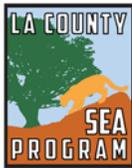


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DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**MINUTES OF THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEATAC)
MEETING OF May 2, 2016
Approved by SEATAC July 25, 2016**

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Agenda Items:

- A. Approval of minutes from SEATAC meeting of January 11, 2016
- B. Coordinator's Report and New Business Discussion
- C. Consent Item
Project: Dedication and Everlasting Love to Animals (DELTA)—Project No. R2011-00090-(5), CUP No. T201100007, ENV No. T201100012
- D. Review Item
Project: Magic Mountain Bank Stabilization—Project No. 90-011-(5), CUP No. RPPL2016000514
- E. Review Item
Project: San Diego Yacht Club Buffalo Beach—Project No. R2014-01628-(4), CUP No. T201400066, ENV No. T201400127
- F. Review Item
Project: Catalina Island Trails—Project No. R2015-01333-(4), CUP No. T201500055, ENV No. RPPL2016001170
- G. Public Comment—Pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code

A. Approval of minutes from SEATAC meeting of January 11, 2016

SEATAC Motion:

Motion/second by Drill/Garrison: Move to approve the draft minutes.

Vote--Aye: Drill, Garrison, Scott / abstaining: Swift.

B. Coordinator's Report and New Business Discussion

- Staff outreach activity
- Meeting schedule
- Remote hearing location options
- Agenda items will be taken out of order, with Item F preceding Item E.

C. Consent Item

**Dedication and Everlasting Love to Animals (DELTA)—R2011-00090-(5), RCUP
T201100007, RENV T201100012
AINs: 3209021031, 3209021020
ADDRESS: 30272 Arrastre Canyon Road, Acton, CA 93510.
USGS Topographic Quad: Acton
APPLICANT: William Hess
PLANNER: Kristina Kulczycki
SEA: Santa Clara River SEA 23**

Case materials and SEA Resource descriptions are posted under May 2, 2016:
<http://planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/seatac/>

Project Description:

The project is a request for a conditional use permit to retroactively authorize the development, operation and keeping of 42 dogs and 27 existing dog runs within a 5.5-acre site including the housing, feeding, watering and walking the dogs by two employees over two daily shifts.

SEATAC Action Requested:

Provide a determination of project consistency with the SEA Compatibility Criteria.

SEATAC Comments & Motion:

Comments:

1. SEATAC stands by prior comments relating to the project. Provisions to minimize export of pollutants from the site and prevent access by birds to food are needed in the absence of any information that the site does not contribute pollutants to local waters or attract nuisance birds to the site.
2. Any new project—of this type or any other—would be required to have flood control structures and water-quality associated certification and permits incorporated as part of the project design and this project should have such facilities as well.
3. It isn't necessary to wait for a 1-inch storm to sample surface water coming off the site. Any surface runoff that can be collected during a rain event is sufficient for sampling.

SEATAC Motion:

Motion/second by Garrison/Scott: Project as presented is not compatible with the SEA; SEATAC is amenable to the applicant returning in order to discuss the further alternatives and additional information.

Vote—Aye: unanimous

D. Review Item

Magic Mountain Bank Stabilization--90-011-(5), RPPL2016000514

AIN: 2826007017

ADDRESS: 26101 Magic Mountain Parkway, Valencia, CA 91355.

USGS Topographic Quad: Newhall

APPLICANT: Tim Burkhart

PLANNER: Richard Claghorn

SEA: Santa Clara River SEA 23

Case materials and SEA Resource descriptions are posted under May 2, 2016:
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Project Description:

The project is a request for a conditional use permit to authorize approximately 91,140 cubic yards of cut, up to 42,750 cubic yards of fill with 48,390 cubic yards of export for an approximate total of 182,280 cubic yards of cut, fill and export grading for bank stabilization.

SEATAC Action Requested:

Review and comment on the project.

SEATAC Comments & Motions:

Comments:

1. Include as a BMP for biomass disposal, that all potential hosts of polyphagous shothole borer (PSHB) will be ground to less than 1" in order to help minimize the spread of PSHB.
2. Provide BMPs for handling of restoration materials and equipment to be used in project restoration.
3. Include exclusion/silt fencing extending to the limits of construction as a BMP for construction activities; provide details on the responsibilities of the construction monitor; incorporate regular morning inspections in the construction monitoring activities.
4. Provide details of post construction upland runoff to the site and how it may change from current conditions.
5. Add Newhall sunflower and the undescribed snail known from Middle Spring (Newhall Ranch) to the list of species to be addressed in preconstruction surveys

- per NRMP requirements, as agency-allowed access affords.
6. Provide greater specificity detailing the differences between upland and riparian plant palettes; include details for the watering plan to be followed during restoration; emphasize infrequent, deep watering rather than frequent watering; emphasize seeding over containerized plantings.
 7. Provide BMPs for handling of relocated wildlife.

SEATAC Motion:

Motion/second by Scott/Garrison: Further SEATAC review is needed, revise the project materials to incorporate the above comments and recommendations.

Vote—Aye: unanimous

E. Review Item (taken out of order, after Item F)

**San Diego Yacht Club Buffalo Beach—R2014-01628-(4), RCUP T201400066,
RENV T201400127
ADDRESS: Whites Landing Street, Avalon, CA 90704
AIN: 7480041003
USGS Topographic Quad: Santa Catalina North
APPLICANT: San Diego Yacht Club
PLANNER: Adrine Arakelian
SEA: Santa Catalina Island SEA 28**

Case materials and SEA Resource descriptions are posted under May 2, 2016:
<http://planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/seatac/>

Project Description:

The project is a request for a conditional use permit to authorize the expansion, development and maintenance of 14 new and existing multi-use trails including the development of new connections, realignments and re-contouring over 26.7 miles by the Catalina Island Conservancy.

SEATAC Action Requested:

Provide a finding of consistency with the SEA Compatibility Criteria

SEATAC Motion:

Motion/second by Scott/Garrison: Project is compatible with the SEA Compatibility Criteria.

Vote—Aye: unanimous

F. Review Item (Taken out of order, before Item E)

**Catalina Island Trails—R2015-01333-(4), RCUP T201500055, RENV
RPPL2016001170**

AIN: 7480040013

LOCATION: Santa Catalina Island, Avalon, CA 90704

USGS Topographic Quad: Santa Catalina North

APPLICANT: Erin Kennedy

PLANNER: Adrine Arakelian

SEA: Santa Catalina Island SEA 28

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Project Description:

The project is a request for a conditional use permit to authorize the expansion, development and maintenance of 14 new and existing multi-use trails including the development of new connections, realignments and re-contouring over 26.7 miles by the Catalina Island Conservancy.

SEATAC Action Requested:

Review and comment on project Biota Report and documents.

SEATAC Comments & Motions:

Comments:

1. The maps and descriptions in the Biota Report are not easily understandable. Define terms used to categorized the various route types—tertiary roads, social trails, etc.—and provide clear statements in the project introduction explaining the kinds of existing routes that are to be incorporated in the trails network and what their current and future uses will be.
2. Clarify how impacts are estimated and clearly depict on maps where new ground-breaking is to occur.
3. Discuss the potential for increased intensity of use of the island resulting from the trails program. Make explicit that routes designated under this plan will be held to the standard of use consistent with their designation.
4. Provide greater explanation of how constraints were recognized and avoided during the process of narrowing the existing trail network down to what is being proposed.
5. Include trail closure as part of the project where existing routes are to be abandoned and not recognized as a part of the official trail system. Clearly mark areas to be avoided.
6. Work with the Fire Department to minimize or eliminate fuel modification around bathroom stalls.
7. Include provisions in the hiking permit to increase enforceability against dog/fox

conflicts, sound pollution, and spread of exotic species in hiking permits (such as a prohibition of music/electronic devices played without headphones). Include meaningful consequences of permit requirement violations in the permit language. Develop an education program for visitors regarding invasive species.

8. Increase the frequency of reportage on the status of the invasive species monitoring program. Consider incorporating citizen science as a way to increase detection of new invasives.

SEATAC Motion:

Motion/second by Garrison/Scott: Provide information to the County Biologist for review and determination of consistency with the SEA Compatibility Criteria and return to SEATAC as a consent item.

Vote—Aye: unanimous

G. Public Comment—Pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code:

No public comment was made.

Procedure: SEATAC meetings are informal working sessions, open to public for observation and brief comment related to biology. Members are appointed volunteers in an advisory capacity. Minutes are prepared by planning staff from notes and the video record. Visitors are advised to take notes or refer to the event video posted on the SEATAC webpage at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/seatac>. Issues not discussed by SEATAC do not imply tacit approval. New or clarified information presented in subsequent submittals may raise new issues and may require further analysis. Minutes and motions are approved at the next SEATAC meeting. Draft minutes may be requested by the public prior to SEATAC approval, but are subject to revision.
