

MEETING RECORD
SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Altadena Community Center, Altadena, CA

SGMCC ATTENDEES (SEE LAST PAGE)

FOREST SERVICE

Rachel Smith, Matthew Bokach, Angeles National Forest (ANF)

CONVENERS/FACILITATION TEAM

Mary Mitsos and Edward Belden, National Forest Foundation (NFF)

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS

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 2. Daniel Rossman will provide a press release about the letter that reflects the tone of the letter.
 3. The Steering Committee will develop language regarding alternates attending meetings voting to ensure only one vote per established member category.
 4. Matthew Bokach will provide an Agenda for the June 22, 2017 meeting to be circulated to the SGMCC.
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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mary Mitsos opened the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves around the table. Twenty five San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) members and two Forest Service representatives were present during the meeting.

FOREST SERVICE UPDATES

Deputy Forest Supervisor Rachel Smith provided an update on Angeles National Forest (ANF) and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument:

- The ANF is developing a one page description for each of the line items listed on the Program of Work FY18 that they previously provided to the SGMCC that will assist in the June 22, 2017 meeting. The ANF leadership team will be present at the June 22, 2017 meeting to provide additional information on the Program of Work for FY18.
- The Forest Service Southwest Region (5) which includes California is moving toward a one region, one program of work, to help in responding to the massive tree mortality in the California. Therefore, the Angeles may not be developing their own Program of Work (POW) from now on.
- The ANF reorganization from three ranger districts to two is in progress and is anticipated to be completed in early fall.
- The ANF responded to some data calls about the Monument and provided that to the US Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior.
- The ANF and USFS are expecting a modest decrease in budget.

- The ANF is looking to get a detailer for the Volunteer Coordinator position and another detailer for the Partnership Coordinator, and perhaps the Public Affairs Officer. A Detailer is an internal short time assignment from another USFS position that typically lasts 120 days.
- The ANF does not expect any permanent hiring for these positions at this time. The Fire unit is still hiring.
- The Federal Budget, in terms of fire borrowing from the Forest Service budget, still has not been resolved. Bills are in Congress and the Senate.
- Monument Management Plan final decision is projected for the end of October, 2017.
- The June 22 Meeting about the POW with the SGMCC will be at the Arcadia HQ from 9am until 1pm. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the ANF to explain their existing POW and get input on the next POW. The ANF may not have the ability to establish their own forest-level POW in FY18 but they want to have input from the SGMCC.
- Matthew Bokach is developing an Agenda for the June 22 meeting and will work with the SGMCC subgroup (Daniel Rossman, Tim Brick, Liz Reilly, and Steve Messer) to develop the meeting.
- A key component of the June 22 meeting is where the SGMCC can contribute resources and identify gaps about particular projects or programs.
- The SGMCC might want to send their own letter to the regional office regarding the SGMCC priorities.
- Sierra Nevada Forests have suffered a huge tree mortality starting around five years ago with the drought, and mortality rates exploded two years ago. Matthew Bokach provided a link to the [Forest Service Forest Health and Mapping Group](#) and the [Region 5 Aerial Survey Maps](#) showing the tree mortality. Impacts that are suspected of contributing to the mass tree mortality are climate change, drought, and bark beetles.
- An SGMCC member expressed concern that the proposed White House Budget would zero out urban forestry.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE SGMCC LETTER REGARDING THE EO MONUMENT

REVIEW

- The SGMCC reviewed, edited and reached consensus on the final letter. Daniel Rossman will help develop a press release that reflects the tone of the letter. NFF will send out the final copy of the letter to the SGMCC.

***Consensus decision:** The SGMCC reviewed and edited the letter and reached consensus on the final letter. Daniel Rossman will help develop a press release that reflects the tone of the letter.

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DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATES ATTENDING MEETINGS

The SGMCC Steering Committee will develop language regarding alternates attending meetings and if there is a difference between attending and voting, only one vote per established member category. Alternates are highly encouraged to attend the June 22 meeting.

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REVIEW AND DISCUSS CODE OF CONDUCT AND MEDIA OUTREACH

Daniel Rossman restated the importance of following the [code of conduct](#), posted on the SGMCC website, in discussing issues with the press.

DISCUSS JUNE 22 FOREST SERVICE PROGRAM OF WORK

The planning group reminded the SGMCC members to come prepared for the meeting having read information distributed before the meeting to SGMCC. Daniel Rossman, Steve Messer, Claire Robinson and Tim Brick met with the ANF to discuss the June 22 meeting and are working with Matthew Bokach to develop the agenda. If you have questions or ideas please contact them.

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DISCUSS NFF FUNDING FOR PRORITY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The NFF has approximately \$500,000 that needs to be put into priority projects and programs. The funds need to be focused on implementation and cannot fund Forest Service employees. The Projects Committee will start evaluating their priorities and projects and what the SGMCC wants to move forward with following the June 22 meeting. The June 22 planning group members reminded the SGMCC members to come prepared for the meeting having read information distributed prior to the June 22 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS & WRAP UP

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will look into the status of other members.

The Steering Committee will discuss the need for meetings in July and August.

Discovery Agents

Michelle Nuttall mentioned the [Discovery Agents](#) app as a new way to get youth engaged in the outdoors and that it is currently available at a few locations on the forest and other parks.

Discovery Agents is like Pokémon Go for engaging with nature.

RECORD OF DECISIONS

Decision	Consensus
The SGMCC reviewed and edited the letter and reached consensus on the final letter. Daniel Rossman will help develop a press release that reflects the tone of the letter.	Yes

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SGMCC ATTENDEES

Member	Present	Member	Present
Jacqueline Ayer , Association of Rural Town Councils (Antelope Valley) and Acton Town Council	x	Becky Mandich (for Michelle Nuttall), SCE	
Paul Bauer (For Ben Smith), Mountain High & Stevens Pass		Mark Masaoka , Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON)	
Eric Baul (for Armond Ghazarian), Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (For		Debra Mendelsohn , LA County Board of Supervisors – 5th District (Barger)	
Dale Benson , CalTrans, District 7	x	Steve Messer , Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association	x
Gary Boyer (for Judy Nelson), City of Glendora		John Monsen , The Sierra Club	x
Tim Brick , Arroyo Seco Foundation	x	Roberto Morales (for John Monsen), The Sierra Club	
Josh Candelaria , San Bernardino Board of Supervisors 2nd District		Roberto Morales (for Dianne Erskine-Hellrigel), The Sierra Club	
Kelly Carle , Equestrian		Chuck Myers , National Forest Homeowners	x
Debbie Chapman (for Henry Herrera), CalFire		Nancy Negrete (for Robert Garcia), The City Project	x
Margaret Clark , Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	x	Judy Nelson , City of Glendora	
Ann Croissant , San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	x	Michelle Nuttall , Southern California Edison	x
Robby Ellingson (For Ron Ellingson), Mt. Baldy Lodge		Daniel Oaxaca , San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	
Ron Ellingson , Mt. Baldy Lodge	x	Toni Penn (for), Gateway Water Management Authority	
Dianne Erskine-Hellrigel , Community Hiking Club	x	JJ Ortega (for Daniel Oaxaca), San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	
William Estrada , Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County		William (Bill) Reeves , Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps	x
Belinda Faustinos , San Gabriel Mountains Forever		Liz Reilly , San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	x
Greg Galindo (for Kelly Gardner), San Gabriel Valley Water Association		Claire Robinson , Amigos de los Rios	x
Robert Garcia , City Project		Dan Rosenfeld , Community Partners, Trust for Public Lands	
Kelly Gardner , San Gabriel Valley Water Association	x	Daniel Rossman , The Wilderness Society	x
Armond Ghazarian , Los Angeles Department of Public Works	x	Jack Sahl , Friends of the Angeles Forest	
Roy Glauthier (for Chuck Meyers), National Forest Homeowners		Andrew Salas , Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation	
Omar Gomez , COFEM		Jeff Seymour , El Monte City School District, El Monte Promise Foundation	
Richard Guttenberg , Archeology/Culture	x	Andrew Silva (for Josh Candelaria), San Bernardino Board of Supervisors 2nd District	
Cliff Hamlow , San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers	x	W. Lee Smith (for Rick Travis), California Rifle and Pistol Association	x
Javier Hernandez , LA County Board of Supervisors – 1st District (Solis)		Ben Smith , Community of Wrightwood	
Henry Herrera , CalFire		Mark Stanley (for Margaret Clark), Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	
Jenny Johnson (for Steve Messer), Mountain Wilson Bicycling Association		Gary Stickel (for Andrew Salas), Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation	x
Grace J. Kast , Gateway Water Management Authority		Linda Taira (for Dale Benson), CalTrans, District 7	
Wendy La (for Ann Croissant), San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy		Brent Tercero , Gateway Council of Governments	
Jackson Lam (for Mark Masaoka), Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council		John Tobin (for Bill Reeves), Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps	x
Wendy La (for Ann Croissant), San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy		Rick Travis , California Rifle and Pistol Association	
Joseph Lyons , San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	x	Amy Wong (for Belinda Faustinos), San Gabriel Mountains Forever	x