



Riverside County Trails Committee  
Noble Creek Community Center  
390 W. Oak Valley Parkway  
Beaumont, CA 92223



Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

### Members Present

Michelle Randall, District I  
Phillip Bremenstuhel, District I  
Frank Hall, District II  
Amie Kinne, District II  
Lynn Mattocks, District III  
Sue Gilchrist, Chair, District V  
Marie Spradlin, District V

### Members Absent

Bob Hewitt, District III  
Gayle Cady, District IV  
LeGrand Velez, Vice Chair, District IV  
Vacancy, Member at large

### Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District Staff

Scott Bangle, General Manager  
Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks Director  
Marc Brewer, Senior Park Planner  
Dan Nove, Park Planner  
Rebecca Chavez, Secretary II

### Others Guests Present

Sharon Hall, Guest

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

Sue Gilchrist, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

#### **2.0 Roll Call & Introduction of Guests**

Roll was called by Chairwoman Gilchrist and self introductions were made, see above.

#### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

M/S/C Randall, Spradlin

The minutes from the July 21, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

#### **4.0 Opportunity for the public to address the Committee**

No public comments presented.

#### **5.0 Chairwoman's Report and Announcements**

Sue Gilchrist, Chair, Riverside County Trails Committee reported the following:

1. Chairwoman Gilchrist attended the District Advisory Commission (DAC) on September 2 at the Idyllwild Nature Center. She introduced herself as the new Chair of the Trails Committee.
2. Chairwoman Gilchrist reviewed the recent list of Committee members requiring Ethics Training. She asked the Committee to log onto the website and take the course. She noted that the course will take two hours to complete and once completed, print, and forward a copy of the certificate to give to Rebecca Chavez, Parks District Secretary.
3. Chairwoman Gilchrist reviewed the current Supervisorial districts and outlined each member's area of representation. She asked that each Committee member respect each boundary.
4. Chairwoman Gilchrist reminded the Committee of the McCall and Lake Cahuilla rides coming up. The McCall ride is set for October 16 & 17 and

the Lake Cahuilla ride will be in November. Chairwoman Gilchrist noted that she would make a stenciled “horse” mailbox to be raffled off at the McCall ride. She commented that the last McCall raffle, of a headstall and reins, brought in \$60.

5. Chairwoman Gilchrist responded to Committee Member Kinne’s request to update the Goals and Mission Statement for the Trails Committee. It was suggested by Assistant Director Tracy Novak that the Committee submit their input on these issues during the upcoming Strategic Plan meetings to be held later this year.
6. Chairwoman Gilchrist responded to a request by Committee member Bremenstuhl regarding a change in the Trails Committee meeting dates. It was supported by County staff to also change the meetings dates due to workload and number of other commissions and committees assigned to staff. A proposal of dates and times will be brought before the committee at the next meeting for approval.
7. The matter of attendance was addressed by Chairwoman Gilchrist. It was noted that meeting attendance is very important in completing Trails Committee business. It was requested that if a committee member is expected to be absent, to send a typed report to the secretary prior to the meeting. If it is received before the meeting, the report will be read by the Chair.
8. Chairwoman Gilchrist announced the Jurupa Fall Festival to be held at Rancho Jurupa Park on October 29 through October 31. The Park District is looking for volunteers to work the event. If interested, contact Kyla Brown at [KBrown@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:KBrown@co.riverside.ca.us).

## 6.0 Committee Member Reports

### District 1

Michelle Randall responded to the Santa Rosa Plateau Development Team as to equestrian, biking, and hiking trail needs at Sylvan Meadows, Santa Rosa Plateau, and surrounding areas. Ms. Randall represented District 1 at the Bogart Park equestrian ride. Ms. Randall noted that as an appointed OHV Commissioner representing District 1, she continues to monitor the OHV progress and trail development.

Philip Bremenstuhl has been working with the Riverside Bicycle Club (RBC) to create an *Adopt-A-Trail* program. The RBC leadership has voiced many concerns from lack of volunteers to funding. Mr. Bremenstuhl has gotten a commitment from the RBC to work on a small section of a bike path in Riverside County. He has also gotten a commitment from the RBC board to assist with the SAR Watershed clean-up on October 2. For more information on the clean-up, go to [www.krcb.com](http://www.krcb.com).

On August 28, Mr. Bremenstuhl worked with seven members of the RBC on the clean-up of 1500 feet of bicycle trails along the railroad tracks in Home Gardens, near the neighborhoods of Buchannan and Magnolia.

On September 11, Mr. Bremenstuhl worked with Victoria Avenue Forever on the clean-up and mulching project of Lewis and Snyder parks. He had an opportunity to speak with Connie Librenjak on the status of *Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful* at Harrison Park.

### District II

Amie Kinne represented District 2 at the Bogart Park equestrian ride, where she reported coming across a black bear. Ms. Kinne suggested creating a banner or signage to aide in identifying where the trail ride is gathering, to use at the trail rides

that represent the Trails Committee and the County of Riverside. She said it could be passed from ride to ride. She noted the upcoming Hidden Valley ride on October 3. She mentioned that there would be over 200 prizes. For more information, go to [www.rtrails.com](http://www.rtrails.com).

Frank Hall reported that he had recently attended the Norco City Council meeting, where a private presented a map of the Santa Ana trails which had been located by GPS and named.

On September 7, Mr. Hall attended the dedication of the new rail station in Norco. He said it was equipped with bike lockers. He mentioned that bike lockers would also be installed at the Corona Transit Center and the Riverside stations.

Mr. Hall reported that the Norco Horsemen's Association recently held a trail clean-up. He said he would be attending the upcoming O.C. Regional Trails regular meeting on September 20 @ 6:30. He mentioned that Jim Mayer was to be honored at the meeting for his work on trails.

### District III

Lynn Mattocks reported that on July 22 he led six horseback riders from the Rancho California Horseman's Association on a ride through the wine country along DePortola Road. This allowed them to understand the trail and show other riders the actual trails.

On August 4, Mr. Mattocks attended a meeting on land use at the Santa Rosa Plateau Visitors Center. He voiced a concern regarding the Wiashal Trail. Mr. Mattocks followed up with Rob Hicks on September 15 on the status of the trails. Mr. Hicks reported the trail was still under repair.

On August 6, Mr. Mattocks attended a coffee meeting with Congresswoman Mack. He thanked her for her efforts on the wilderness area. Mr. Mattocks continues to work with Congresswoman's staff on usage in the wilderness areas.

On August 9, Mr. Mattocks met with Scott Bangle and Tracy Novak regarding a trail ride that took place on July 25.

During the month of August, Mr. Mattocks joined Lorraine Harrington, RCHA, on various meetings to discuss the right to pass or easement rights with many property owners for trail use.

On August 19, Mr. Mattocks met with George Johnson, Director of Transportation and Land Management, Robert Kellerhouse, Manager of Galway Downs, and Lorraine Harrington, Director of RCHA to discuss the use of trails throughout Valle de Los Caballos wine county. Mr. Mattocks felt this was a successful meeting.

On August 25, Mr. Mattocks attended the Wine Country Advisory Council meeting.

On September 13, Mr. Mattocks pre-rode a trail for an upcoming benefit ride for canine support teams, "Paros for Wounded Veterans" program. This event will be held on September 25. Mr. Mattocks had flyers with additional information.

### District IV

There was no one present from District IV.

### District V

Sue Gilchrist represented District V at the Bogart Park equestrian ride. She thought this event was a success. There was some discussion of the sight of black bears. There was a suggestion to install bear boxes.

Marie Spradlin spent a large amount of time riding trails and picking up trash from illegal dumping. Ms. Spradlin will be busy working at the upcoming Los Angeles County Fair.

## **7.0 Park District Staff Report**

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The Park District Staff report dated September 15, 2010, which is attached and made part of these minutes, was received and filed.

## **8.0 Old Business**

### **8.1 Adopt-a-Trail Program**

Chairwoman Gilchrist updated the Committee on the status of the Adopt-a-Trail handbook. Ms. Randall voiced a concern that the Mission Statement was missing from the handbook. It was noted that a Mission Statement does exist in Resolution 2009-167 and can be used with the Adopt-a-Trail program.

It was announced that the first sponsor, West Coast Arborists, has been committed to adopting a section of the Santa Ana River trail.

Chairwoman Gilchrist offered several suggestions to the other Committee members on who to propose the Adopt-a-trail program to.

Chairwoman Gilchrist noted that she will start working on the newsletter again.

## **9.0 New Business**

### **9.1 Supervisorial District Maps Options**

Chairwoman Gilchrist will email a copy of the District boundaries to each Committee member. The purpose of this map is to give each Committee member an idea of area of coverage.

### **9.2 Ride and Event Calendar for 2011**

Chairwoman Gilchrist handed out a copy of the Ride Calendar from 2010 as a reference in creating the 2011 calendar. A copy of the 2011 Ride Calendar will be brought before the Committee at the next meeting for approval. Chairwoman Gilchrist asked for copies of any events flyers to add to the newsletter.

### **9.3 Trails Committee project**

There was some discussion on where to put Trails information and upcoming events. It was suggested to use the Park District website.

### **9.4 Goals for the Committee and a Mission Statement**

There was some discussion on what the goals for the Committee would be for the next year. Mr. Novak announced that the Park District would be working on a Five-Year Strategic Plan. He asked the Committee to bring forward points and suggestions to help provide input into the creation of the plan.

## **10.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2010 at the TLMA office in Palm Desert.

## **11.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks Director for  
Scott Bangle, General Manager  
Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District &  
Secretary to the Riverside County Trails Committee