MEETING RECORD
SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE
Thursday, February 23, 2017 – 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Altadena Community Center, Altadena, CA

ATTENDEES

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<td>Gary Boyer, Glendora City Council (for Judy Nelson)</td>
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<td>Irma &quot;Kelly&quot; Carle, Antelope Valley Unit, Backcountry Horseman of California</td>
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<td>Ann Croissant, San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy</td>
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<td>Ron Ellingson, Mt. Baldy Ski Area</td>
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<td>Dianne Erskine Hellriegel, Community Hiking Club</td>
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<td>Armond Ghazarian, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works</td>
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<td>Richard Guttenberg, Archeology/Culture</td>
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<td>Cliff Hamlow, San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers</td>
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<td>Steve Messer, Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association</td>
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<td>John Monsen, The Sierra Club</td>
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<td>Bill Reeves, Fisheries Resources Volunteer Corps</td>
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<td>Liz Reilly, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments</td>
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<td>Claire Robinson, Amigos de los Rios</td>
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<td>Daniel Rossman, The Wilderness Society</td>
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<td>Jack Sahl, Friends of the Angeles</td>
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<td>Andrew Yip, Bike SGV (for Belinda Faustinos)</td>
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<td>Kevin Matta, College of the Canyons Environmental Club</td>
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FOREST SERVICE
Jeffrey Vail, Rachel Smith, Adrienne Dunfee, Angeles National Forest

CONVENERS/FACILITATION TEAM
Mary Mitsos and Edward Belden, National Forest Foundation (NFF)

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS
1) Supervisor Vail will forward a letter describing the 11 action items to improve the special uses program to the NFF to share with the SGMCC.
2) The ANF will provide a description of the Program of Work at the March meeting.
3) Within the next two weeks, the Projects, Communications and Steering committees will develop their revised purpose and objectives for 2017.
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Mary Mitsos opened the meeting. Twenty SGMCC members and three Forest Service representatives were present during the meeting.

NFF PROJECTS UPDATE
- Edward Belden provided a brief update on the status of the projects that the NFF has been working on with the Forest Service and multiple partners. Outcomes over the last year include:
  - Removing Arundo from 30 acres
  - Restoring 20 acres of Chaparral
  - Improving the Bear Canyon Trailhead
  - Improving Wildwood, Vogel Flat Picnic areas
  - Certifying 35 youth as CA Naturalist as part of the Nature Ambassadors Program and Field Ranger Interns Program
  - Removing invasive weeds, such as Scotch Broom from throughout the Big Tujunga watershed

FOREST SERVICE UPDATES
Supervisor Jeffrey Vail provided an update on Angeles National Forest (ANF) and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument:
- The Forest is moving forward with the Monument Management Plan and aims to have it finalized by June 2, 2017.
- The Forest Service is awaiting the confirmation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Undersecretaries. The leadership in Washington is moving ahead as the Forest Service ranks up to Chief are not political appointees.
- The hiring freeze has been partially lifted to allow for fire personnel and some temporary hires. They are optimistic that the hiring freeze will be lifted by April as some key personnel on the Angeles are vacant including Partnerships Coordinator and Public Affairs Officer.
- The Forest will provide a description of the Program of Work at the March Collaborative meeting.
- Thank you to everyone who took part in the Forest’s Transportation Workshop on February 16, 2017. More than 40 participants attended the meeting where the ANF shared the results from their shuttle pilot and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments provided a summary of funding options. The ANF is not a transportation agency and is interested in working with the greater community to determine who else can carry the baton for this effort.
- The Forest attended the Our Parks meeting that is looking at Measure A funding opportunities.
- Members of the Federal Highway Administration from the US Department of Transportation are working with the ANF on access and transit options.
- The ANF is planning to have a visit from representatives of Coca-Cola in April.
• The ANF is improving and updating the Special Use Permits Application and Review Process.
• The ANF will share the 11 items in the Special Use Permit review with the SGMCC.
• The ANF stated in reviewing the special use permits some cabins have been found not to be in compliance. The Forest is trying to work with those owners and is also willing to meet with the Forest Home Owners Association. Examples of noncompliance include living permanently, elicit activities, and nonconformance with building requirements.
• Cell coverage on the ANF is a delicate balance between access, safety, and solitude.
• The Forest is coordinating with LA County Public Works to improve and enhance communications while in the ANF.

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HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSION OF THE SGMCC’S FUTURE GOALS, PRIORITIES STRUCTURE, AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The Collaborative reviewed its goals, as adopted on March 4, 2015:

The Community Collaborative will work with the U.S. Forest Service to achieve the following goals for the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument while acknowledging the rights of all communities throughout the region:

- Identify and prioritize sustainable opportunities, including but not limited to improved:
  - Public safety
  - Watershed
  - Recreation
  - Visitor services
  - Stewardship
  - Educational, cultural and historical resources
- Maintain an open line of communication and relationship with the Forest Service
- Provide a forum where diverse community voices can express their views and identify areas of agreement to help inform Forest Service decisions and activities
- Engage actively the broader community

Consensus decision: The SGMCC agreed that the original goals adopted March 4, 2015, still hold true to the next phases of the group’s work.

The SGMCC members agree that there is still more work for the SGMCC to do as an entity with the following points discussed:

- The SGMCC will be able to add additional value to implementation efforts while still working on relevant planning efforts.
• The SGMCC decided to focus on developing annual goals to focus on what the group wants to achieve.
• The membership composition of the SGMCC may need to shift as the goals and objectives change.
• The SGMCC could meet quarterly to keep things moving, but monthly meetings may lead to more productivity. One possibility is to alternate monthly meetings between committee meetings and full meetings, with facilitated quarterly meetings. Mary Mitsos stated that SGMCC typically need administration support and that self-facilitation is sufficient for most meetings.

Supervisor Vail provided three benefits of the SGMCC:
1) It is a model of what is good about our democracy by showing how a group with different perspectives can reach consensus.
2) We need you; we can’t do this alone, random communication with the public is not as effective.
3) Collective wisdom is stronger and the ANF appreciates hearing that perspective.

The Committees were asked to revise their purpose, goals and objectives for 2017. The following are some possible SGMCC goals the SGMCC discussed for 2017:

• The SGMCC will provide input to all ANF plans to reflect the best balance of the objectives to promote a healthy forest, protect monument resources, and provide a wide variety of sustainable recreation opportunities in a fashion that reflects and implements the expressed desires of the local communities and its residents.
• The SGMCC can serve as a forum for ANF staff interface with other organizations coordinating projects
• Support engaging youth, especially underserved youth and camps, in the ANF and specifically the Monument
• Help the Forest Service with their most pressing challenges or problems
• Potential Goal Areas:
  o Monument Plan
  o Connecting people to the Monument
  o Interface Communities
  o Specific Projects
    ▪ Develop an Education Plan

The SGMCC reviewed the proposed 2017 Purpose and Goals written by the Monument & Transportation Plan Committee, see attached.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 626 Golden Streets event was held on March 5, 2017, http://www.626goldenstreets.com/
- Community Hiking Club hosted a St. Francis Graffiti Removal on March 3 & 4, 2017.
- San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy hosted a zero water garden and Plant ID workshop at the Santa Fe Dam on March 4, 2017
- Amigos de Los Rios is working on a triangle improvement in Altadena highlighting the monument and watershed; ribbon cutting will be in May 2017
- California Trail Users Coalition is hosting a clean-up called the Super Canyon Sweep on June 10, 2017.

RECORD OF DECISIONS

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