



Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – General Plan

Public Meeting #2 – at Mission Valley Marriott “Cabrillo Room”, May 23, 2013

Recorded Verbal Comments

#1 Equestrian Association Representative

- He performed a survey looking for better trail access
- He determined that a trail out of Green Valley Falls is desired including access across SR-79

#2 San Diego Mountain Bike Association

- Trails Management Plan is a good idea. Consider all trails multi-use as a baseline then adjust by resource constraint
- Alignment of existing trails is affected by natural and cultural preserves
- Want to continue to use existing trails. Don't close existing trails. Look at re-routing them if necessary as opposed to closing them due to resource concerns

#3 IMBA Regional Director

- Promote more multi-use trails including the conversion of more trails to multi-use
- Create more connectivity throughout the Park as well as more loop trails
- Would like to encourage more diverse user groups within the Park including younger generations and minorities

#4 Cuyamaca Foundation

- Acquisition of property was addressed in the original 1986 General Plan. Will the new General Plan address this? Answer: General Plan will address acquisitions in a broad way but not identify specific properties.

#5 Descanso Planning Group

- The previous General Plan called for a Campground at Merigan. The new General Plan will determine whether this campground will be allowable
- The Planning Group would like to voice their opinion towards not allowing a campground, but allowing day-use.

#6 California Native Plant Society

- Opposed to clearing brush. Should not have been done under an emergency CEQA exemption. Management Plan does not list all plant species for revegetation

#7 Individual

- Interested in more trails, especially loop trails through the Park
- Also interested in further continuity of trails across the Park

- More indication of what is allowable on trails both in the Park and in the General Plan

#8 Individual

- Existing trails in natural and cultural preserves should be exempted from the preserves and allowed continued use.
- Eastside trail north of bridge is not safe, needs re-route
- A plan for a new day use staging area should be developed prior to changing or removing staging area at Camp Hual-Cu-Cuish

#9 Individual

- Wilderness and Natural Preserves are a European concept.
- Native Americans were tasked with managing the land before European settlement
- Would like to see improved management of the Park

#10 Equestrian

- Want horse camp in north end of park
- All areas of park have resource constraints, but a site should still be chosen that has fewest impacts
- Trail “use” safety, not “trail” safety. Whether or not a trail is considered safe is dependent on the user.

#11 California Native Plant Society

- GP is not addressing reforestation or shrub removal
- Not enough information regarding the management of natural resources in the Park
- The media is not explaining the reforestation appropriately
- Impacts to soil need to be addressed

#12 Individual

- Would like to utilize field by Merigan area, behind elementary school, to plant hay crop that could be harvested as part of an agricultural program with Future Farmers of America.

#13 CRSP User as both mountain biker and equestrian

- The Westside trail into Green Valley Campground is dangerous and needs a reroute
- Better access into trails is needed
- Concerned with multi-use safety on trails

#14 Equestrian

- Need a replacement for Los Caballos.
- Expand Hual-Cu-Cuish for equestrian family campground
- Or place at Paso Picacho campground
- Choose least impacting location and use for a camp

#15 Mountain Biker

- Supportive of continuity of trails throughout the Park
- Supportive of ensuring the Park is for people to use and recreate within

#16 Equestrian

- Green Valley equestrian camp is adequate but too close to SR 79. And you can't reach the north part of the park without a very long ride (too long for most)
- Trails could be re-routed around lake and meadows.
- Remember that the land was once a "Rancho" as the name implies. Keep this historic use
- Remember there were cattle grazing in meadow 50 years ago.

#17 Equestrian

- Suggests the creation of a committee for trails
- Wants to continue to be involved in the planning of the Park
- Suggests keeping the planning simple with minimal development

#18 Equestrian

- There was a girl scout camp called Tapawingo at the Stonewall Mine area
- Consider equestrian use at camp next to Stonewall Mine area

#19 Individual

- When stakeholder meetings are held, please provide information regarding their location, time and for whom they will be held.

#20 Individual

- Please provide day-use for the Mack Property
- Instead of direct access from SR-79, provide access from other points in the Park