

## MEETING RECORD

### San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative

Monday, July 28, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Altadena Community Center, Altadena

#### Attendees

**Anastasia Zamora** (for Daniel Oaxaca), *San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps*

**Andrew Silva**, *San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors*

**Armond Ghazarian**, *Los Angeles Department of Public Works*

**Belinda Faustinos**, *San Gabriel Mountains Forever Coalition*

**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*

**Diane Erskine Hellrigel**, *Community Hiking Club*

**Donn Christiansen**, *Angeles National Forest*

**Gary Stickle** (for Andy Salas), *Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation*

**Grace J. Kast**, *Gateway Water Management Authority*

**Henry Herrera**, *CalFire*

**Jack Sahl**, *Friends of the Angeles*

**Jacqueline Ayer**, *Association of Rural Town Councils*

**Joe Llewellyn**, *Angeles National Forest*

**John Monsen** (for Nidia Erceg), *Sierra Club*

**Judy Nelson**, *Glendora*

**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*

**Margaret Clark**, *Rivers & Mountains Conservancy*

**Mark Masaoka**, *Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council*

**Michelle Nuttall**, *Southern California Edison*

**Mike McNutt**, *Palmdale Water District*

**Ron Ellingson**, *Mt. Baldy Lodge*

**Shawn Troeger**, *Community of Wrightwood*

**Steve Messer**, *Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association*

**Tim Brick**, *Arroyo Seco Foundation*

**Wendy La** (for Ann Croissant), *San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy*

#### CONVENORS/FACILITATION TEAM

Mary Mitsos, Edward Belden and Emily Olsen, *National Forest Foundation*

#### Welcome & Introduction

Mary Mitsos welcomed all participants to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative meeting. Twenty-eight Community Collaborative members, two Forest Service staff, and three National Forest Foundation staff were present. Donn Christiansen introduced Joe Llewellyn, new Partnership Coordinator on the Angeles National Forest, to the Community Collaborative.

## Consensus Comments – Process

Members discussed and agreed to the following policy to address what consensus means when the Collaborative submits consensus comments to the Forest Service. The Collaborative wanted to offer clarity about whether or not individual members/organizations could submit their own comments.

### Policy for Consensus Comments

- Consensus comments and recommendations from the full Community Collaborative will be submitted to the Forest Service for consideration
- Individual members may still send comments/recommendations on their own
- Individual members agree not to send comments/recommendations that are contrary to the consensus comments submitted by the full Community Collaborative

## Reach Consensus on Need to Change Unified Comments Letter

Prior to the meeting, Community Collaborative members worked together to combine and refine the Need to Change committee's comment documents. The result was a single Unified Comments letter. Mary Mitsos facilitated consensus building around the draft Unified Comments letter during the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Key Discussion Points

- Angeles National Forest staff clarified that they are developing a Monument Management Plan. The Forest Service is analyzing the existing Angeles National Forest Plan to determine how to amend the Angeles National Forest Plan with the Monument Management Plan, which is why this is a Forest Plan amendment process.
- Based on SGMCC agreement that comments should focus on requirements outlined in the Proclamation, the Collaborative asked NFF staff language in the comments about a Monument Vision Implementation Plan pertaining to recreation, land use, and minerals. The NFF and SGMCC should also consistently refer to the forest plan amendment as the "Monument Management Plan."

### Action Items

- Community Collaborative members will take the Unified Plan Comments to their constituents for a final review.
- If there are sections of the Unified Comment document that constituents cannot live with, Community Collaborative members will bring necessary changes – aspects of the document that must be deleted before they will be able to vote thumbs up or sideways on the document – to the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The Community Collaborative will send the final consensus comments to the U.S. Forest Service by August 11, 2015.
- Angeles National Forest staff were asked to seek advice from the Office of the General Council to confirm that the *"all federal lands and interests...are hereby appropriated and*

*withdraw...*” language contained in the Proclamation would be interpreted to apply only to mineral withdrawal and mining.

**Wrap up and Next Steps**

The next Community Collaborative meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Altadena Community Center.

**Record of Decisions**

Decision	Consensus
<p><b><u>Approve a Policy for Consensus Comments:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consensus comments and recommendations from the full Community Collaborative will be submitted to the Forest Service for consideration</li> <li>• Individual members may still send comments/recommendations on their own</li> <li>• Individual members agree <u>not</u> to send comments/recommendations that are contrary to the consensus comments submitted by the full Community Collaborative</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>