

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2022  
GOODAN RANCH POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING

ATTENDEES

Committee Members:

CA Department of Fish & Wildlife: Jason Price

City of Poway: Councilmember Barry Leonard, City Manager Chris Hazeltine,  
Community Services Director Audrey Denham

City of Santee: Councilmember Dustin Trotter, Public Works Supervisor Sam Rensberry

County of San Diego: Parks & Recreation Director Brian Albright, Region Manager Matt Sanford, Supervising Ranger Kevin Hubbell, Park Ranger Patrick Wiener, Environmental Planner Anna Prowant, Supervisor District 2 Representative Eliran Hersko

Members of the Public:

Carol Crafts, Friends of Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch  
Terry Callan, Friends of Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch  
Gail Andujo, Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Park Host

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:36 a.m.
2. INTRODUCTIONS
3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC
  - Carol Crafts
    - What is the status of the Public Access Plan as it relates to the Resource Management Plan?
    - What are the required conservation easements from City of Poway for the Highway 67 Improvement Project?
    - Friends group did not receive notice for rare plant surveys. Would like to be notified for future surveys.
    - Friends group would like more advanced notice for future policy meetings.
    - Any updates on the Hanson open pit mine operation?
    - Decrease in signs of wildlife in the Scripps Poway wildlife tunnel. Increase in mountain bike tracks
    - Any updates regarding the Highway 67 Improvement Project?
    - Any updates regarding the San Vicente Power Plant dam near Boulder Oaks?
4. PRESERVE OPERATIONS UPDATE (Kevin Hubbell)
  - Staff planted over 250 native trees throughout the preserve. Partnering with SDG&E, an additional 30 trees were planted by a contractor.
  - Well head received improvements with a new pump, replumbed well head, new pressure tank, and raised casing.

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- Staff refurbished the old greenhouse. It will be used for sprouting acorns and growing a variety of native trees and plants.
  - A new chicken coop was also added, and six chicks were introduced. The greenhouse and composting area will also be used for educational programs.
  - Staff and volunteers continue to perform vegetation management, trail, and road maintenance.
  - Staff and volunteers continue to deter use of unauthorized trails in the preserve by installing barriers, signage, and engaging with trail users.
  - Staff continue to monitor for Western Spadefoot Toad activity near Martha's Grove and Cardiac Hill. No sightings this year due to dry conditions.
  - Park staff hosted three Star parties this year in partnership with the San Diego Astronomy Association.
  - Rangers hosted nature touch tables every Saturday morning to provide a hands-on educational experience about local wildlife.
  - Two new trail maps were added at trail junctions.
  - Doggie bag stations were added to the Highway 67 and the Goodan staging areas.
  - Staff added a new native plant garden north of the Goodan ranch house and updated landscaping around the visitor center.
  - The horse corral and hitching post were sanded and repainted.
  - Historical photos and videos from the Goodan family are now on display in the Visitor Center.
  - Two new Class 2 E-Bikes were purchased to aid in patrols and to perform maintenance tasks.
  - SCGR became one the first workgroups in DPR to switch from gas powered to electric tools.
  - Future Plans
    - Staff will work with DGS to resurface the floor in the Visitor Center and repaint the exterior railing.
    - Picnic area features will be added to the Olive Grove.
    - A Native American exhibit will be added to the Visitor Center under the guidance of the Barona Cultural Museum
    - The preserve brochure and website will be updated to attract more special events and gatherings.
5. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (Anna Prowant)
- Continuing to finalize the Public Access Plan. Currently funded for design and environmental. Construction funding is not anticipated until FY 24/25.
  - Public feedback regarding Goodan Ranch parking expansion at the northwest corner of the property to add 20-25 spaces, if feasible.
  - Hermes Copper Butterfly was listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act by USFWS in December 2021. Identified in preserve.
    - Conducting surveys this year and data will be updated to the PAP and environmental documents.
  - The Mitigated Negative Declaration is going out for public review in 2023.

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- Species observed in preserve: San Diego Goldenstar, Cooper's Hawk, Southern California Rufous-Crowned Sparrow, Coastal California Gnatcatcher, and Southern Mule Deer.
- Rare plants such as San Diego Thornmint, are monitored regularly.
  - Monitoring dates will be shared with the Friends group.
- Active grant from San Diego Habitat Conservancy for the Invasive Non-native Treatment Project.
  - In last year of the 3-year grant for the 32-acre treatment area
  - Focus is on riparian habitat adjacent to Sycamore Creek
- In response to Friends comments:
  - Thanks to the Friends group for sharing comments regarding the open pit mine and mountain bike track data in the Scripps Poway wildlife tunnel
  - Carol Crafts – Mine will alter scenic viewshed from Slaughterhouse Trail.
  - No update regarding the Hwy 67 Caltrans project. Will follow up with Friends.
  - No update regarding the San Vicente Dam at Boulder Oaks. Brian Albright – A working group has been established.

### 6. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Brian Albright – Preserve will receive an increase in the operating budget for next fiscal year.
- Terry Callan – Improvements to the Goodan Staging Area entrance. Installing a more welcoming gateway structure. The Goodan family are primary donors to the Friends group and have contributed 100k.
- Carol Crafts – Can drop off more copies of the Goodan Ranch history book at the preserve office.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT at 11:00 a.m.