

DATE: March 23, 2015

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 13: Selection of a RMC representative to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Collaborative Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint a delegate and alternate to serve as the RMC representative to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative.

BACKGROUND: Staff received a correspondence on February 6, 2015 from the National Forest Foundation (NFF) requesting the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) participate in the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (Exhibit A). The NFF has formed the Community Collaborative to bring diverse partners and residents together to identify, prioritize and advocate for investments, management objectives, and values that sustainably benefit the Angeles National Forest, the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and all communities throughout the region. The Community Collaborative started as a working group in late 2014.

The Community Collaborative is separate from the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) efforts to develop a National Monument Management Plan, as required by President Obama's San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Proclamation. However, the Community Collaborative will be closely involved and engaged in informing the process.

The first meeting of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Collaborative discussed a number of issues but most significantly, adopted the Community Collaborative Code of Conduct and a final purpose statement of goals (see Exhibit B: March 4, 2015 Meeting Handouts). These documents were intended to broadly guide the Collaborative efforts. Over the course of the next nine months to a year, the Community Collaborative will meet on a monthly basis to develop consensus on issues, priorities, and programs related to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2015, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, location to be announced.

As a standing item on the RMC Governing Board meeting agenda, the selected member's chosen to represent the RMC on the Community Collaborative will have an opportunity to provide updates on direction and actions of the collaborative group.

The Executive Officer has made a request that the Watershed Conservation Authority be given consideration as a collaborative member. Discussions for this additional seat are ongoing.

FISCAL INFORMATION: Not applicable.



February 6, 2015

We invite you to participate in a new collaborative effort to bring diverse partners and residents together **to identify, prioritize and advocate for investments, management objectives, and values that sustainably benefit the Angeles National Forest, the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and all communities throughout the region.** You represent an important voice in the San Gabriel Mountains region, and we hope you will join us. The initial meeting of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative will be on **Wednesday, March 4th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.** The meeting location has yet to be determined; we will send the venue and address as soon as possible.

As background, a small working group met in December and January to assist in organizing a balanced collaborative group. The National Forest Foundation is facilitating this working group and will facilitate the full Community Collaborative. The working group developed a draft purpose statement and goals and identified a list of important interests, and now seeks to launch a larger collaborative group.

The initial meeting of the Community Collaborative will focus on gaining agreement on the draft purpose and goals and building an action plan for the months ahead. As you may know, the U.S. Forest Service is beginning the land management planning process for the new National Monument. That process is separate from this collaborative effort and will be led by the Forest Service in accordance with their rules and regulations. Providing input on the Forest Service’s management plan is something the Community Collaborative may choose to engage in, in addition to building agreement about other issues and working on projects related to the new San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

As an invited member of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, your role would be to serve as a liaison to others who share your interests by communicating about what is happening in the Community Collaborative, and also to bring concerns and ideas back to the group. As detailed in the draft code of conduct, you should be interested in seeking a “zone of agreement” with stakeholders representing many different and conflicting interests, and have the ability to regularly attend meetings and dedicate time to the Community Collaborative. You should be able to make an initial commitment of participating through the length of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument land and resources management planning process. The timeline will be discussed at the March 4th meeting. Due to the many different interests being represented on the Community Collaborative, we ask that you not bring others to the meeting. The group is not accepting substitutes at this time.

The following describes the draft purpose and goals for the full collaborative that was developed by the working group.

Draft Purpose Statement

Represent diverse perspectives to identify, prioritize and advocate for investments, management objectives, and values that sustainably benefit the Angeles National Forest, the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and all communities throughout the region.

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What will this group strive to achieve? (Goals)

The community collaborative will work with the U.S. Forest Service to achieve the following goals for the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, while acknowledging the rights of all communities throughout the region:

- Identify and prioritize opportunities, including improved:
 - Recreational access
 - Visitor services
 - Stewardship of natural resources
- Maintain an open line of communication and relationship with the Forest Service
- Provide a forum where diverse community voices can express their views and identify areas of agreement to help inform Forest Service decisions and activities
- Actively engage the broader community

Audiences

- Forest Service
- Other governmental organizations/entities (local, state, other federal, Tribal)
- All communities with a spiritual, cultural, recreational, economic, or ecological connection to the San Gabriel Mountains
- Funding and goods and services community
- Key stakeholder groups
- Forest visitors
- Volunteers
- Communities of color, low-income communities and other underserved communities
- Audiences less engaged in the San Gabriel Mountains

Geographical Focus

San Gabriel Mountains and interdependent communities and ecosystems

We hope that you can join us in this groundbreaking effort; we will benefit greatly from your participation. Please confirm your interest in joining the group by contacting Emily Olsen (eolsen@nationalforests.org) at the National Forest Foundation by February 16, 2015. Please do not hesitate to contact Emily, Edward Belden (ebelden@nationalforests.org), or anyone on the working group with questions.

With best wishes,



Mary Mitsos, Executive Vice President
National Forest Foundation



WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Belinda Faustinos
San Gabriel Mountains Forever Coalition

Robert Garcia
City Project

Alfredo Gonzalez
Resources Legacy Foundation

Steve Messer
Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association

Judy Nelson
City of Glendora

Claire Robinson
Amigos de Los Rios

Daniel Rossman
The Wilderness Society

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City of Monrovia

Mark Stanley
Rivers & Mountains Conservancy

Linda Wucherpfennig
California Off-Road Vehicle Association



MEETING RECORD**San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative**Wednesday, March 4th, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Arroyo Seco Regional Library

Attendees

Alfredo Gonzalez, Resources Legacy Fund
Andy Silva, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
Ann Croissant, San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy
Armond Ghazarian, Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Brent Tercero, Gateway Council of Governments
Caitlin Sims, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
Chuck Myers, National Forest Homeowners
Claire Robinson, Amigos de Los Rios
Cliff Hamlow, San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers
Colin Rambo, Tejon Indian Tribe
Dale Benson, California Department of Transportation, District 7
Dan Rosenfeld, Community Partners
Daniel Lovato, Angeles National Forest
Daniel Rossman, The Wilderness Society
Diane Erskine Hellrigel, Community Hiking Club
Fabian Garcia, Angeles National Forest
Grace J. Kast, Gateway Water Management Authority

Greg Galindo, San Gabriel Valley Water Association
Henry Herrera, CalFire
Jack Sahl, Friends of the Angeles
Jacqueline Ayer, Association of Rural Town Councils
Jeff Seymour, El Monte City School District
Judy Nelson, City of Glendora
Kathryn Barger, LA County Board of Supervisors
Linda Wucherpfennig, California Off-Road Vehicle Association
Mark Masaoka, Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council
Michelle Nuttall, Southern California Edison
Mike McNutt, Palmdale Water District
Nidia Erceg, Sierra Club
Omar Gomez, Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica (COFEM)
Robert Garcia, City Project
Ron Ellingson, Mt. Baldy Lodge
Shane Jeffries, Previous Interim San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Manager
Steve Messer, Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association
Tim Brick, Arroyo Seco Foundation

CONVENORS/FACILITATION TEAM (National Forest Foundation)

Edward Belden
 Emily Olsen

Karen DiBari
 Mary Mitsos

Welcome & Introduction

Mary Mitsos welcomed all participants to the kick-off meeting for the new San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative. Thirty-two Community Collaborative members, three Forest Service staff, and four National Forest Foundation staff were present during the meeting.

Review Forest Service Management Planning Timeline & Next Steps

Shane Jeffries reviewed the Forest Service's management planning strategy and timeline for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

Background on the management planning process: Every acre of National Forest System land is under a forest plan. Forest plans are strategic in nature and typically last for 10-15 years. The Angeles National Forest Plan was recently revised (2012), so the Forest Service will not need to re-write the Forest Plan. Instead, the Forest Service will amend the existing Forest Plan to make it consistent with the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Presidential Proclamation. The management plan will not obligate funds or compel specific actions. November 2016 is the target date for finalizing the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument management plan

Status of National Monument work: The Angeles National Forest has identified approximately 50 priority projects and associated funding. The project list will be available for review and discussion at future Collaborative meetings.

Review and Seek Agreement on Draft Code of Conduct

Jack Sahl presented the draft Code of Conduct, which was developed by the working group, to the full Collaborative. Collaborative members approved the Code of Conduct with changes, and agreed that the document could be distributed. **The final Code of Conduct is attached.**

Review and Seek Agreement on Draft Purpose Statement and Goals

Steve Messer presented the draft Purpose Statement and Goals document, which was developed by the working group, to the full Collaborative. Collaborative members approved the Purpose, Goals, Audiences, and Geographic Focus with changes, and agreed that the document could be distributed. **The final Purpose Statement and Goals document is attached.**

Discuss Collaborative Timeline and Logistics

Community Collaborative members discussed issues related to membership and meetings, including meeting duration, frequency, public observers, alternates, and the use of electronic webinars and communications to complement in-person meetings.

Agreed-upon logistical items:

- Collaborative members can approve the meeting record via email. At least 80% response with "yes" or "live with" means that the meeting record is considered final and can be distributed publically. Silence (non-response) will equate to approval. If consensus is not reached (anyone votes "no") approval will wait until the next meeting.
- For the next three meetings at a minimum, the meetings will be closed to public observers until consensus is developed among the members on this topic.

- NFF will survey Collaborative members about preferences for alternates and proxies. Decisions on how to move forward with either issue will be made at a future meeting.

Outstanding issues:

- What quorum is required to reach consensus during a meeting if some members are unable to attend?
- In the future, will committee members be allowed to observe meetings when they are involved with the collaborative but are not a part of the collaborative body?

Action Items

- ✓ NFF will electronically poll Collaborative members to determine next meeting date.
- ✓ NFF will distribute list of Community Collaborative participants. **(attached)**
- ✓ NFF will distribute a map of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. **(attached)**
- ✓ NFF will survey members to gauge the Collaborative’s preferences regarding meeting duration and frequency, and the issue of alternates and public observers.
- ✓ ANF will provide information on new allocations of funding.
- ✓ NFF will provide Collaborative members with a link to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument webpages.

For the next meeting:

- ✓ Add organizations/associations to name tags.
- ✓ Provide water during the meeting.
- ✓ Reserve a larger room.
- ✓ If the meeting record is not approved via email, the meeting will begin by reviewing the meeting record and asking for approval.

Record of Decisions

Decision	Consensus
Approve and distribute the Code of Conduct	Yes
Approve and distribute the Purpose Statement & Goals Document	Yes
Meeting record can be approved for distribution with 80% participation and approval (thumbs up or thumbs to the side) via email	Yes
Public observers will not be allowed to attend the next three meetings	Yes
If the meeting record is not approved via email, the meeting will begin by reviewing the meeting record and asking for approval	Yes
Until a policy is approved by the Collaborative, proxy voting is not permitted	Yes

San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative

Code of Conduct

Adopted March 4, 2015

A member of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative and committee members will:

1. *Serve as a liaison to others in your constituency who are not a part of the Collaborative.*
 - a. In order for the Collaborative to function effectively the total number of members must be limited. There's an important need, therefore, for members to communicate with their constituencies about what is happening in the Collaborative, and to bring additional concerns and ideas back to the Collaborative. The goal is ensure there are no surprises in the community, and also to prevent missteps by the Collaborative.
2. *Strive for consensus. Decisions on recommendations will be made by consensus of all named Collaborative members. Consensus means the willingness to go along with the decision either in active support of it or in not opposing it.*
 - a. Tentative agreements may be made at meetings pending the opportunity for members to consult with their constituencies. This will be done on a timely basis.
 - b. The commitment to work for consensus means that members will:
 - Participate in the give and take of the process in a way that seeks to understand the interests of all;
 - Generate proposals thought to be workable for all; and,
 - Work together to reach consensus.
 - c. If the group is in general agreement on an issue, dissenting members are responsible for proposing alternatives they believe might achieve group consensus.
3. *Maintain a respectful and productive working climate.*
 - a. Attend all meetings of the Collaborative and assigned committees;
 - b. Come prepared and actively participate to reach consensus;
 - c. Respect other Collaborative members and seek to understand their interests;
 - d. Speak with candor and work to resolve differences in a constructive manner;
 - e. Actively generate proposals thought to be workable for all;
 - f. Follow through with your commitments and schedules.
4. *Engage with your members, the general public and the media in a way that supports the process and decisions of the Collaborative. Collaborative members who speak to the news media or*

participate in other forums such as online blogs must clarify that they speak only as an individual and not on behalf of the Collaborative, unless designated to speak on behalf of the Collaborative.

The National Forest Foundation will:

1. *Serve as neutral facilitator during meetings* by focusing the energy of the group on a common task, protecting individuals and their ideas from attack, encouraging everyone to participate and share their ideas, helping the group find zones of agreement, coordinating pre- and post-meeting logistics; and, where necessary, communicating with the members between meetings.
2. *Maintain the code of conduct agreed to by the member* and address the issue if a member is not acting in good faith and is inhibiting the group from moving forward.
3. *Respect the confidentiality of private communications* with any of the members.
4. *Prepare and maintain an objective record of the process and bring draft records back to the Collaborative for acceptance prior to distribution, including areas of agreement, disagreement, and strategies.*

San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative

Adopted March 4, 2015

Purpose Statement

Represent the general public by integrating diverse perspectives to identify, analyze, prioritize and advocate for values, resources, investments, management objectives and implementation practices that sustainably benefit all communities throughout the region, the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

What will this group strive to achieve? (Goals)

The Community Collaborative will work with the U.S. Forest Service to achieve the following goals for the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, while acknowledging the rights of all communities throughout the region:

- Identify and prioritize sustainable opportunities, including but not limited to improved:
 - Public safety
 - Watershed
 - Recreation
 - Visitor services
 - Stewardship
 - Educational, cultural and historical resources
- Maintain an open line of communication and relationship with the Forest Service
- Provide a forum where diverse community voices can express their views and identify areas of agreement to help inform Forest Service decisions and activities
- Engage actively the broader community

Audiences include:

- All communities with a connection to the San Gabriel Mountains
- Forest Service
- Other governmental organizations/entities (local, state, other federal, Tribal)
- Funding and goods and services community

- Key stakeholders
- Forest visitors
- Volunteers
- Communities of color, low-income communities and underserved communities
- Audiences less engaged in the San Gabriel Mountains

Geographical Focus

San Gabriel Mountains and interdependent communities, watersheds and ecosystems

San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative			
Interest Category	Name	Affiliation/Organization	Title
Academia (culture, history, art)	Judy Baca	University of California, Los Angeles and Social and Public Art Resource Center	Distinguished UCLA Professor/SPARC Founder
Academic (science)	Joan Leong	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Professor, Biological Sciences
Business	Cliff Hamlow	San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers	Chair
Business	Adam Lane	Los Angeles Business Council	Legislative Coordinator
Conservancies	Mark Stanley	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	Executive Officer
Conservancies	Ann Croissant	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	President
Conservation Corps	Daniel Oaxaca	San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	Founder
Environment	Belinda Faustinos	San Gabriel Mountains Forever Coalition	Chair
Environment	Daniel Rossman	The Wilderness Society	Senior Regional Representative
Environment	Nidia Erceg	The Sierra Club	Conservation Coordinator
Environment	Tim Brick	Arroyo Seco Foundation	Managing Director
Environmental Justice and Ethnic Diversity	Omar Gomez	Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica (COFEM)	Director of Programs and Public Policy
Environmental Justice and Ethnic Diversity	Mark Masaoka	Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON)	Policy Director
Environmental Justice and Ethnic Diversity	Robert Garcia	City Project	Founding Director and Counsel
Public Health	Dan Rosenfeld	Community Partners, Trust for Public Land	Director of Land Use Advisory Services
K-12 Education/Youth	Jeff Seymour	El Monte City School District	Former Supervisor
Local Government	Brent Tercero	Gateway Council of Governments	Board President and Pico Rivera Councilmember
Local Government	Fran Delach	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Executive Director
Local Government	Andy Silva	San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (Rutherford)	Government Relations Analyst
Local Government	Javier Hernandez	LA County Board of Supervisors – 1 st District (Solis)	Transportation Deputy
Local Government	Kathryn Barger	LA County Board of Supervisors – 5 th District (Antonovich)	Chief Deputy
Local Government	Chuck Carroll	Wrightwood FireSafe Council	Vice President
Local Government	Jacqueline Ayer	Association of Rural Town Councils (Antelope Valley) and Acton Town Council	Town Council Member
Local Government/Water	Armond Ghazarian	Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Senior Civil Engineer, Watershed Management Division
Native American Tribes	Colin Rambo	Tejon Indian Tribe	Tribal Historic Preservation Technician
Native American Tribes	Lynn Valbuena	San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians	Tribal Chairwoman
Other/Community	Jack Sahl	Friends of the Angeles	Chair
Other/Community	Claire Robinson	Amigos de los Rios	Managing Director
Other/Community	Alfredo Gonzalez	Resources Legacy Fund	Program Officer
Other/Community	Judy Nelson	City of Glendora	Mayor
Public Safety/Emergency Response	Henry Herrera	CalFire	Forester, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, San Bernardino Unit
Recreation	Dianne Erskine Hellrigel	Community Hiking Club	Director
Recreation	Linda Wucherpfennig	California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA)	Assistant Southern Regional Director
Recreation	Steve Messer	California Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)	President
Recreation	TBD	Equestrian Trails, Inc.	
Special Use Permits/Land Lease Holders	Chuck Myers	National Forest Homeowners	Director
Special Use Permits/Land Lease Holders	Ron Ellingson	Mt. Baldy Lodge	Owner
Transportation	Dale Benson	California Department of Transportation, District 7	Senior Transportation Engineer
Utilities	Michelle Nuttall	Southern California Edison	Sr. Project Manager, Environmental Policy & Affairs
Water	Mike McNutt	Palmdale Water District	Public Information Officer/Environmental Manager
Water	Grace J. Kast	Gateway Water Management Authority	Executive Officer
Water	Greg Galindo	San Gabriel Valley Water Association	Board Member & General Manager of La Puente Valley Water Company