

# MISSION TRAILS PROJECT

## Meeting Summary

**DATE:** September 18, 2007

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**ORGANIZATION:**

Tierrasanta Community Council, Community Development Committee

**ATTENDANCE:**

6 committee members (no public attendance)

**PRESENTERS:**

Jeremy Crutchfield, Mission Trails Project project manager, San Diego County Water Authority  
Craig Balben, public affairs representative, San Diego County Water Authority  
Mark Tegio, senior water resources specialist, San Diego County Water Authority  
Miguel Valenzuela, engineer II, San Diego County Water Authority  
Martin Coghill, Mission Trails Relining project manager, Jacobs Engineering

**STAFF RESOURCES:**

Jen Shira, outreach consultant, Katz & Associates

### **PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

Craig Balben thanked the CDC for allowing the Water Authority to present an update on the construction projects that will be occurring in Mission Trails Regional Park in the coming years. Craig introduced Jeremy, who provided a presentation on the Mission Trails Project. Martin then provided a presentation on the Mission Trails to Lake Murray Pipeline 3 Relining Project.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

During the course of the meeting, the CDC members shared the following concerns:

- Balance truck traffic throughout the approved access routes in the community to avoid one street bearing the majority of truck trips to and from the park.
- Incorporate lessons learned from the previous project in the park.
- Enforce work hours with the contractors; there should not be any truck queuing, crew gatherings, or work conducted before approved work hours (7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday – Saturday).
- Identify what conditions exist that would allow work outside of approved work hours (7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday – Saturday).
- Do not close trail access to the western trails in the park, the trails were open during the previous project in the park.
- Secure open trenches for public and wildlife safety.
- Regularly street sweep access routes.
- Repair access routes to better than existing conditions.

- Consider two levels of road repairs: Immediate repairs that should not wait until the project is complete (i.e. potholes) and comprehensive/long-term repairs at the end of the project (i.e. overall conditions, “wear and tear”).
- Relocate the trailer staging area outside of the community to Old Murphy Canyon Road. If the staging area can be three-quarters of a mile from the project site, why not a mile and a half?
- Include Farb Middle School into the school outreach program.
- Secure staging area 24 hours a day.
- Ensure lights are off at the staging area outside construction hours (7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday – Saturday).
- Provide language to the community from the contract documents.

In addition to the above concerns the following questions were asked:

- Q. Are the revegetation efforts at the site of the pipeline break complete?**  
**A.** *Yes. The Water Authority is now monitoring the revegetation efforts at the site. As part of the Mission Trails to Lake Murray Pipeline 3 Relining Project, there will be a relining portal located at the site of the pipeline break.*
- Q. The EIR for the Mission Trails Project was only presented and reviewed by the Mission Trails Park staff. Why didn't that come to the TCC for review and approval?**  
**A.** *The Water Authority has made several presentations to the TCC over the course of the planning and design phases of the Mission Trails Project and included two members of the TCC on the project working group. The TCC submitted a comment letter on the EIR, to which the Water Authority responded. The process the Water Authority is following for the relining project is different than the one followed for the Mission Trails Project. For relining, we need to obtain a site development permit from the city, something that was not required for the Mission Trails Project. For that project, the Water Authority was the lead agency, according to CEQA.*
- Q. Can the future staging area for field office trailers at the end of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard be moved from its proposed location?**  
**A.** *The Water Authority studied this early in planning and decided that the best location for the field office trailers is at the end of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Trailers cannot be located in the park due to space availability at the project sites.*
- C. The TCC saved the Water Authority a lot of money by advocating that the bridge at Clairemont Mesa Boulevard stay in the park after the first project. If we had known that this action would invite the Water Authority back to use this access, we would not have made that decision.**
- C. Please consider the lessons learned from the first project that went through this neighborhood.**
- Q. Will the neighbors be able to hear noise from the air vacs (which will replace the blue vent stacks currently in the park)?**  
**A.** *No, the neighbors won't hear noise when they are operating.*

- Q. When will the river crossing component of the project be constructed?**  
*A. The Water Authority has a limited time period to conduct the work at the river crossing due to environmental restrictions. The work at the river crossing will coincide with the relining work, and will likely occur in late 2008 through early 2009.*
- Q. Once the river crossing is complete, can construction vehicles use it to access the project sites?**  
*A. This access will be used for the portals in the southern portion of the park. Vehicles, however, will not access the construction sites from the southern portion of the park due to the park terrain.*
- Q. Are the truck numbers provided spread out over the course of the day?**  
*A. This depends on the phase of the project, the truck size, and timing.*
- Q. Will there be traffic balancing? Will the trucks be directed evenly throughout the approved streets so no one street bears the burden of more trucks than another?**  
*A. The truck drivers can choose to travel along any of the approved access roads.*
- Q. During the first project the trails were not closed, why do they have to be closed now? Residents also access the park from "unapproved/unmarked" access points throughout the neighborhood; the Water Authority may not be able to monitor this access.**  
*A. This is a public safety issue and the Water Authority will take every measure to help ensure safety in the park of park users and crews.*
- Q. Will open trenches be secure?**  
*A. Yes.*
- C. Please include Farb Middle School in your school outreach program.**
- Q. Does the Tierrasanta community have a good neighbor policy like the park?**  
*A. No, that is only with the park and the city. However, the Water Authority will look at the concerns brought up tonight and look for ways to address concerns, and share contract language with the CDC.*

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