there. Dan Gira thinks the no dog rule must be amended. Otis reported that the fencing is going to be done soon.

336. Ocean Beach/Surf Station Beach Access (opened 9/11/00): Dan Gira mentioned a back dune trail to link Ocean Beach to Surf Beach. Jeff Lindgren reported that Representative Carbajal to pursue the idea with VAFB.

350. More Mesa – Trails (opened 7/9/12):

353. 8501 Hollister – Coastal Trail (opened 1/11/16): Dan Gira stated that the County may have killed that with P&D requirements to dedicate a lot and trail.

354. Front Country Trails (opened 11/9/15):

355. Bill Wallace Trail (opened 9/12/16): Otis Calef mentioned that the Santa Barbara Trails Council has an MOU with State Parks for this trail.

356. Santa Ynez Valley Trails – Sunnyfield Spur Trail (opened 9/11/17): Faith Deeter brought up a couple of points about the Refugio Bridge trail. There are stakes that need to be removed along with a notice of encroachment. There is a steep re-route into deeper water. The prescriptive easement gate has not been removed from near Sunstone Winery.

357. Thomas Fire/Jan. 18 Mudflow Trails (opened 3/12/18):

358. Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve (opened 1/14/19): There is funding for the Jalama ½ mile trail and 50 space lot through the violation remediation fund. This funding is for the conceptual design and will be rolled into the recreational masterplan.

359. Santa Maria Levee Trail (opened 1/14/19):

Faith Deeter made a motion to invite a Public Works represent to attend CRAHTAC meetings. Mike Hecker seconded. Motion approved