



LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**MINUTES OF THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEATAC)  
MEETING OF July 25, 2016  
Approved by SEATAC November 7, 2016**

**SEATAC MEMBERS**

Sabrina Drill, PhD  
Ty Garrison  
Tom Scott, PhD

**REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF**

Richard Claghorn, Planner  
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Steven Jones, Planner, SEATAC Coordinator

**Agenda Items:**

- A. Approval of minutes from SEATAC meeting of May 2, 2016
- B. Coordinator's Report and New Business Discussion
- C. Review Item  
Project: Magic Mountain Bank Stabilization—Project No. 90-011-(5), CUP No. RPPL2016000514
- D. Review Item  
Project: Catalina Island Trails—Project No. R2015-01333-(4), CUP No. T201500055, ENV No. RPPL2016001170
- E. Public Comment—Pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code

**A. Approval of minutes from SEATAC meeting of May 2, 2016**

**SEATAC Motion:**

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

**Vote—Aye: unanimous.**

**B. Coordinator's Report and New Business Discussion**

- Staff outreach activity

**C. 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 July 25, 2016:

<http://planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/seatac/>

**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. Although it does not affect the analysis of the present project, SEATAC advises the consultant that the vegetation mapping seems inaccurate and quality of information should be held to a higher standard.
2. Mulefat is a host for polyphagous shothole borer (PSHB). Other species on site may also act as reproductive hosts for PSHB, and the list of potential hosts for this emerging pest is rapidly changing. Additionally, infestation by this pest may be easily overlooked. Ensure that all potential host biomass that is removed from the work area is chipped, and that the most current information will be consulted in identifying potential hosts.
3. There is potential for the surrounding plant community to introduce PSHB to the restoration site, and this should be considered in the likelihood for the project to meet its performance goals.
4. Check the document and appendices for all discussions of biomass disposal and ensure that they all are consistent with the chipping to 1 inch standard for control of PSHB.
5. Herbicide use in wetland or riparian areas should be limited to cut-stump treatments applied during the dry season; foliar spray of herbicides is acceptable in upland areas. All herbicide use is subject to label requirements and agency restrictions.
6. Expand target lists of invasive species in mitigation measures to include species

in all relevant lists of invasive species (i.e., those listed in the HACCP and HMMP, as well as any other relevant lists that may exist.

7. Provide an explicit statement in the project description or introduction that there will be no downstream impacts to the river as a result of putting this project in.

**SEATAC Motion:**

Motion/second by Scott/Garrison: The project is consistent with the SEA Compatibility Criteria with incorporation of the discussed recommendations. Work with County Staff to incorporate SEATAC comments and recommendations into the project and return as a consent item.

**Vote—Aye: unanimous**

**D. Review Item**

**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**

Case materials and SEA Resource descriptions are posted under July 25, 2016:  
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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:**

Find project compatible with SEA compatibility criteria as consent item.

**SEATAC Comments & Motions:**

**Comments:**

1. Consider incorporating language in hiking permit language to address all potentially invasive species (plant and animal), and provide education outreach materials as widely as feasible.

**SEATAC Motion:**

Motion/second by Garrison/Scott: found compatible as a consent item.

**Vote—Aye: unanimous**

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

No public comment was made.

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**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.

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