



New Approach To Developing a Comprehensive Trails Program

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County of San Diego
Department of Parks and Recreation

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County of San Diego

COUNTYWIDE

4,261 Square Miles
65 Miles North to South
86 Miles East to West

18 Incorporated Cities

3 Million Population
16th Nationwide

Unincorporated

3,572 Square Miles
Over 83% of County
2,286,059 Acres

26 Community Plan Areas

Over 470,000 Population
15% of County

Focus: Connecting Communities

Acknowledge the Past

What worked; what did not

Keep what worked; look beyond what did not

Redefine the Present

Identity the major components

Resolve the issues; incorporate solutions

Maximize the Future

New or Amend Policies/Ordinances

Continue and maintain community outreach



Brief History

Begins Mid – 1970's

Communities Create Plans

No Countywide Plan -
No Focused Approach

Regional Map Created
in Late 1970's

Lasted Only 6 Years





The Great Repeal Of 1982

Rescind Community Trail Plans

Rescind Mandatory Dedication of
Major Subdivisions

6 Communities Retained Plans

Recreation Element Retains
Language

1990 - 2000

Attempts to Reinstate Community Trail Plans

General Plan Amendment Needed

Numerous Failed Attempts

Voluntary Trail Dedication Only

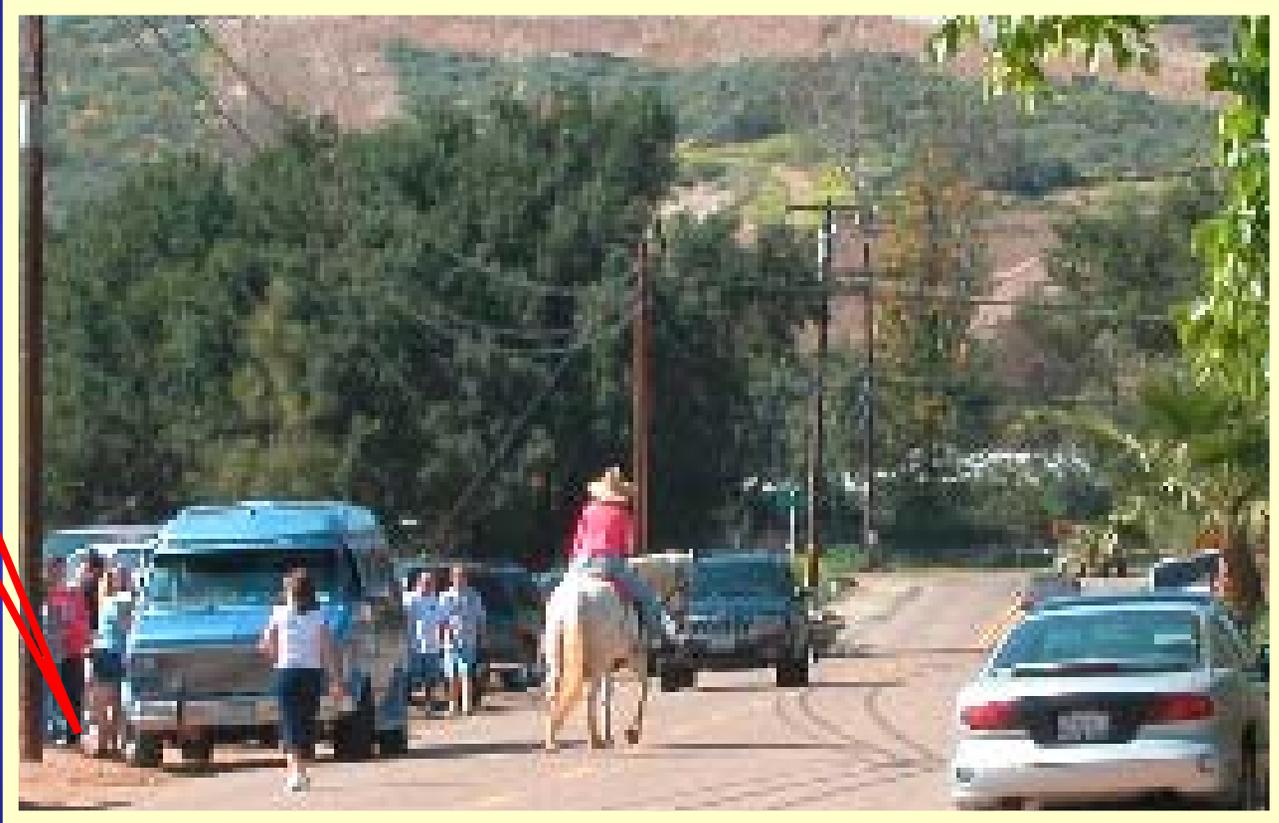
10 Years

2 Miles of Trails



General Plan Amendment 2020

Trail



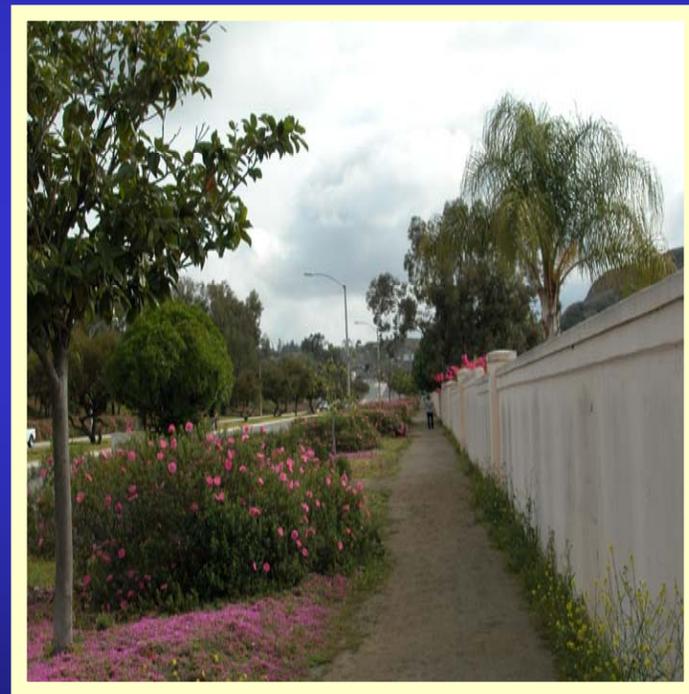
New Approach to Countywide
Trail Planning

Board Action

July 2000

San Diego County

DEFENSE and
INDEMNIFICATION
ORDINANCE



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Affirmation

September 2000

"Riding and hiking trails outside of County parkland and road rights-of-way are a legitimate and necessary form of public recreation that the County should provide."

Proceed with Countywide
Trails System Assessment



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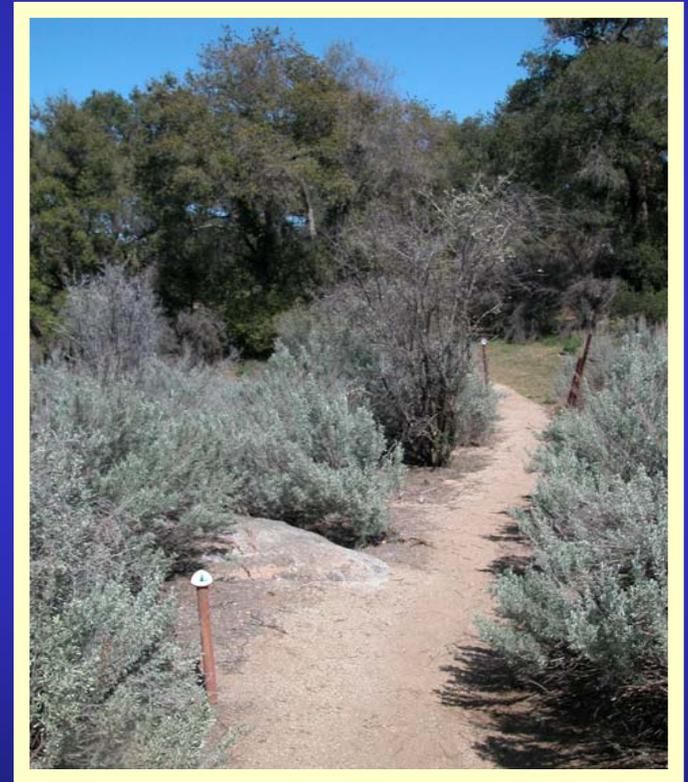
Trails Program Management Team

Three department
collaborative

Providing sufficient
staff and resources

Inter-jurisdictional
coordination for
regional trails

Review discretionary
development permits



Pacific Crest Trail
Lake Morena County Park

Trails System Assessment

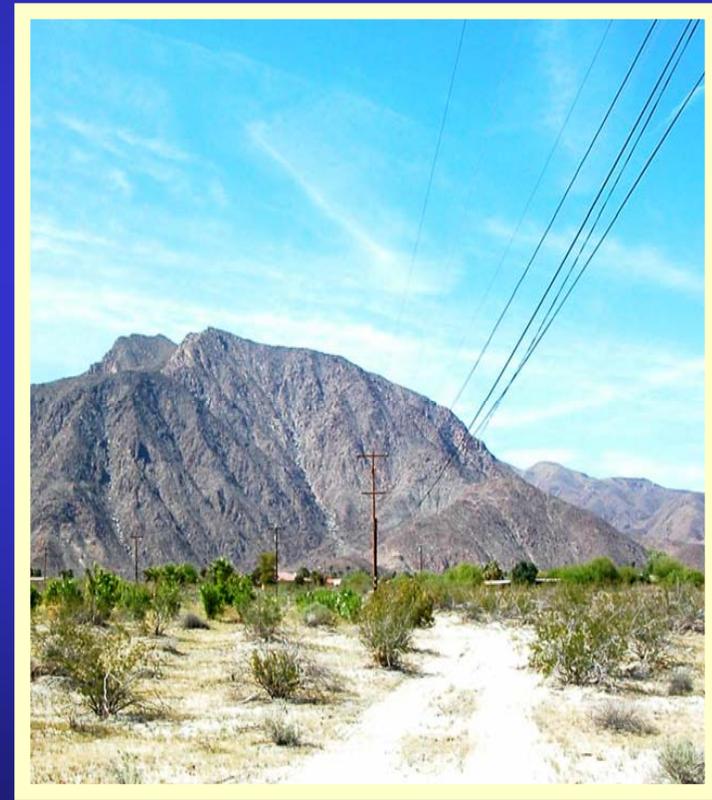
Comprehensive approach to trail planning including San Diego specific trail information

Need for regional and local trails components

Need long-range program that satisfies expectations

Foundation for the Trails Program:

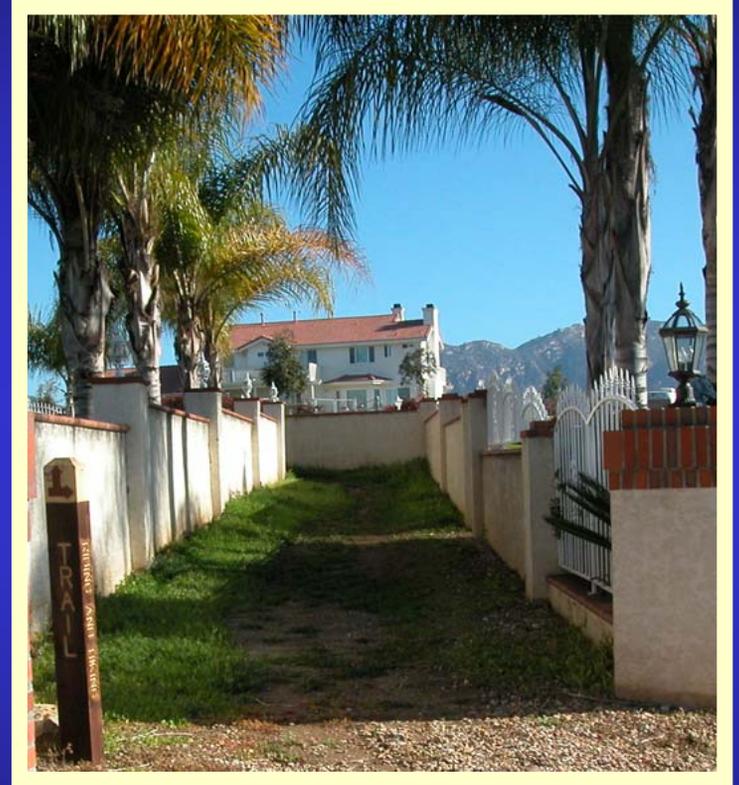
- Goals
- Policies
- Implementation Strategies



Borrego Springs

TSA Findings

- Strong desire for trails countywide
- Majority expect County to provide
- 76.5% approve using taxpayer or County general funds to build and maintain trails
- Public benefits and uses of trails
- Great need for urban trails



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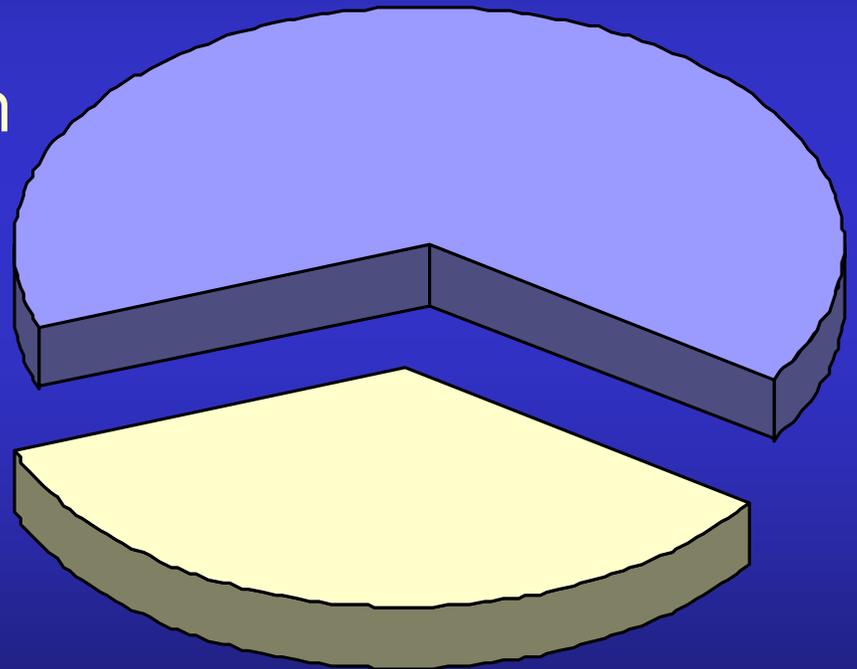
35% of San Diego County Households Use Trails

Year 2000 Population

2.8 Million

980,000

Trail Users



Trails System Assessment Recommendations

- Long distance trails (regional trails)
- Trails closer to populations (local or community trails)
- Utilize both public and private land
- Continue mandatory dedication



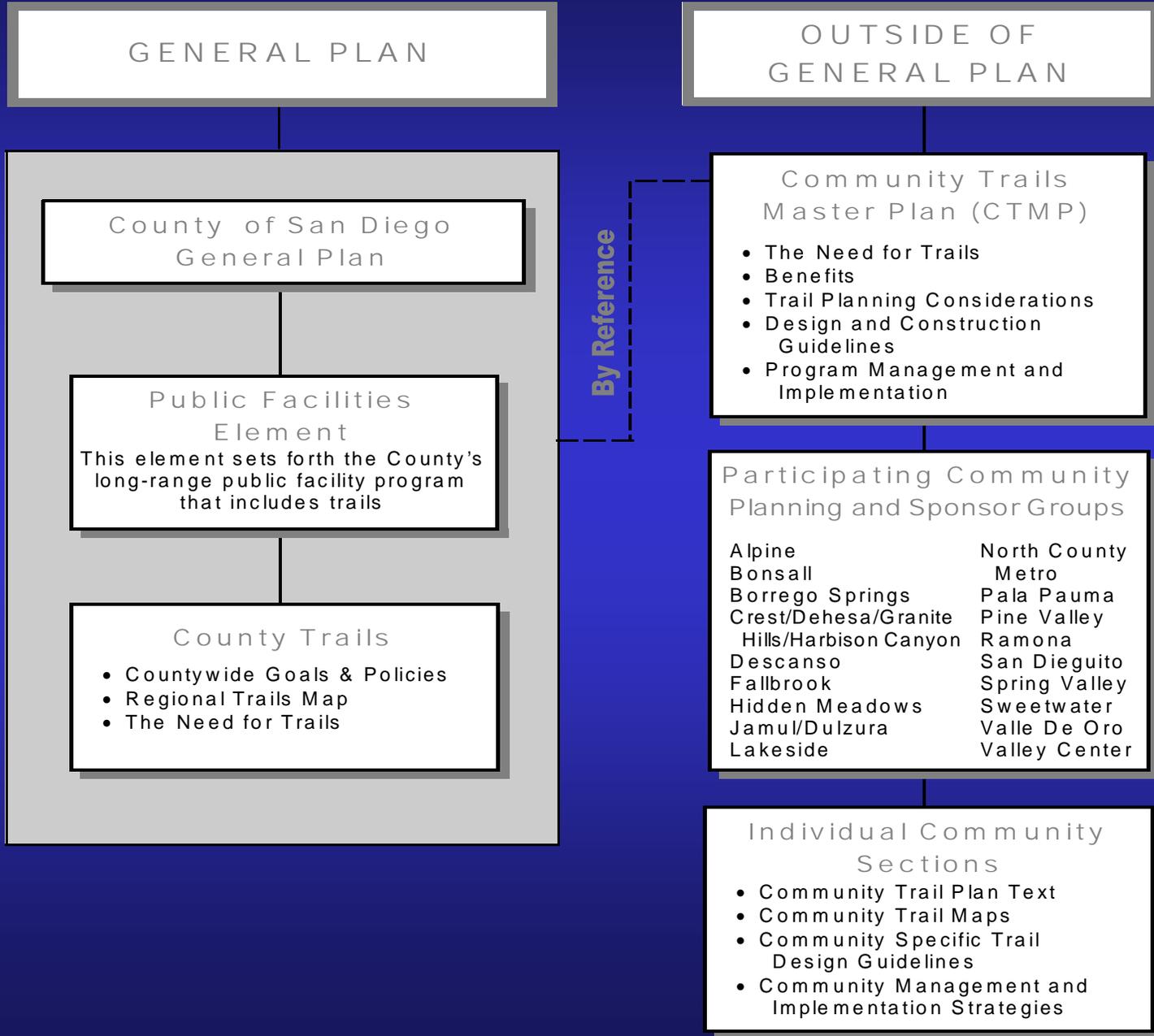
California Riding & Hiking Trail, Alpine

Trails Program Concept

July 2001

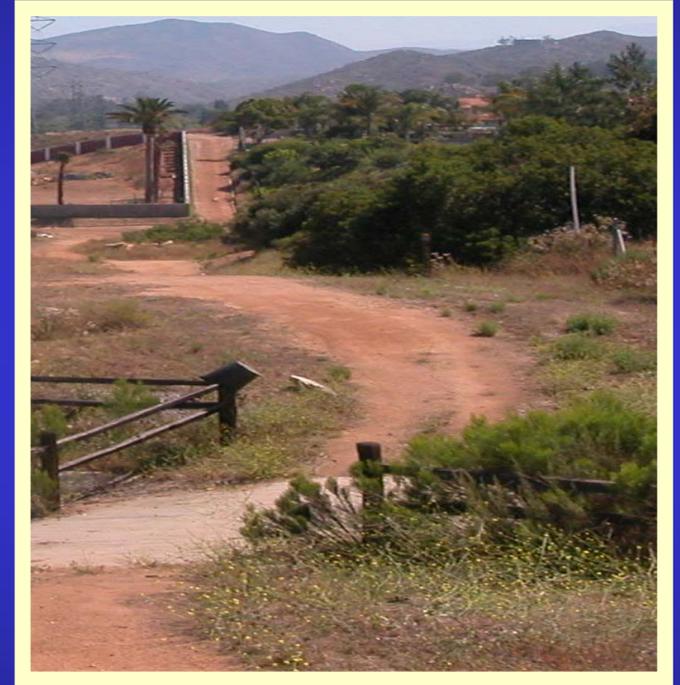
- Public Facilities Element
- Regional Trails Map
- Bottom-Up Approach
(Community Participation)
- Baseline Level of Service
- Implementation
- Management Model

Exhibit CTP-1: General Plan Model



Department of Parks and Recreation

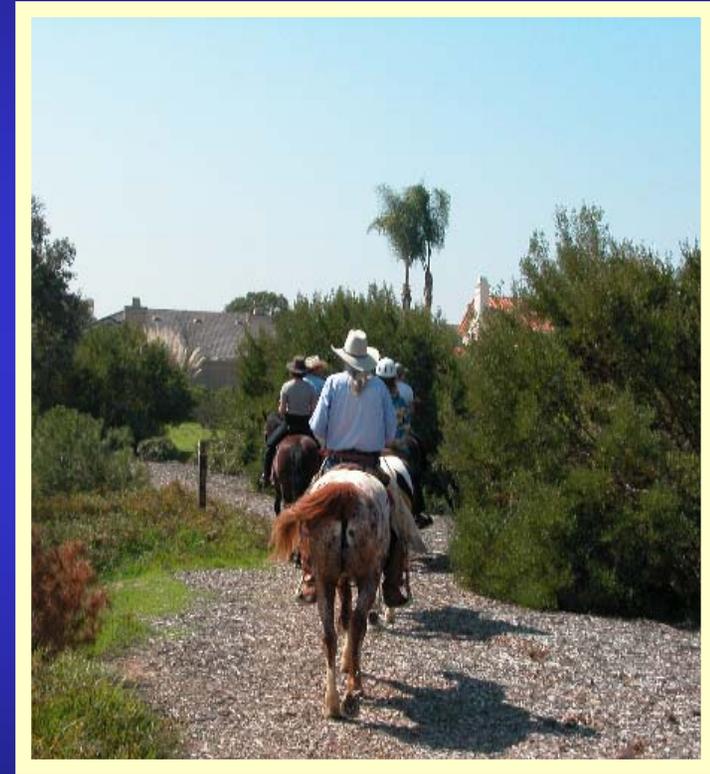
- Operation
 - Maintenance
 - Construction
- Management
 - Update of Program
 - Community Outreach
- Implementation
 - Acquisition of Easements
 - Conditioning discretionary permits



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Department of Planning and Land Use

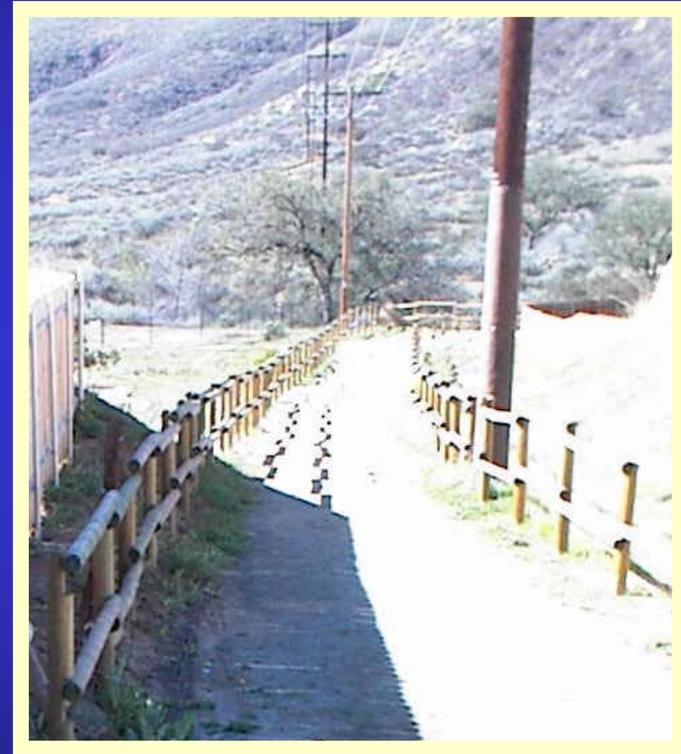
- Updates County General Plan Elements
- Enforce land use rules and regulations
- Track open space and trail easement vacations
- Approves final trail conditions on discretionary permits



Sweetwater

Department of Public Works

- Design and construction of pathways
- Maintaining pathways
- Coordination with Bicycle Transportation Plan
- Track Street Vacations and IOD's



Ramona

Program Goals & Policies

GOAL 1: System of non-motorized trails

GOAL 2: Regional Trails Plan and
Community Trails Master Plan

GOAL 3: Public and Private Lands

GOAL 4: Manage, Operate and Maintain



Fallbrook



County Trails Program Vision

Develop an interconnected system of non-motorized, multi-use trails and pathways in the unincorporated area of the County of San Diego



What Are Trails?

- Soft-surface facilities outside of public road rights-of-way
- Primarily recreational
- Alternative mode of transportation
- Quality outdoor, scenic and natural environment experience



Otay Valley River Park
Regional Trail

What Are Pathways?

- Non-motorized, transportation facility located within public road rights-of-way
- Specifically designated or improved to be a “pathway”
- Soft, natural surfaced or decomposed granite
- Serves both circulation and recreation purposes



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Regional Trails Map

SAN DIEGO REGIONAL TRAILS



- Legend**
- California Coastal Trail
 - California Riding and Hiking Trail
 - Coast to Crest Trail
 - Juan Bautista de Anza Historic Trail
 - City Valley Regional Park Trail
 - Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
 - San Diego River Park Regional Trail
 - Sweetwater Loop and River Trail
 - Trans-County Trail
 - County Parks
 - Parks Managed By County

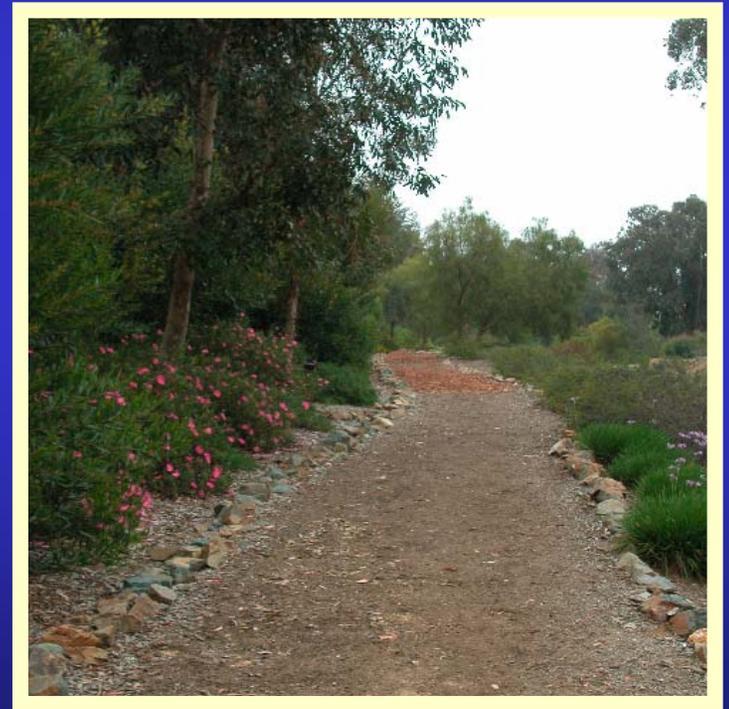
PRGIS

Scale: 1 inch equals 33,777 feet

San Diego, October 4, 2011
 Revision: San Diego County GIS
 Date: 2/12/2010

Community Trails

- Serve specific communities
- Offer variety of experiences
- Easily accessible by local residents
- Connects Regional Trails, County Parks, other public lands and facilities



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Baseline Level of Service

0.8 Miles/1,000 Residents

Spring Valley

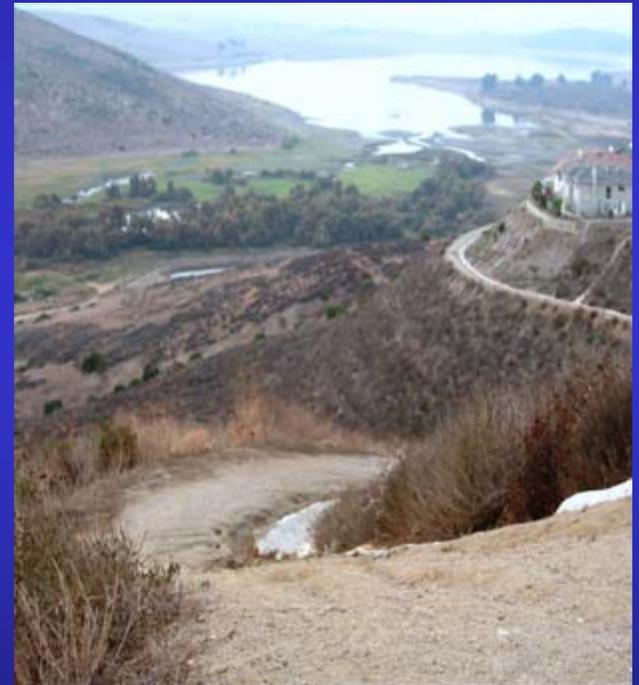
Existing Trails: 3 miles

2000 Population: 59,384

Trail Need: 48 Miles

General Alignment

¼ Mile Wide Corridor



Spring Valley

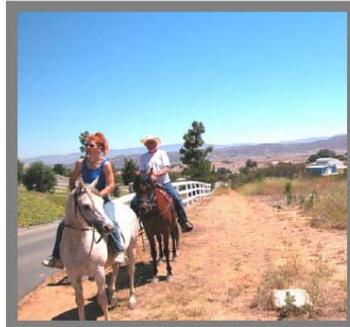
Community Trails Master Plan

COUNTY TRAILS PROGRAM
COMMUNITY TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Ramona Community Trails and Pathways Plan

Trails: The Community Connection

The Community Trails Master Plan will be utilized to develop a system of interconnected regional and community trails and pathways. These trails and pathways are intended to address an established public need for recreation and transportation, but will also provide health and quality of life benefits associated with hiking, biking, and horseback riding throughout the County's biologically diverse environments.



Ramona Community Trail

Community trails serve a different function than regional trails, which are focused on the provision of long linear distances. Instead, community trails are "local public facilities" in close proximity to residents that provide transportation, recreation, access, infrastructure, linkages, and safe routes throughout a community. The Community Trails Master Plan (CTMP) involves both trail development and management on public, semi-public and private lands. The CTMP has established two forms of non-motorized facilities called "Trails" and "Pathways" that provide passive recreational and alternative modes of transportation.

Trails are typically away from vehicular roads that are primarily recreational in

nature but can also serve as an alternative mode of transportation. They are soft-surface facilities for single or multiple uses by pedestrians, equestrians, and mountain bicyclists.

Pathways are a non-motorized transportation facility located within a parkway or road right of way is considered a pathway. They are soft-surfaced facilities intended to serve both circulation and recreation purposes. Pathways help make critical connections and are an integral part of a functional trail system.

COUNTY TRAILS PROGRAM
COMMUNITY TRAILS MASTER PLAN

RAMONA TRAILS MAP INDEX

| Trail # | USGS Quad(s) | Name | Trail Status: () Existing (x) Proposed | Trail Priority Criteria: | Special Features: |
|---------|--------------|---|--|--|---|
| 6 | 28 | Brandy Canyon Pathway | Trail Type: () Trail (x) Pathway | Critical access to trails in eastern San Diegoito River Park. | 1. Street bike path and horse path. |
| | | Connections: | Trail Priority: () 1 () 2 (x) 3 | | |
| | | South: Kearney Trail, Highland Valley Pathway North: State Highway 78, San Diegoito River Park | Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 1 | | |
| 7 | 28 | Brandy ~ San Diegoito River Park Connector Trail | Trail Status: () Existing (x) Proposed | Links two high priority recreational trails. | 1. Entire length on public land. 2. Excellent trail experience in open space and agricultural areas. |
| | | Connections: | Trail Type: (x) Trail () Pathway | | |
| | | South: Brandy Canyon Pathway North: San Diegoito River Park | Trail Priority: () 1 () 2 (x) 3 | | |
| | | | Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 0, plus 1 mile outside of planning area | | |
| 8 | 60/69 | Santa Maria Creekside Trail | Trail Status: (x) Existing (x) Proposed | Links Ramona Town Center together and links most of northern Ramona together to San Diegoito River Park. Excellent corridor and open space areas. Links 24 other trails. | 1. Dedication is part of SPA plans. 2. State and federal funds have been requested for parts of trail. 3. Wheel chair access path and horse path in Ramona Town Center. 4. Trail may be on both sides of creek where practical. 5. Northern section of trail diverts from creek due to topographical constraints and follows along Old Survey Rd. 97 to junction with Kearney Historic Trail (#57). |
| | | Connections: | Trail Type: (x) Trail () Pathway | | |
| | | West: San Diegoito River Park, Poway, Rancho Suenos and Kearny Trails Intersecting: Community trails throughout west & north Ramona East: CNF and connector trails to Lake Sutherland | Trail Priority: (x) 1 () 2 () 3 | | |
| | | | Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 10.5 0.8 miles are existing in Community Park, 9.7 miles are proposed. | | |

2002 Community Outreach

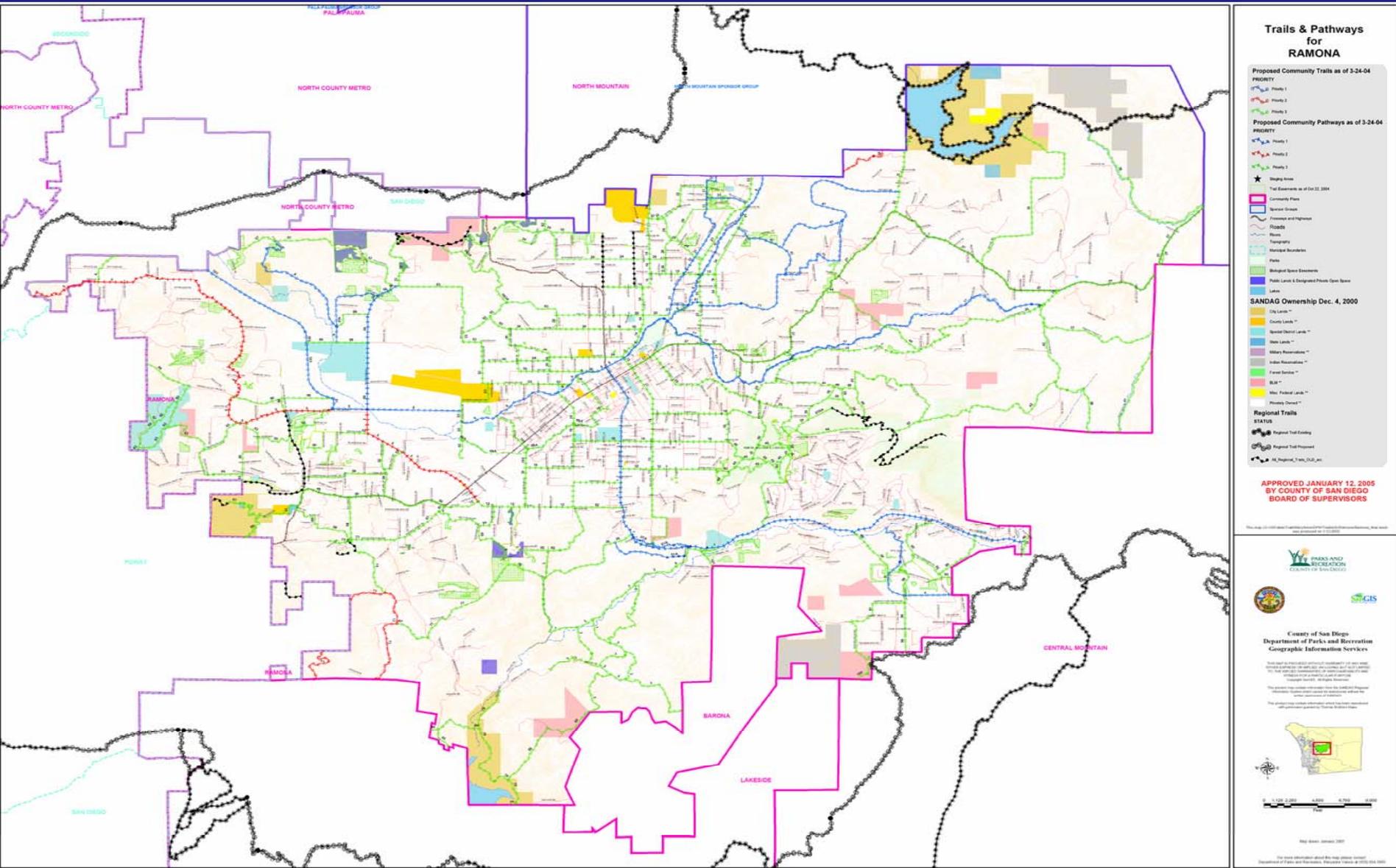
COMMUNITIES DEVELOPED

- Custom trail plans and maps
- Specific trail standards and guidelines
- Specific trail goals, policies and strategies



Pine Valley

The Ups and Downs of Developing Ramona Community Trails Plan



18 Participating Communities

Alpine
Bonsall
Borrego Springs
Crest-Dehesa-Harbison
Canyon-Granite Hills
Descanso
Fallbrook
Hidden Meadows
Lakeside

North County Metro
Pala Pauma
Pine Valley
Ramona
San Dieguito
Spring Valley
Sweetwater
Valle de Oro
Valley Center

9 Non-Participating

Boulevard
Campo/Lake Morena
Cuyamaca
Jacumba
Julian

Potrero
Rainbow
Tecate
Twin Oaks Valley

Additional Documentation

- General Plan Amendment
- Subdivision Ordinance Amendments
- New Regulatory Trails Ordinance
- Repeal Board Policy I-116
- County of San Diego Public Road Standards Amendments
- Environmental Analysis
(Mitigated Negative Declaration)

Trails Condition Assessment

125 Miles (GPS Sub-meter Accuracy)
Existing County Dedicated Trail Easements
and Designated Pathways



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Crest-Dehesa



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Planning Commission

October 15, 2004

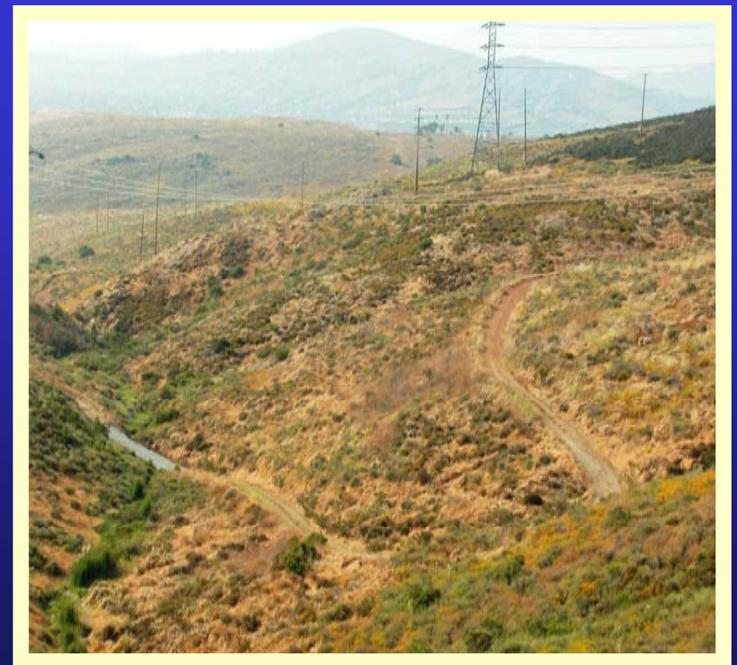


By a unanimous vote recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the components of the proposed County Trails Program

"Consent to Use Land"

- Agreement between the County of San Diego and San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E)
- Potential for Over 100 Miles of Additional Trails

San Miguel Sub-Station
Bonita (Sweetwater)



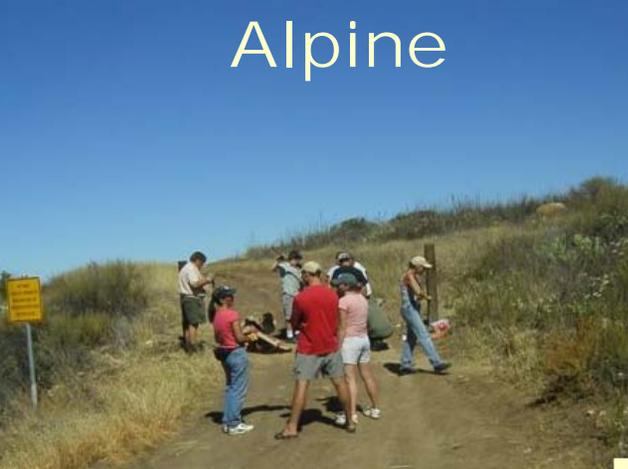
2005 Final Approval

January 12, 2005

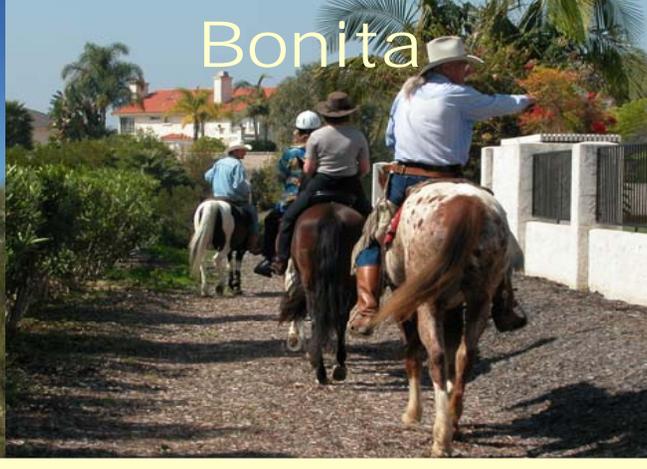
- Two Decades of Planning Attempts
- 100 Trail Supporters Attended
- No Opposition

Historic Day

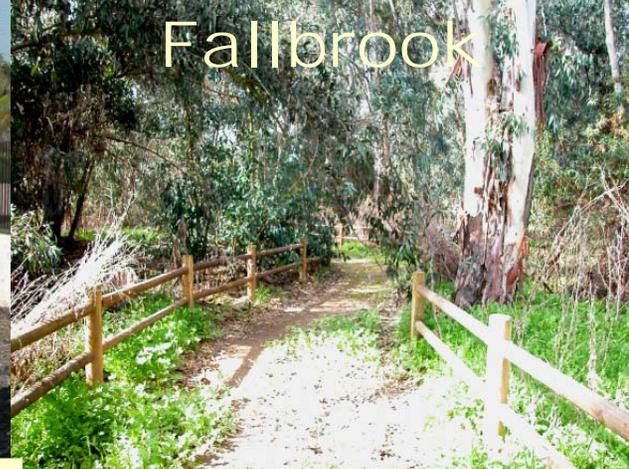
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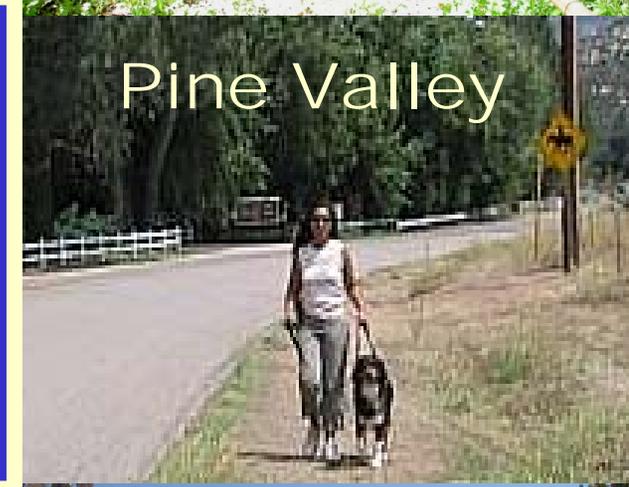


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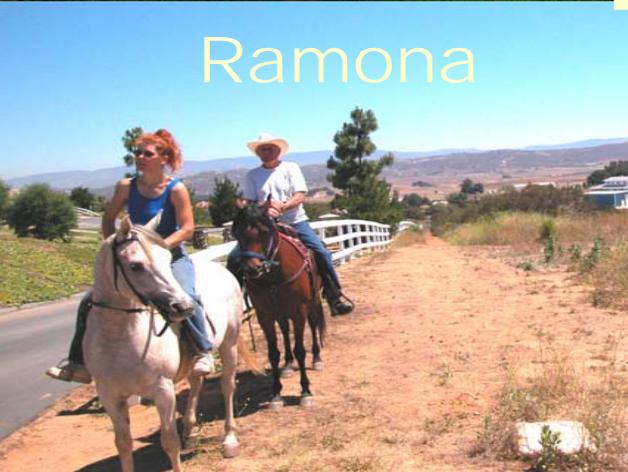


TRAILS
Connecting
Communities

Pine Valley



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Spring Valley



Valley De Oro



Trails – Public Facilities

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