



Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – General Plan

Public Meeting #3 – at Mission Valley Marriott “Cabrillo Room”, November 12, 2013

Recorded Verbal Comments

#1 Greg Rubin

- Concerned about management practices with respect to forest revegetation – destruction of pioneer species, soil compaction and disturbance, prescribed burn devastation.
- Reforestation needs to be incorporated into general plan & EIR.
- Concerned about disturbing ecology for carbon sequestration.

#2 Kay Stewart

- Read written statement: General plan needs to show maps for planting shrubs.
- Include methods, tools and procedures in general plan.
- Money from corporations and dealing in carbon credits is commerce which is illegal.
- Wants to see restoration of CRSP but current actions are not the desired means. (See scanned written statement)

#3 Richard Halsey – California Chaparral Institute

- Concern over reforestation project and the general plan’s failure to include the projects impact into the planning document.
- Concern over emergency exemption, large portion of park impacted (20%).
- Wants specific meeting for reforestation.

#4 Mark Kukuchek

- Equestrian staging area proposed near Lake Cuyamaca and adjacent to Hwy 79 is not as good or as large as one at Hual-Cu-Cuish. Consider Hual-Cu-Cuish for horse camp.

#5 Laura Itagawa

- Off trail hiking is allowed – wants Matrix corrected.
- Wants trails use grandfathered in.
- Improving campsites is ok but don’t reduce the overall number of campsites.
- Doesn’t want to see Dyar House reconstructed – too expensive. But build new structure & interpret ruin instead.

#6 Deb Burroughs

- Wants trails that go through proposed expanded natural and cultural preserves to be grandfathered in so they can be used, repaired and re-routed when necessary.

#7 Gardner Grady – San Diego Mountain Biking Association

- Appreciates efforts by California State Parks
- Bikes have been banned in other jurisdictions in wilderness.
- Concerned about some areas of public access.
- Looking forward to seeing the general plan

#8 Frank Landis – California Native Plant Society

- Referred to slide showing reforestation map on top of vegetation map.
- Wants to have general plan address reforestation.
- Proposed plantings representative of 100 years ago during different climate than now.
- Wants trees but not a tree farm.

#9 Ernie Smith – Cuyamaca Equestrian Association

- Proposed natural and cultural preserves are out of balance with recreational use.
- Equestrians fear other areas like Los Vaqueros will be closed due to these preserves.
- Would like to see equestrian day use area put in across from Paso Picacho campground.

#10 Arne Johanson – Friends of Santa Fe Valley

- General plan proposals have thought through human uses well but natural resource protection, particularly vegetation, is totally lacking.
- The general plan in non-functioning without reforestation.
- If you don't include reforestation then you don't have a plan for that part of the park.

#11 Martin Jorgensen – Equestrian Advisory Committee, Back Country Horsemen, Pine Valley Mountain Riders, Ramona Trails Association

- Thankful for addressing equestrian concerns regarding trail use on the matrix
- Concerned about losing any potential for an individual horse camp in the north of the park.
- Proposed equestrian staging area by Lake is inadequate, one at Hual-Cu-Cuish was meant to be temporary and the general plan does not include an adequate replacement.
- Concerned that Green Valley camp isn't sufficient and needs improvement.
- Wants to be involved in future trails management plan (asked for assurance from State)
- Park needs to address fire management. Not just a plan but action as well. Utilize Mexico's fire management as an example.

#12 Terry Jorgensen – Ramona Trails Association, Back Country Horsemen, Pine Valley Mountain Riders

- Appreciates involvement in planning process, hopes to continue with trails management plan
- Concerned about wilderness, natural and cultural preserve boundaries are continuous – no room for individual horse camp
- North half of park shows no viable options for horse camp
- Tullock is not a good option due to safety concerns crossing highway
- Want to see in writing in the general plan that trail re-routes are in place prior to closure.

#13 Mike Curtis- Park Volunteer

- Volunteer with 16 years on the board and Trails Maintenance Unit
- Idea to demolish existing Dyar House, reuse the stone and build a new visitor center in its location, possibly expanding footprint around entire hilltop

- Concerned about longevity of trailers

#14 Anne Fege – Chair, Community Forest Advisory Board and Retired Supervisor with Cleveland National Forest

- Encourage greater general plan detail in natural resources
- Need accurate descriptions of vegetation including seedlings
- Expansion of natural preserves make sense
- Include silviculture guidelines and impact of 2003 wildfires
- General plan should incorporate science for reforestation and assess in EIR

#15 Cindy Buxton – Forest Committee San Diego Sierra Club

- Doesn't agree with removal of native habitat for tree planting.
- Biodiversity is being lost.
- Ceanothus is not invasive
- Concerned about scenic integrity of middle peak.
- GP should engage scientific study
- Supportive of ensuring the Park is for people to use and recreate within

#16 Charlene Phelps – Mounted Assistance Unit

- The founding of the park based upon equestrian use due to ranching history.
- At Green Valley Equest. Camping the "West side Tr. Extension" should be mentioned in the general plan. This is to connect to the fire road for safer access to south.

#17 Kim Bactad – Kumeyaay Diegueno Land Conservancy

- Supports proposed expansion of cultural preserves for all Californians
- Wants to work with other park user groups to protect cultural sites
- Cultural sites need to be identified and worked around

#18 Glen Morgan – Back Country Horsemen

- Actions are needed to prevent future catastrophic fires
- Fuel management is needed
- Action is needed by park staff to keep people from growing marijuana in the park.

#19 Rich Wolf – Bicyclist

- There are many road cyclists going through park.
- Need paved bike lanes along Hwy 79 corridor.