

**Big Tujunga Wash Mitigation Area Project  
Community Advisory Committee Minutes  
Thursday, April 28, 2011 Meeting  
At Hansen Yard**

**I. Welcome/Introduction**

Meeting attendance sign-in sheet attached.

**II. Review of Meeting Agenda**

Valerie De La Cruz reviewed the meeting agenda.

**III. Discussion of Action Items from the September 23, 2010 Meeting**

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. Each action item is listed followed by the discussion about each item. New action items generated from the discussions are listed in section VIII.

1. **Sergeant Nikolof from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Parks Bureau (LACo.Sheriffs) will provide the information on the fines (Bail Schedule) to Valerie De La Cruz of County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (LACo.DPW). Valerie De La Cruz will distribute the information to ECORP and the members of the CAC.**

Sergeant Nikolof stated that he will send the information to Valerie by email.

2. **Sergeant Nikolof will provide a copy of the Big Tujunga grid map to Dispatch.**  
The grid maps that show all of the Hansen Dam area and the Big Tujunga Mitigation Area were previously provided to Sergeant Nikolof and he provided them to Dispatch. However, he stated that most of the officers who patrol are familiar enough with the area that they don't rely heavily on the maps.

**Related Security Items**

Chris Arlington stated that she tried to call to report some men walking towards ponds that were carrying beer. This occurred on November 14, 2011 at 11:00 am. Chris was told that no officers were available. Sergeant Nikolof stated that he would check out why this was the case, but he explained that officers could have been on another call at the time.

Mary Benson from City of LA District #2 announced that a homeless encampment that is located outside of the Mitigation Area is scheduled for removal in mid June–July, 2011. There is a concern that the removal, which will be supervised by the LA City Police Department, may result in a movement of homeless people out of the Big Tujunga Wash and into the Mitigation Area, specifically the Tujunga Ponds area.

A report was made that a Haines Canyon Creek trail that leads towards the I-210 Freeway underpass had been intentionally booby trapped in an effort to discourage trail traffic. Wire and other debris were reported on the trail at that location. The City of Los Angeles Police Department looked into this matter, and April 15<sup>th</sup> was the last time that debris was reported on the trail.

Concern still exists about an individual who lets his two dogs run loose in the Mitigation Area. One appears to be a Pit Bull mix and the other looks like a shepherd mix. The Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control officer would like to talk to owner and asked if anyone had his phone number or knew where he lived. No one knew enough about the owner to provide any information.

Greg Benavides (ECORP) mentioned that there are some areas around the ponds that could potentially hide homeless encampments. One of the areas is between the east and west Tujunga ponds. Valerie De La Cruz asked Sergeant Nikolof if LACo.Sheriffs will be able to increase their patrols. He stated that the number of officers on patrol in the area will be increased during the summer months. Sergeant Nikolof stated that concerned citizens should still call LACo.Sheriffs Dispatch if they see anything amiss in the Mitigation Area.

**3. Greg Benavides (ECORP) will do some follow-up research to determine if there is an ordinance that protects the Yuccas from being harvested during the blooming season.**

Yuccas are not protected, so while harvesting the flowers during the blooming season disturbs the reproductive cycle, it is not illegal. However, the ordinances on the signs posted in the Mitigation Area address the cutting of vegetation and don't allow damage to LACo.DPW's property. Therefore, if someone is seen removing Yucca flower stalks or other plants or animals from the Mitigation Area, then LACo.Sheriffs Dispatch should be called. This issue was covered in a previous edition of the Big T Wash Line newsletter, but it may warrant another article in the future.

**4. Valerie De La Cruz will provide Terry Kaiser with 30 to 40 copies of the newsletter to distribute to feed and tack stores in the area.**

Valerie De La Cruz provided Terry Kaiser with copies of the September 2010 newsletter. She will also provide him with 40 hardcopies of the April 2011 newsletter. Chris Arlington also requested 30 hardcopies of the April 2011 newsletter and Mary Benson requested an electronic version of the April 2011 newsletter. Cindy Rowlan and Valerie De La Cruz stated that the April 2011 newsletter mailing will go out on Monday, May 1, 2011. In addition, the newsletter will also be posted on the LACo.DPW website.

- 5. Mary Benson will provide a list of schools where the newsletter can be distributed to in order to get the information about the Mitigation Area to the local communities.**

Mary Benson stated that she had provided the list of schools to Valerie De La Cruz.

- 6. Chris Arlington will print out the newsletters from the LACo.DPW website and distribute them at the SHPOA meetings.**

Chris Arlington stated that she will distribute the April 2011 newsletters to other Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) affiliates.

- 7. Terry Kaiser will add the LACo.DPW link to the Equestrian Trails Incorporated (ETI) website, which has approximately 150 members, so that the ETI members can view the newsletter and other information about the Mitigation Area.**

Terry Kaiser stated that he has already added the LACo.DPW web link to the ETI website, though he may have posted an incorrect URL (web link). He will correct the link. In addition, Valerie De La Cruz will add the ETI link to the LACo.DPW community website ([www.eticorral20.com](http://www.eticorral20.com)).

- 8. LACo.DPW will check into adding a specific reference on the new ordinance signs that says paintball guns and air rifles are not allowed in the Mitigation Area.**

Sergeant Nikolof confirmed that the ordinance on the signs that refers to no weapons also covers paint ball guns and air rifles. It was decided to not add the words "paint ball guns" and "air rifles" to the ordinance sign.

For information purposes, the new ordinance signs have all been installed. A new sign location is on the haul road at the west end of the Mitigation Area. In addition, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation gave LACo.DPW authorization to post the new signs at the entrance to the Tujunga Ponds. The orientation of the new signs is such that people will be able to read the text as they enter the Mitigation Area. The trails map that was displayed at the meeting showed the locations of all of the new signs.

- 9. A suggestion was made to include an announcement in the next newsletter that informs people they can call Dispatch if they see anyone with paintball guns or air rifles in the Mitigation Area.**

- 10. Valerie De La Cruz will plan for a spring time tour for Los Angeles County Supervisor's and City Council personnel.**

The tour is still the planning stage. The best time to do a tour is in the spring because the plants are leafed out, the flowers are blooming, and the birds are very active.

James Gutman stated that there is debris at the outlet of the west pond and it is likely keeping the water levels in the ponds higher than normal. ECORP will have Natures Image check the pond outlet area and if there is a pile of debris there, then they will remove it.

**11. ECORP will make sure that Natures Image's maintenance crews keep plant materials piled at the unauthorized trail at the end of Cottonwood in order to continue to deter the unauthorized use of the trail.**

Greg Benavides monitored while the Natures Image crews piled debris and rocks at the entrance to the trail at the north end of the Cottonwood area. The unauthorized trail goes from the upland area down the steep hill to the trail below. Even though the debris was piled there, equestrians continue to use the trail by walking around the piled materials. The CAC members stated that people use that trail to train their horses how to walk down steep grades. A more permanent barrier may need to be installed. It may require a crossbar that is constructed all along the area at the end of Cottonwood. Greg Benavides will provide Valerie De La Cruz with a photo of the trail entrance and Valerie will work with Flood Maintenance Division to determine a method to close that trail. Terry Kaiser stated that he would be willing to help with a design for the closure.

**12. Valerie De La Cruz will check with Dale Gibson regarding the September 25<sup>th</sup> "Ride for the Cure" trails event that was planned to occur in the Mitigation Area. Use of the Mitigation Area for an event of this type requires a permit from LACo.DPW.**

Valerie De La Cruz was not able to issue a permit for the activities with such a short notice. She did attend the Ride for the Cure event and talked to Dale Gibson about getting permits in the future. All organized events that take place within the Mitigation Area boundaries require a permit. Valerie posted all of the permit applications on the County's website and she explained that the applications are very easy to fill out. When filling out an application for a trail riding event, for example, a map needs to be attached that shows the trails that will be used. Also, the permit fee can be waived if requested and the County agrees. All permit applications should be submitted to Edna Garcia (egarcia@dpw.lacounty.gov) at Construction Division for processing and approval.

**13. Elektra Kruger will contact Valerie De La Cruz regarding having someone from LACo.DPW attend the SHPOA meeting.**

Valerie De La Cruz and Cindy Rowan attended the SHPOA meeting and did a great job!

**14. Valerie De La Cruz will coordinate with LA Co. Animal Care and Control regarding enforcement in the Mitigation Area. The contact person at County Animal Control is Stacey Dancy.**

Stacey Dancy is with the City of L.A. Department of Animal Services and is not the LA County contact person. Officer Larrios is the contact person for the LA Co. Animal Care and Control. He stated that they will use all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to patrol the Mitigation Area as well as the areas downstream towards Hansen Dam. The fine for

loose dogs ranges from \$700 to \$800. Officer Larrios said LA Co.Animal Care and Control will notify LACo.DPW two weeks prior to when they plan to patrol the Mitigation Area so LACo.DPW can post the notice on the County's website. Valerie De La Cruz will provide an email notification to the community. Chris Arlington requested that Officer Larrios notify other Animal Care and Control officers to shut off their ATVs when approaching equestrians on the trail and to make sure the officers talk to the riders. By doing this, there is less of a chance that the horses will be spooked by the vehicles or the officers.

**15. ECORP will conduct a reconnaissance of the trails just prior to the next maintenance visit by the landscape contractor (Natures Image) to notify them of the problem areas, including where the poison oak is growing into the trail.**

The main problem areas where poison oak is growing out onto the trails are east of the south Wheatland entrance and along the west side of the west pond near the fence and where the creek begins. Natures Image cut the poison oak during the previous trail maintenance but it has grown back again. These areas will be targeted again during the next trails maintenance in May.

Italian thistle is now a problem north of the creek crossing and behind Gibson Ranch. The CAC members also mentioned several large castor bean plants along the fence line adjacent to Wentworth Avenue. Greg Benavides will instruct Natures Image to target the thistle and castor bean during the May maintenance visits. Valerie De La Cruz requested that ECORP notify her when the next maintenance visit is scheduled.

The CAC members discussed trimming of vegetation while they are riding or hiking through the Mitigation Area. Terry Kaiser and other equestrians carry machetes when they are riding in order to cut vegetation that could represent a danger to the horse or rider. Sergeant Nikolof informed the group that a machete could be considered a weapon but if it is carried in a sheath that is visible to the officers, the patrolling officers likely would not cite the riders.

Valerie De La Cruz reminded the members that cutting the vegetation during the breeding season requires a Biological Monitor to ensure that nesting birds aren't affected by the trimming. This is a condition of the California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreement for the Mitigation Area. The CAC Members requested that they be notified a couple of days prior to the next maintenance visit so they can notify the SHPOA members. A suggestion was made to provide them with some text for an email blast they can send out to their members. ECORP will prepare text of an email that can be sent out to the members of both the SHPOA and ETI groups. The email will be reviewed by LACo.DPW and then sent to Chris Arlington ([SHPOA@shpoa.us](mailto:SHPOA@shpoa.us)) and Terry Kaiser. Greg Benavides will provide specific training to

the maintenance crew members regarding proper behavior around horses when they are encountered on the trail during maintenance activities.

**16. ECORP's biologist will map the extent of the burn and photograph the conditions where the fire occurred during the next trails monitoring site visit. This information will be provided to LACo.DPW and will be included in the 2010 annual report.**

Greg Benavides photographed the location where the trees were burned in the riparian area behind Gibson Ranch. He also found another small burn area approximately 300 feet away from the main burn. Embers may have blown over and started this additional fire. The maintenance crews will focus on weeding in these areas so the weeds do not out-compete the native vegetation as it recovers.

**17. Mary Benson will provide Valerie De La Cruz with information about potential partnering between LACo.DPW and the new Deputy Mayor's office (Rommel Pasqual, Deputy Mayor in charge of the environment) for River Keeper outreach.**

Mary Benson called the Deputy Mayor's office and they directed her to the East Valley Coordinator, Angelica Ayala. She coordinates the LA River cleanups. Her phone number is (818) 778-4990. Mary Benson suggested that LACo.DPW coordinate with Angelica.

**18. ECORP's biologist will meet with Terry Kaiser and possibly Chris Mowry, the LA County Parks and Recreation Department's Ranger, to look at the area where equestrians are riding through the creek to determine a method to eliminate this trail use.**

The area is still open and people are still walking through the creek. Greg Benavides noted a lot of erosion at creek crossings and he has suggested that equestrians cross in single file to minimize the bank erosion. It has been noted that there are equestrian groups that have been seen riding inside the creek at this location. It is likely that they do not know they shouldn't be doing that so there needs to be better education targeted at these recreational site users. The CAC Members discussed possible methods to get the word out to them. The Bronco Entertainment Group puts on equestrian and rodeo events at Gabrielino Park and that may be a good time to do some education for those equestrians. Greg Benavides will find out when the next equestrian/rodeo event will be held and will notify LACo.DPW to determine if public outreach can be scheduled.

Other large groups of equestrians get together between 9:30 and 10:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays at the feed store located at 11084 Sheldon Street. This may be another opportunity to do some public outreach to equestrians who ride through the Mitigation Area. LACo.DPW will consider this as another outreach task.

## **IV. New Discussion Items**

### **Vector Control Issues**

ECORP's Biologists as well as many of the CAC Members have noted that the mosquitoes are particularly bad along the water trail and behind Gibson Ranch. Valerie De La Cruz stated that Vector Control did a treatment in the Mitigation Area on April 27, 2011. She also stated that Vector Control wants to do an aerial treatment over the Mitigation Area in mid-May. The treatment would be done using a helicopter. Concerns were raised over when the treatment would be conducted (day or night) and how low the helicopter would fly when it did the treatment. Valerie De La Cruz stated that she would find out additional information from Vector Control. If the treatment is done at night, then there won't be any impacts to equestrians or to nesting birds.

### **Trail Restoration Work**

LACo.DPW's Flood Maintenance Division sent a crew out to Haines Canyon Wash to remove the alignment of rocks marking the trails and restoring the adjacent areas back to their natural state. Valerie De La Cruz reminded the CAC Members of the email she had sent out regarding the fact that vegetation removal can only be conducted by the authorized biologists (ECORP) and their maintenance contractor (Natures Image). In addition, her email also addressed the fact that rocks should not be moved to create trails and if they are moved off of trails because they are a safety hazard, then they need to be placed carefully at the edge of the trail and habitat areas. Rocks should never be thrown into the adjacent habitat because there is a potential to damage the habitat or disrupt nesting birds.

### **Vegetation Removal during the Breeding Season**

The bird breeding season is between February 15 and August 1 so no vegetation clearing or cutting can occur unless a biologist has conducted a pre-construction survey and a biological monitor is present during the clearing. This topic has been addressed in previous newsletters but the CAC Members discussed other ways to notify people about the hazards of vegetation trimming during the breeding season. ECORP suggested writing an article for the SHPOA newsletter. In addition, ECORP suggested providing text for an email that can be sent out to the SHPOA and ETI members. The group thought that was a great idea because they can reach hundreds of members very quickly using the email blast technique. ECORP will prepare a short article and text for an email and will send it to LACo.DPW for review prior to sending it to Chris Arlington and Terry Kaiser.

### **Organized Trail Cleanup on April 23, 2011**

Terry Kaiser and a group of volunteers had planned a trail cleanup along the water trail near the west end of the Mitigation Area. Terry Kaiser contacted ECORP and LACo.DPW prior to the cleanup to discuss the issues with the trail. He stated there were some large rocks in the trail that were exposed during some of the large rains. These rocks represented safety hazards for equestrians so he arranged to have a group help with clearing these

rocks from the trail. Mari Quillman (ECORP) and Valerie De La Cruz instructed him to have his group carefully set the rocks off the edge of the trail and to avoid any disturbance to the adjacent habitat. The low level of activity was not anticipated to have any impacts on nesting birds. Terry Kaiser reported to the CAC Members that the work was mostly focused on the trail downstream of the Mitigation Area boundary. The crews only worked about 25 feet inside of the boundary of the Mitigation Area. The crews were very careful to move the rocks without creating any disturbances. Terry Kaiser had followed up with both ECORP and LACo.DPW on the Monday following the cleanup. The follow up was appreciated.

### **Graffiti Concerns**

The CAC Members stated that graffiti is an ongoing problem on the Lake View Terrace side of the Mitigation Area. The worst problems appear to be coming from the north Wheatland entrance and along the haul road. Many of the rocks are painted with graffiti. In addition, the area where the road to the ponds crosses under the 210 freeway also has a lot of graffiti on the rocks. Valerie De La Cruz will contact the graffiti abatement group and get them out there to do the removals. Graffiti can be reported to the Graffiti Hotline by calling (800) 675-4357 (option 2) or by visiting [www.dpw.lacounty.gov](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov) and follow the "Stop Graffiti" link.

Terry Kaiser mentioned that there is a strange metal placard that looks like a cult sign on an old post near the south Wheatland entrance. He stated that it is either a fine stencil or it is hand-painted. ECORP will coordinate with Terry Kaiser to look at it and recommend a removal method.

### **Trails Safety Issues**

The CAC Members discussed the possibility of LACo.DPW putting on a vegetation trimming workshop for equestrians and other site users who hike the trails. LACo.DPW realizes that overhanging vegetation along the trails can be a safety hazard, particularly to equestrians. The workshop could cover topics such as when it is and is not OK to trim, methods of trimming, and where to place cuttings. LACo.DPW does not want to encourage people to trim vegetation because they don't want to violate the permit conditions for the Mitigation Area. However, they do realize that there could be safety issues. LACo.DPW will discuss the potential of having a workshop.

### **Trails Signage and Identification**

LACo.DPW and ECORP had discussed how to identify authorized and established trails in the Mitigation Area. Many of the trails are established but are not shown on the latest version of the trails map. The trails mapping was conducted by a survey crew hired by LACo.DPW but they may not have surveyed in all of the existing trails used by visitors to the site. Terry Kaiser suggested that he could use his Global Positioning System Unit (GPS) while he rides the trails and then he can provide the data to ECORP. This would help to show where all of the trails are in the Mitigation Area.

ECORP suggested putting up trails signs that would show open and closed trails. The signs could be fashioned after the trails signs used by the Bureau of Land Management (photographs were shown at the meeting). The CAC Members were in favor of using those sorts of signs. If LACo.DPW wants to go forward with signing the trails, then ECORP can provide the information on where the BLM has their signs fabricated.

The CAC Members stated that some of the old habitat restoration area signs are still located in certain areas. The most notable area is along the trail in the oak/sycamore woodland restoration area. These signs are not necessary anymore so they will be collected and disposed of during the next maintenance effort in May.

The CAC Members suggested that an email blast be sent out to the SHPOA and ETI members (in English and Spanish) regarding why it is important to stay on the trails in the Mitigation Area. ECORP will provide LACo.DPW with the text for an email in regards to this issue. After it is reviewed by LACo.DPW, then it will be forwarded to Chris Arlington and Terry Kaiser.

### **Internal Gate at the South Wheatland Entrance**

Terry Kaiser provided a potential design for an internal gate at the south Wheatland entrance. Another horse got loose in the Mitigation Area and ran out the south Wheatland entrance and across Wentworth. Fortunately, the horse's owner had stopped traffic so the horse was not injured. The fact that this entrance is completely open creates a hazard not only for horses that run across Wentworth, but it also represents a potential hazard to drivers if a horse darts out in front of their cars. The internal gate will prevent loose horses from being able to exit the Mitigation Area at the south Wheatland entrance. Terry Kaiser will fill out a construction permit application on the County's website and he will provide his proposed design. Installation of the gate will not result in the removal of any vegetation or in any impacts in the Mitigation Area. The location where the gate is proposed is devoid of vegetation. Valerie De La Cruz will let Terry Kaiser know who to contact in the County's Construction Division.

### **Outreach Focused at Kids**

Mary Benson suggested that LACo.DPW talk to the Los Angeles Unified School District Parent Centers because all kids have to do 40 hours of community service work before they graduate from high school. If LACo.DPW could create a certificate program for kids that help out with the trails cleanup day in the Mitigation Area, then the schools will likely encourage the kid's participation. The kids have to have a signed certificate as proof that they have done the community service hours. Officer Larrios spoke about the Regional Occupational Program (ROP), which provides kids with community service hours and includes proof that they have done the work. Officer Larrios will send the info on the ROP

program to Valerie De La Cruz. Ms. De La Cruz will investigate on whether or not the County can take part in an event like this.

### **Trails Maintenance Day**

The CAC Members discussed using an email blast to notify all SHPOA and ETI members about the upcoming trails maintenance day on October 15, 2011 (the alternative date is October 22, 2011). This should be done a couple of weeks prior to the actual cleanup day. LACo.DPW will provide an email notification to the community two weeks prior to the trails cleanup day to help forward the information.

## **V. Current Status of Programs**

The current status of programs was not discussed in any detail during this meeting. The only programs that were mentioned were the continuing maintenance and exotic plant removal activities that will be conducted in May/June. In addition, exotic wildlife removal will also occur in the May/June timeframe.

## **VI. Discuss and Schedule for the Next Trail Maintenance Day**

The next Trail Maintenance Day is scheduled on October 15, 2011 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The event will be cancelled if rain is forecasted. LACo.DPW will provide trash bags, gloves, and snacks.

## **VII. Schedule Next CAC Meeting**

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Hansen Yard, 10179 Glen Oaks Boulevard, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

## **VIII. Action Items**

- Sergeant Nikolof stated that he will send the information about the Bail Schedule to Valerie De La Cruz by email. Valerie's email address is: [VDELACRUZ@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:VDELACRUZ@dpw.lacounty.gov)
- Sergeant Nikolof will check on why there were no officers available when Chris Arlington reported people with beer walking towards the Tujunga Ponds on November 14, 2011 around 11:00 am.
- ECORP may include an article about removal of Yucca flower stalks and other vegetation from the Mitigation Area in the September Big T Wash Line Newsletter.
- Valerie De La Cruz will provide 40 copies of the April 2011 newsletter to Terry Kaiser and 30 copies to Chris Arlington. She will also send an electronic version to Mary Benson.
- Chris Arlington will distribute the April 2011 newsletters to other Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) affiliates.
- Terry Kaiser will correct the LACo.DPW web link he added to the ETI website. Valerie De La Cruz will add the ETI link to the LACo.DPW community website ([www.eticorral20.com](http://www.eticorral20.com)).
- ECORP will include an announcement in the September Big T Wash Line newsletter that informs people that they can call LACo.Sheriffs Dispatch if they see anyone in the Mitigation Area with paintball guns and/or air rifles.
- Valerie De La Cruz will coordinate a tour of the Mitigation Area for County and City Officials.
- Greg Benavides will provide Valerie De La Cruz with a photo of the problem trail at the north end of the Cottonwood area where equestrians are taking their horses down the steep hillside. Valerie De La Cruz will work with Flood Maintenance Division to determine a method to close that trail. Terry Kaiser stated that he would be willing to help with a design for the closure.
- Officer Larrios will notify Valerie De La Cruz two weeks prior to when LA County Animal Care and Control will be doing an enforcement sweep through the Mitigation Area.

Valerie De La Cruz will then send out a notification to the community about the scheduled date.

- Officer Larrios will tell all of his respective officers to shut off their ATVs when approaching equestrians on the trail and to make sure the Officers talk to the riders.
- ECORP's Biological Monitors will direct the Natures Image crews to target the poison oak and Italian thistle that is encroaching on the trails.
- ECORP will notify Valerie De La Cruz about the date of the next maintenance event in the Mitigation Area. Valerie will send a notification to the community about when the crews will be on site.
- ECORP will prepare an article about why trees and vegetation should not be cut during the bird breeding season and they will prepare text for an email addressing the same subject. These will be provided to Valerie De La Cruz for review and then they will be provided to Chris Arlington for the SHPOA newsletter and email blast to the SHPOA members. These will also be provided to Terry Kaiser so he can send them out to the ETI members.
- ECORP will prepare text for an email blast (in English and Spanish) to the SHPOA and ETI members about the importance of staying on the trails in the Mitigation Area. ECORP will provide the text to LACo.DPW for review prior to sending it to Chris Arlington and Terry Kaiser.
- Greg Benavides will provide specific training to Natures Image's crews regarding the proper behavior when they encounter a horse and rider during their maintenance activities.
- Greg Benavides will determine when the next equestrian event will occur at Gabrielino Park, and he will provide that information to Valerie De La Cruz. LACo.DPW and ECORP will then discuss the possibility of conducting outreach at that event. LACo.DPW and ECORP will also discuss possible outreach to the large groups of equestrians who gather on the weekends at the feed store on Sheldon Street.
- Valerie De La Cruz will contact Vector Control to find out additional information about the aerial treatment that is planned in May.
- Valerie De La Cruz will contact the graffiti abatement group and get them out there to do graffiti removals. The primary targeted areas are the following: near the north Wheatland entrance, along Haul road, and along the road that leads to the ponds (under the 210 freeway). Graffiti can be reported to the Graffiti Hotline by calling (800)

675-4357 (option 2) or by visiting [www.dpw.lacounty.gov](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov) and follow the "Stop Graffiti" link.

- ECORP will coordinate with Terry Kaiser to look at the potential cult sign located near the north Wheatland entrance. Following the site visit, ECORP will provide Valerie De La Cruz with photos and a suggestion for methods to remove the sign.
- LACo.DPW will discuss the possibility of putting on a vegetation trimming workshop for equestrians and other site users who hike the trails.
- Terry Kaiser volunteered to use his GPS unit to map the locations of all of the minor trails used by equestrians. If he has time to do the mapping, then he will provide the GPS data to ECORP so it can be incorporated into the trails map.
- LACo.DPW will decide if they want to go forward with installing trails signs that indicate open and closed trails and directions. If necessary, ECORP will provide LACo.DPW with information on where the Bureau of Land Management has their trails signs fabricated.
- ECORP's Biological Monitor will direct the Natures Image crews to pick up the old habitat restoration area signs when they conduct the next maintenance event at the site.
- Terry Kaiser will fill out a construction permit application on the County's website for the internal gate at the south Wheatland entrance and he will provide his proposed design. Valerie De La Cruz will notify Terry Kaiser whom to contact in the County's Construction Division about the proposed gate.
- Valerie will check into the possibility of LACo.DPW offering a signed certificate to kids who help out with the trails cleanup day in the Mitigation Area. Officer Larrios will send Valerie De La Cruz information on the ROP's community service hours certification program.
- LACo.DPW will provide an email notification about the October Trails Maintenance Day to the community approximately two weeks before the scheduled date of October 15, 2011 with an alternative date being October 22, 2011.