

Goodan Ranch Policy Committee  
May 8, 2025

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**Minutes**

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Members:**

County of San Diego: Parks and Recreation Director Jason Hemmens, Region Manager David Moniz, Supervising Park Ranger Kevin Hubbell, Park Ranger Dan Tuttle, Internship Director & Policy Aid Michelle Surakhanova, Program Manager Kiran Seibel, Environmental Planner Emily Pacholski, Senior Park Project Manager Mark Kieser, Park Project Manager Lucas Taylor

California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: Senior Supervisor Jason Price, Reserve Manager Aiden Renner

City of Poway: Councilmember Jenny Maeda, Management Analyst Karen Tansey

City of Santee: Public Works Supervisor Sam Rensberry

**Public:**

Friends of Goodan: Terry Callan, Phoenix Von Hendy

San Diego Mountain Biking Association: Susie Murphy, Peter Hulburt  
Michael Puckett, Unaffiliated

Georgio Ruffalo, Unaffiliated

Leon, Unaffiliated

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:32 a.m. (by Jason Hemmens)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve – Aiden Renner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Rensberry

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Susie Murphy: Thanks given to staff of Sycamore Canyon for assistance in the SDMBA Archipelago Ride earlier in May, which had around 260 starting participants of the 45-mile ride.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

Emily Pacholski: Presented brief overview of the Resource Management Plan. Addition of acquisitions over the course of the previous 20 years requires continued surveying, monitoring, and implementation measures. PAP, VMP, RMP were finalized in 2023 which address native/nonnative plant concerns, public accesses, protection of resources, and trails informally created. Phases 1 and 2 of RMP are to be completed within one year of RMP implementation. Phase 1: Beginning after bird nesting season, existing trail revegetation and 4 segments of trail realignments on Ridge/Marthas trail will be carried out internally by Sycamore Canyon staff. Phase 2: Trail establishment and improvement of some existing unofficial trails will be carried out in the Northern property area, this will be done with a combination of County staff, volunteers, and contractors.

Susie Murphy: Inquiry whether the projected maps available are 'ground-true' and if public input is an option. Emily clarifies there to be some leeway and information is accessible on the Sycamore Canyon section of the SD County Parks website.

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## 6. FACILITIES UPDATE

Kevin Hubbell: Update on past year's accomplishments:

- Sycamore Canyon welcomes 3 new rangers between 2024-2025.
- Continued meetings regarding Stowe trail access
- New potable water tank installation, with preexisting water tank to be reallocated for emergency fire use
- Additional 225 trees planted throughout the preserve property
- Continued support of large events (Dirty Feet and SDMBA races referenced) in addition to an increased amount of other private events held in reservation spaces (weddings and baby shower referenced).
- With suggestion by Terry Callan during 2024 Goodan Ranch Policy Committee meeting, Goodan Staging area was improved with new wooden

'Welcome' sign carved by Sycamore Canyon Ranger Travis Payne, dumpsters relocated from Goodan staging area to larger 67 staging area

-Successful Interpretive outreach events (Miramar College and COC Earth day events referenced)

-Windmill area received a sturdier and more appealing wood/metal perimeter fencing, with interpretive signage additions likely to be installed by Sycamore Canyon park staff in the future

-No Spadefoot Toad (*Spea hammondi*) reported sightings on Marthas trail this season, high temperatures and dry conditions being probable cause

-Hoping to start some proposed trail reroutes in the coming months

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Susie Murphy: Continued updates on Resource Management Plan and ongoing status of trails requested. States the importance of data collected from trail counters and inquires the locations set throughout Sycamore Canyon. Eco Vision is the company used for trail counting.

Terry Callan: Reminder to all in attendance that the 'A History of the Land; Then and Now' booklets compiled by Carol Billhardt Crafts are free and encouraged to take.

## 8. MOTION TO ADJOURN – 10:52am (Jason Hemmens)