

MEETING RECORD

San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative

Monday, June 29, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Altadena Community Center, Altadena

Attendees

Adam Lane, *Los Angeles Business Council*
Anatasia Zumora (for Daniel Oaxaca), *San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps*
Andrew Yip (for Belinda Faustinos), *San Gabriel Mountains Forever Coalition*
Armond Ghazarian, *Los Angeles Department of Public Works*
Chris Solek, *Council for Watershed Health*
Chuck Myers, *National Forest Homeowners*
Claire Robinson, *Amigos de Los Rios*
Cliff Hamlow, *San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers*
Dale Benson, *California Department of Transportation, District 7*
Daniel Oaxaca, *San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps*
Daniel Rossman, *The Wilderness Society*
Dianne Erskine Hellrigel, *Community Hiking Club*
Donn Christiansen, *Angeles National Forest*
Jack Sahl, *Friends of the Angeles*
Jacqueline Ayer, *Association of Rural Town Councils*

John Monsen (for Nidia Erceg), *Sierra Club*
Joseph Lyons, *San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
Judy Nelson, *Glendora*
Justin Seastrand, *Angeles National Forest*
Kelly Gardner (for Greg Galindo), *San Gabriel Valley Water Association*
Linda Wucherpfennig, *California Off-Road Vehicle Association*
Liz Reilly, *San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
Mark Masaoka, *Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council*
Mark Stanley (for Margaret Clark), *Rivers & Mountains Conservancy*
Michelle Nuttall, *Southern California Edison*
Mike McNutt, *Palmdale Water District*
Robert Garcia, *The City Project*
Shawn Troeger, *Community of Wrightwood*
Steve Messer, *Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association*
Wendy La (for Ann Croissant), *San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy*

CONVENORS/FACILITATION TEAM

Vance Russell and Edward Belden, *National Forest Foundation*

Welcome & Introduction

Vance Russell welcomed all participants to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative meeting. Twenty-seven Community Collaborative members, two Forest Service staff, and two National Forest Foundation staff were present.

Forest Service Presentation - Land Management Planning & Monument Plan Process

Donn Christiansen, Acting San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Manager, explained that the Forest Service would provide background on the existing land management plan.

Justin Seastrand shared a presentation titled the “Land Management Plan and its Role in Stewardship” that had the following Objectives: 1) Understand the Basics of the Angeles National Forest Land Management plan; and 2) Help Maximize Public Participation in Agency Planning.

The presentation covered the three areas of the existing Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan:

- Part 1 – Vision (or the desired conditions as Justin called it)
- Part 2 – Strategy
- Part 3 – Design Criteria (or standards as Justin called it)

Key Points from the Forest Service Presentation

- The existing Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan was adopted in April 2006, under the 1982 Planning Rule.
- The Land Management Plan was amended in 2014 as a result of a lawsuit settlement.
- The Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan is part of a common plan for four Southern California Forests (Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino National Forests).
- The law says that a forest plan needs to be revised at least every 15 years, but in reality the timeline for revision is closer to 20 years.
- The amendment to the Land Management Plan for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument is being developed in accordance with the new 2012 Planning Rule.

The existing Forest Land Management Plan can be found at the following link:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/landmanagement/planning>

Questions and Clarifications

- Forest Service staff were asked to discuss how they intend to interpret the following section from the Proclamation:

“All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, leasing, or other disposition under the public land or other Federal laws, including location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument, or disposition of materials under the Materials Act of 1947 in a manner that is consistent with the proper care and management of the objects protected by this proclamation.”

The Forest Service stated that they are interpreting the language to apply only to mineral withdrawal and mining.

- The Forest Service will post all maps provided at the public presentations on the National Monument planning website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46964>.
- The Forest Service used the official database to send notices to those addresses that have recreational cabins or other special use permits within the forest.
- The Forest Service will weigh all comments received equally.
- The Forest Service agreed to accept the comments from the Collaborative on July 28th.

Action Items

- **NFF staff will include the Presentation from Justin Seastrand with the meeting record.**

Need to Change Subcommittee Breakouts

The Collaborative took time to meet in the four committees that the Collaborative had created to develop recommendations around the four parts of the *Need to Change Analysis* document: transportation, land use, minerals and recreation. The committees will continue to work in-between full Collaborative meetings to develop recommendation proposals for the full Collaborative's approval.

Committees were reminded of the process and the schedule:

1. Co-chairs will assist in setting up conference call(s) to discuss the comments/recommendations before July 10th.
2. Draft comments/recommendations from each committee must be finalized and submitted to the NFF by July 10th.
3. The full Community Collaborative will review and discuss the draft comments/recommendations at the next two Community Collaborative meetings on July 20 and (tentatively) July 28.

Action Items

- **Co-chairs will setup meetings with all committee members.**
- **Co-chairs will submit draft comments/recommendations to NFF by July 10th.**
- **NFF staff will assist in providing conference call in numbers for the co-chairs as needed.**

Miscellaneous

Edward Belden noted that the Meeting Record from the June 2, 2015 meeting was approved electronically. Some collaborative members expressed interest in seeing the Monument Fund projects posted on the NFF website.

The Membership Working Group will hold their next meeting in July to discuss and make recommendations to the full Community Collaborative on several open seats.

Action Items

- **Membership Working Group members should respond to the doodle poll as soon as possible so that NFF can schedule the July meeting.**

All Action Items

- ✓ *Completed:* NFF staff will include the presentation from Justin Seastrand with the meeting record.
- ✓ *Completed:* Co-chairs will review doodle poll and setup meetings with all committee members.
- ✓ *Completed:* Co-chairs will submit draft comments/recommendations to NFF by July 10th.
- ✓ NFF staff will assist in providing conference call in numbers for the co-chairs as needed.
- ✓ *Completed:* Membership Working Group members will respond to the doodle poll so that NFF can schedule the next meeting in July.

Record of Decisions

Decision	Consensus
<u>N/A</u>	N/A