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California Recreational Trails Committee (CRTC)

The CRTC meeting scheduled for January in the Palm Springs region has been cancelled due to funding limitation. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on April 13, 2011 in San Ramon. Meet the committee members here:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=22498

California State Parks Statewide Trails Section (STS)

Dan Ray, California State Parks Planning Chief, announces the appointment of Alex Stehl as interim Statewide Trails Manager. Alex is a hiker and equestrian and has been part of the California Trails & Greenways Conference planning team for the past six years. Congratulate Alex at: astehl@parks.ca.gov.

The Section also welcomes Sara Kaner, a graduate student in Recreation Planning at Chico State University. Sara will be responsible for various tasks, including this newsletter and collaboration on the California Recreational Trails System. Send items for the newsletter to: skaner@parks.ca.gov or trails@parks.ca.gov.

Technology

Every Trail is a mobile travel guide website that features central coast state park trails like the Berry Creek Falls Loop and backpacking at Henry Coe State Park. The guides are available on Iphones. <http://www.everytrail.com/guide/berry-creek-falls-loop-at-big-basin-redwoods-state-park>

The California State Parks website now has a search engine which locates public recreation lands by zip code: <http://www.findrecreation.parks.ca.gov>

GreenInfo Network created the California Protected Areas Database (CPAD). This program makes it more efficient to track protected open space throughout California.
<http://www.calands.org/>

Sierra Nevada Geotourism is currently accepting nominations for the Southern Sierra. Interactive mapguides are available for tourism and recreation planning.
<http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org/>

Trail & Greenway Funding

Conservation Maven bills itself as “an online hub for the conservation community”. Find potential funding sources for planning, outreach and access.
<http://www.conservationmaven.com/funding-board/>

East Bay Regional Parks Gets \$10 Million TIGER Grant for Bike and Pedestrian Trails.
<http://sf.streetsblog.org/2010/10/20/east-bay-regional-parks-gets-10-million-tiger-grant-for-bike-and-ped-trails>

The Road to Livability: How state departments of transportation are using road investments to improve community livability by AASHTO. <http://downloads.transportation.org/LR-1.pdf>

East Bay Regional Park District is proposing a Green Transportation Initiative.
<http://www.ebparks.org/news/09102010a>

Training

Join us at the 26th California Trails and Greenways Conference scheduled for the San Francisco Bay Area community of San Ramon, this coming **April 11-13, 2011**. Email trails@parks.ca.gov to volunteer! For an easy way to let all your trail contacts know about the conference, see below*. http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24151

Leave No Trace is offering master educator courses through backcountry equestrian and hiker programs. http://www.lnt.org/training/master_educator_courses.php

California Recreational Trails System

Pacific Crest Trail work parties get a late start.
http://www.oregonlive.com/milwaukie/index.ssf/2010/06/pacific_crest_trail_work_parties_get_a_late_start.html

The American Discovery Trail Society is attempting to have the American Discovery Trail added to the National Trails System. <http://www.discoverytrail.org/news/issues.html>

Chasing the Pony Express video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFjY-jhfvaw>

Current Tahoe Rim Trail improvements, including the connecting segment Rim to Reno, can be found at:
http://tahoerimtrail.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=319&Itemid=293

A new Juan Bautista de Anza Trail exhibit is now open in Martinez.
<http://www.nps.gov/juba/parknews/index.htm>

Pacific Crest Trail workers shared the basics of trail work and how they developed an appreciation for the land as well as the work experience.
http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_D_etrail06.31aa481.html

Bridge over untroubled waters: Progress on the Glendale narrows Riverwalk along the LA River.
<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jul/18/news/tn-gnp-bridge-20100710>

A new stretch of boardwalk has opened at the north end of the elephant seal viewing area on Highway 1, about 12 miles north of Cambria.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/12/06/1396919/a-new-view-of-the-elephant-seals.html>

Konocti Regional Trails Master Plan draft was released to the public on October 13. The plan can be viewed online at www.konoctitrails.com

Design and Management Strategies

Department of Justice revised ADA regulations, including its ADA Standards for Accessible Design of recreation facilities, were published in the Federal Register on September 15, 2010. <http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/ADAREgs2010.htm>

Bemoaning the lack of trail signage in USFS Wilderness Areas:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/27/opinion/27stroll.html>

Extensive discussion regarding mountain bike/equestrian/hiker conflicts on America's Great Outdoor Initiative website:

<http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf/0/95AEE35223EF23548625779E00719C6B?OpenDocument>

A new website by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center offers "a comprehensive assessment tool that evaluates community walkability and pedestrian safety".

<http://www.walkfriendly.org>

Events

Engaging Citizens in State Recreation Planning: Best Practices from Oregon

http://72.41.119.75/Library/Planning_Guidance/Engaging_Citizens_in_State_Recreation_Planning_2010.pdf

An estimated 100,000 turn out for L.A.'s inaugural CicLAvia Event.

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/oct/11/local/la-me-ciclavia-20101011>

National Trails Day was June 4, 2011

Organized by the American Hiking Society with co-sponsorship from FHWA's Recreational Trails Program, Federal land management agencies, and many private corporations and other partners. National Trails Day is a celebration of trails to increase the awareness of community trails and help volunteer trail clubs. <http://www.americanhiking.org/ntd.aspx>

Marin's Biketoberfest is a great example of a successful mountain bike event.

<http://www.biketoberfestmarin.com/>

East Bay Park District and Kaiser Permanente sponsored Trails Challenge. The Trails Challenge program encouraged participants to travel 26.2 miles of trails or 5 of the trails featured in the guide booklet by December 1, 2010.

<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/health/East-Bay-Parks-Trails-Challenge-promotes-health.html>

International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) and the Forest Service hosted a Trails Conference at Lake Tahoe in October.

<http://www.imba.com/events/tahoe-trails-conference/agenda-and-speaker-bios>

Trail Improvements

The Initial Study: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Central Marin Ferry Connection Multi-Use Pathway is available. <http://www.tam.ca.gov/index.aspx?page=165>

North from Redding's Sundial Bridge: Find serenity on the trails.
<http://www.redding.com/news/2010/jul/17/find-serenity-on-the-trails/>

The Spring Hill Trail is not only a great story, but this website provides an innovative example of galvanizing volunteers to construct trails in your area:
<http://mountshastatrailassociation.org/2010/10/we-still-need-your-help-this-week-to-finish-the-spring-hill-trail/>

The new section on the South Fork American River Trail connects Pilot Hill and Folsom Recreation Area. <http://folsomtelegraph.com/detail/159914.html>

An Emerging New Bike Plan for San Francisco is a Bold Path Forward.
<http://sf.streetsblog.org/2010/10/19/an-emerging-new-bike-plan-for-san-francisco-is-a-bold-path-forward>

Healthy Communities

The Built Environment: Designing Communities to Promote Physical Activity in Children. Published in the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/123/6/1591>

Videophilia: Implications for Childhood Development and Conservation. Published in the Journal of Developmental Processes <http://www.pergams.com/uploads/JDP.pdf>

Blueways

A gamble on the river pays off.
<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jul/16/local/la-me-tobar-20100716>

An expedition along a muddy stretch of the waterway offers a glimpse into the potential recreational and environmental jewel running through the city.
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-river-20100729,0,6138290.story>

Trails in the Media

A project funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act is restoring an historic icon on the Bizz Johnson National Recreation Trail in Lassen County. See photos and more information here:
<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/mydesert/access/2091503391.html?FMT=ABS&date=Jul+25%2C+2010>

Forest thinning: West Tahoe resident questions legitimacy of Ward Creek project.
<http://www.sierrasun.com/article/20100913/NEWS/100919977/1066&ParentProfile=1051>

Horse camp returns to Cuyamaca Park.
<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/aug/31/horse-camp-returns-to-cuyamaca-state-park/>

Landowner puts foot down on mountain trail (access to Matilija Falls blocked).
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-adv-matilija-falls-20100627,0,6339818.story>

Maffei pushes for Stanislaus River trail.
<http://www.uniondemocrat.com/20100707100428/News/Local-News/Maffei-pushes-for-Stanislaus-River-trail>

Trail wars at Annadel State Park.
<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20100705/ARTICLES/100709758?p=all&tc=pgall>

South Fork American River Trail opens gorgeous 35 miles to pedestrians and riders:
<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/09/30/3066300/south-fork-american-river-trail.html>

A comprehensive update of the bicycle plan for the city of Los Angeles gives precedence to hikers and equestrians.
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-bicycle-plan-20110102,0,2726002.story>

Nearly 300 bicyclists joined the Bureau of Land Management Redding Field Office and its trail building partners to celebrate improvements to the Sacramento River National Recreation Trail.
http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsbytes/2010/456extra-sacriv_bikeride.html

New group gathers thousands of signatures to convert unused railroad to trail.
http://www.redwoodtimes.com/ci_17077992?source=most_viewed

Illegal bike jumps irk trail users - Shrinking state parks staff means less enforcement.
<http://granitebaypt.com/detail/168318.html>

Please follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CAtrails>

You will also find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=121196290060>

*An easy way organizations can help **strengthen California's Trails Community** is to include a link to our Conference page www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference on your website and in your newsletter. Ask Laura at lsven@peak.org for the colorful logo today!

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