

MEETING RECORD
San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
Monday, July 20, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Altadena Community Center, Altadena

Attendees

Adam Lane, *LA Business Council*
Andrew Silva, *San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors*
Armond Ghazarian, *Los Angeles Department of Public Works*
Belinda Faustinos, *San Gabriel Mountains Forever Coalition*
Claire Robinson, *Amigos de Los Rios*
Cliff Hamlow, *San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers*
Dale Benson, *California Department of Transportation, District 7*
Daniel Rossman, *The Wilderness Society*
Diane Erskine Hellrigel, *Community Hiking Club*
Donn Christiansen, *Angeles National Forest*
Gary Stickle (for Andy Salas), *Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation*
Jacqueline Ayer, *Association of Rural Town Councils*
Jeffrey Vail, *Angeles National Forest*
Jenny Johnson (for Steve Messer), *Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association*
Joseph Lyons, *San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
Judy Nelson, *Glendora*
Kelly Gardner (for Greg Galindo), *San Gabriel Valley Water Association*
Linda Wucherpfennig, *California Off-Road Vehicle Association*
Margaret Clark, *Rivers & Mountains Conservancy*
Mark Masaoka, *Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council*
Michelle Nuttall, *Southern California Edison*
Omar Gomez, *Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica (COFEM)*
Robert Garcia, *The City Project*
Ron Ellingson, *Mt. Baldy Lodge*
Roy Glauthier (for Chuck Myers), *National Forest Homeowners*
Tim Brick, *Arroyo Seco Foundation*
Wendy La (for Ann Croissant), *San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy*

CONVENORS/FACILITATION TEAM

Karen DiBari, Edward Belden and Emily Olsen, *National Forest Foundation*

Welcome & Introduction

Karen DiBari welcomed all participants to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative meeting. Twenty-five Community Collaborative members, two Forest Service staff, and three National Forest Foundation staff were present. Karen reviewed the ground rules and consensus voting procedures since several alternates were attending a Community Collaborative meeting for the first time.

June 29th Meeting Record Revision

A revision to the June 29th meeting record was requested. Members asked to include clarification from the Forest Service about how they will interpret a section in the Proclamation related to mineral withdrawal and mining. Pending the revision below, the Collaborative agreed to approve the meeting record.

(From the June 29th record) 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.

Forest Service Planning Process Update

Jeffrey Vail, Angeles National Forest Supervisor, greeted the Community Collaborative and shared his appreciation for the group’s work to collaborate around the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument planning process. Vail reiterated the Angeles National Forest’s commitment to engaging collaboratively throughout the plan amendment process.

Donn Christiansen, Acting San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Manager, provided an update on the plan amendment process. The Angeles National Forest is working with a TEAMs Enterprise Unit to analyze the content of comments received during the comment period. The timeline below will guide the process moving forward:

- *Summer 2015, Scoping Period:* In addition to the public meetings held in July, the Forest Service, in coordination with the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council, attended two additional public meetings with Asian language translation services available. In response to a consensus request from the SGMCC, the public comment period was extended until August 11, 2015.
- *Fall 2015-Winter 2016:* The Forest Service will review comments and discuss how they will inform the proposed plan amendment.
- *Spring 2016:* The Forest Service will release the draft plan amendment and the draft environmental review document; there will be one amendment that includes the transportation plan and all other changes necessary to make the existing Angeles National Forest plan consistent with the Proclamation.

Key Points from the Forest Service Update:

- Collaborative members mentioned that they would like to read comments received by the Angeles National Forest during the planning process. The Forest Service has a public reading room at <http://1.usa.gov/1G9QHn0> where public comments are available, and the agency may also consider posting a summary of the content analysis online.
- To distinguish between forest planning and project-level planning and implementation, Forest Service staff explained that a forest plan is comparable to a zoning document and limits various activities within a forest area. A forest plan does not mandate specific activities or commit funding, and there is no guarantee that there will be funding to accomplish all of the goals stated in the forest plan.
- Supervisor Vail discussed the importance of partnerships, stressing that the Forest Service will only be successful if they are able to partner to find creative solutions.

Consensus Decisions

- The Community Collaborative requests a 60-day public comment period for all periods during the planning process.

Action Items

- The Forest Service will share a copy of the 2012 Planning Rule with the Collaborative.
- The Forest Service agreed to extend the comment period 15 days (for a total of 60 days) during this scoping period of the planning process.

Review Need to Change Comments and Recommendations

Karen DiBari led the Collaborative through a review of comments from three out of four *Need to Change* committees (there was not enough time to work through the minerals committee document). The Collaborative identified areas of general agreement, areas that need to be re-worked, and areas that need to be deleted.

The four committees were tasked with revising and finalizing the drafts prior to COB Thursday, July 23rd. NFF staff will send comments back out to the SGMCC via email by COB July 24th. Comments will be fully vetted at the full Community Collaborative meeting on July 28th. Following the meeting, Collaborative members will be able to share a single document with their constituents for review. There was some concern that representatives of large entities and organizations may be challenged to ensure that the organization's comments are not contrary to those developed by the Collaborative. This issue, as well as the Collaborative's policy for submitting consensus comments, will be discussed at the July 28th meeting.

Due to the extended timeline, Collaborative members asked the NFF to convene another meeting prior to August 11th, the close of the comment period.

Action Items:

- Need to Change Committees, led by co-chairs and/or individuals who volunteered to re-work language, will revise the comment documents and send the NFF a final draft by COB on Thursday, July 23rd.
- NFF staff will send a Doodle poll out to schedule a meeting on August 10th or August 11th.

Wrap up and Next Steps

The next Community Collaborative meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Altadena Community Center.

All Action Items

- ✓ The Forest Service will share a copy of the 2012 Planning Rule with the Collaborative.
- ✓ The Forest Service agreed to extend the comment period 15 days (for a total of 60 days) during this stage of the planning process.
- ✓ Need to Change Committees, led by co-chairs and/or individuals who volunteered to re-work language, will revise the comment documents and send the NFF a final draft by COB on Thursday, July 23rd.
- ✓ NFF staff will send the combined Need to Change comments back out to the SGMCC via email by COB July 24th.
- ✓ NFF staff will send a Doodle poll out to schedule a meeting on August 10th or August 11th.

Record of Decisions

Decision	Consensus
Recommend a 60-day public comment period for all periods during the forest planning process.	Yes