

California Recreational Trails Committee

Public Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2007

5:00 P.M.

Lake Natoma Inn

702 Gold Lake Drive

Folsom, CA 95630

I. Call to Order (5:21 P.M.)

Chair – Maryanne Vancio

II. Introduction of Committee Members and Staff (5:21 P.M)

Members Present:

Maryanne Vancio (Chair), John Mercurio (Vice Chair), Gregory Gandrud, Jeannie Gillen, Laura Zabkar.

Staff Present:

Paul Romero, Chief Deputy Director, California State Parks

Steve Musillami, Executive Secretary for the CRTC, Statewide Trails Manager

Barry Trute, Park & Recreation Specialist, Statewide Planning Unit

III. Minutes approval from March 2007 Meeting (5:22 P.M.)

Minutes from the March 2007 meeting were moved for approval by Jeannie Gillen, seconded by Laura Zabkar and approved unanimously.

IV. Reports (5:23 P.M.)

a. State Park Director's Report (Paul Romero, Chief Deputy Director)

- Memorandum of Understanding from the installation of the Big Sandy bridge has been signed and now the project will move forward.
- Notice of improvements for Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.
- During their May 4, 2007 meeting in Sebastopol, the California State Park Commission referred the Tony Look Resolution back to the CRTC for amending. *Jeanne Gillen was disappointed that the P&R Commission didn't ratify the resolution and asked Paul for guidance on how to work with the Commission to gain approval. Paul Romero pledged to help the CRTC to amend the language of the resolution but wanted the language to be correct the next time the resolution is brought before the Commission.*

b. Statewide Trails Manager's Report (Steve Musillami)

- Trails development that is progressing

- Six different projects for signage in collaboration with the Coastal Commission in progress.
- Next meeting of the CRTC will be held in Tahoe City, CA. The date has yet to be determined.
- At the conclusion of the report Jeannie Gillen requested information as to when the Recreational Trails Program grant awards would be released.

c. Chair Report (Maryanne Vancio)

- Maryanne Vancio tabled her report in the interest of the shorten format of the meeting.

d. Member Reports

- Jeanne Gillen provided information on Trail Days to the public and indicated the success of the event. She asked for continued support from the public

e. Subcommittee Reports

- CRTC Awards Subcommittee
 - John Mercurio provided some guidelines on award criteria. It was noted that the guidelines will be provided to the public in the future (in reference to a question from the public)
- User Conflict Subcommittee
 - Jeanne Gillen mentioned that she and Greg Gandrud (sub-committee member) would like the topic of conversion guidelines for multi-use trails be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Jeannie also stated that the CRTC would work on potential guidelines and provide something more tangible at the next meeting.

V. Public Comment (5:39 P.M.)

- Public comments
 - Debra Clark – (USFS/Cleveland) Requested that the Committee consider hearing impaired issues on trails. Willing to share the CRTC awards information with the Southern California Trails Coalition.
 - Cecily Harris – (San Mateo County Dept. of Parks) Supports Tony Look trail naming.
 - Mary Benson – (L.A. Trails Project) Shared information on House Resources Bill (HR1135). The bill would preserve open space and trails in Los Angeles County. (Authored April 30th).
 - Bill Lekas – (Ramona Trails Assoc.) Spoke in favor of trail sustainability and connectivity.

- Jim Hasenauer – (IMBA) Requested that the Committee track the progress of the California Wild Heritage bill. This bill could affect mountain bike access in proposed wilderness areas. Promoted new IMBA book, *Managing Mountain Bikes*.
- Jim Townsend – Mentioned the passing of George Cardinet Jr.
- Lynn Brown – Requested information of background and area represented by each member. The Committee introduced themselves and noted the area they represent and the user group they represent.
- Paul Romero announced that there have been many applications for the two positions vacant on the Committee.

VI. Next Meeting – September 7, 2007 – Tahoe City, CA (5:53 P.M.)

VII. Adjournment (5:55 P.M.)

The meeting included twenty-nine individuals from the public including a surprise visit by California State Parks Director, Ruth Coleman.