

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

(Action Items Displayed in Italics)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Diaz.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Shawver, Vice Chair Ashland, and Commissioners Diaz, Warren, and Jones were present. Commissioners Hanson and Gabbard were absent.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

Matt Page commented on the desire for the installation of a disc golf course at an OC Parks facility and the benefits of disc golf.

IV. PRESENTATION(S)

A. THE IRVINE MUSEUM CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE

The Irvine Museum recently donated a collection of artwork to OC Parks, currently pending County of Orange Board of Supervisors approval, that showcases examples of the picturesque landscapes of the County's past and promotes appreciation of California's artistic heritage. The Commission and OC Parks would like to present The Irvine Museum with a certificate of recognition and gratitude for this generous donation.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, informed the Commission that the Irvine Museum could not attend tonight's meeting and asked that the presentation of the certificates be held at a future meeting.

Motion to continue the item to the October Regular Meeting of the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Warren

2nd: Commissioner Diaz

Approved 5-0

V. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE JULY 10, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Vice Chair Ashland

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 5–0

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the July 11, 2024 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting on the item.

Jeaniene Casiello, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, provided an update on the July 11, 2024 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Vice Chair Ashland

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 5–0

B. GYPSUM CANYON WILDERNESS OVERVIEW AND SELECTION OF TRAIL NAMES PRESENTATION

Staff will present an overview of Gypsum Canyon Wilderness, an OC Parks facility that recently opened to managed public access, and will present information on the proposed trail names for five trails and one overlook located within this facility that were selected by the Orange County Parks Trails Subcommittee for the Commission's approval.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Jeaniene Casiello, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, presented on the item.

Justin Sikora, OC Parks Operations Manager, presented on the item.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the names for five trails and one overlook at Gypsum Canyon Wilderness, as recommended by the Orange County Parks Trails Subcommittee.

Motion: Vice Chair Ashland

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 5–0

VII. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

OC Parks Summer Concert Series – Mile Square Regional Park and Salt Creek Beach – Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22 – 5 – 8 p.m.

- Thursday, August 1 features Ozomatli with an opening performance by KYNG at Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley.
- Thursday, August 8 features Big Bad Voodoo Daddy with an opening performance by Shea Givens at Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley.
- Thursday, August 15 features The FABBA Show with an opening performance by Kira Morrison at Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point.
- Thursday, August 22 features Jimmy's Buffet with an opening performance by Kamaki Keawe at Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point.

OC Parks Sunset Cinema Series – Irvine Regional Park, Laguna Niguel Regional Park, and Salt Creek Beach – Friday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 6 – 10 p.m.

- Friday, August 2 features Frozen II (PG, 2019) at Irvine Regional Park in Orange.
- Friday, August 9 features Napoleon Dynamite (PG, 2004) at Irvine Regional Park in Orange.
- Friday, August 16 features The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG, 2023) at Laguna Niguel Regional Park in Laguna Niguel.
- Friday, August 23 features 13 Going on 30 (PG-13, 2004) at Laguna Niguel Regional Park in Laguna Niguel.

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- Friday, August 30 features *The Goonies* (PG, 1985) at Bluff Park at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point.

Summer Citrus Harvest – George Key Ranch – Saturday, August 3 – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 12 – 2 p.m.

- Join OC Parks and OC Historical Commission for Summer Citrus Harvest at George Key Ranch Historic Park! Activities and performances include hands-on craft activities, local educational partners and exhibitors, live music performances, blacksmith demonstrations, and docent led tours of the Key Ranch home.

Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing – Peters Canyon Regional Park – Sunday, August 11 – 8 – 10 p.m.

- Enjoy an evening under a night sky illuminated by the cascading flashes of meteors! You'll hear astronomy folklore, search for different constellations and discover nocturnal critters that call the canyon home. An optional night hike is available, or bring your own blankets and chairs to simply relax and enjoy the nighttime show!

Wilderness Access Day: Red Rock Wilderness – Saturday, August 17 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Located within OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, Red Rock Wilderness features more than eight miles of new trails along with a scenic overlook that offers 360-degree views of the nearby iconic red rocks, Black Star Canyon Wilderness, Irvine Lake, Santiago Canyon and beyond. Visitors may provide voluntary feedback about Red Rock Wilderness through on-site participation surveys.

Biking the Bay – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Thursday, August 22 – 7:30 – 10 a.m.

- Join OC Parks for an interpretive bike ride around Upper Newport Bay! Participants will have the opportunity to pedal around the Bay, all while learning about local ecology and history.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 6:32 p.m.

Ted Craig Regional Park Lease

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- 124 acres
- Picnic areas
- Multiple playgrounds
- Basketball, handball, volleyball, baseball, and softball fields
- 3-acre lake
- Rose garden
- Several native plant gardens



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Lease History

- **1972 – 1997:** 25-year rent-free lease between the County of Orange (County) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for approximately 91 acres of land behind the Fullerton Dam.
- **1974:** Ted Craig Regional Park opened as a cooperative project between the County and USACE.
- **1997 – 2000:** Short-term interim leases to allow for the update of the Fullerton Dam Master Plan.
- **2000 – 2003:** Short-term lease agreement with USACE.



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Lease History



- Board approved 25-year lease after the completion of the County's portion of the Master Plan.
 - The lease is effective November 1, 2003, through October 31, 2028.
- As part of the lease agreement, the County provides for the operation and maintenance of the property in return for rent-free use of the land.

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Proposed Lease Agreement

The County is seeking a new lease to supersede the existing lease:

- **Term:** 25 years, ending August 31, 2049.
- **Consideration:** Rent-free lease in exchange for continued operation and maintenance by County to benefit the public.
- **Use:** In addition to maintaining consistent operations, will enable County to exercise two state grants to develop a bike park and restore lake habitat in the flood wash.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend that County staff persist in pursuing a 25-year lease with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to continue operation of Ted Craig Regional Park.



THANK YOU





Santiago Equestrian Center Lease Extension

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Background

- Southern Sierra Land & Cattle Company dba Santiago Equestrian Center (SEC) currently operates an equestrian center located on approximately 6.3 acres of land within Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park.
- When the County of Orange acquired the Park in 1997 as part of a larger land expansion, SEC was already occupying the Premises and operating it as an equestrian center.
- SEC provides affordable equestrian amenities, such as boarding, compared to other equestrian centers in the general area.



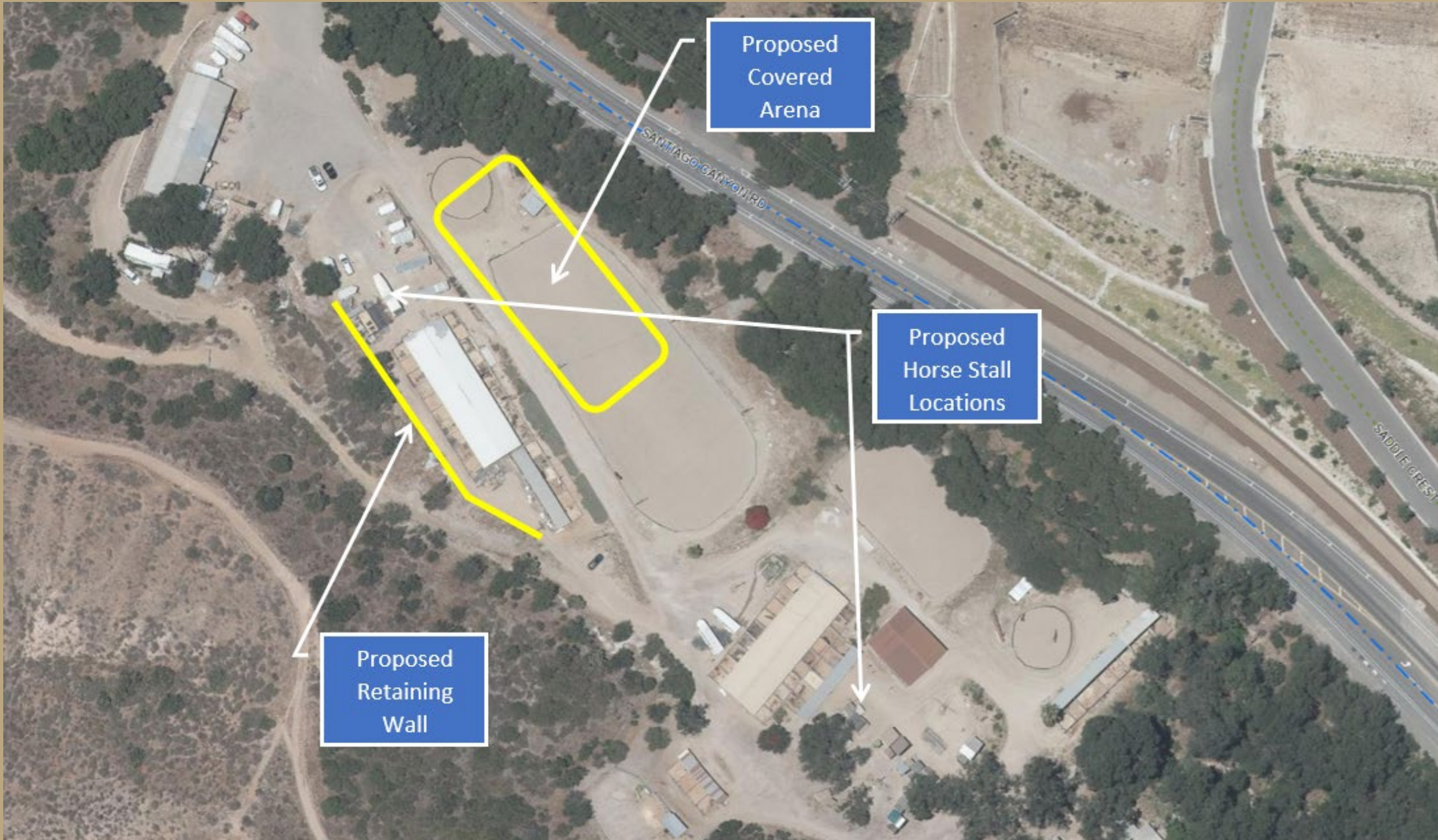


Lease History

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| 1997 – 2008 | SEC operated on a month-to-month license since acquisition by the County. |
| March 16, 2004 | Board authorized County staff to negotiate a Lease Agreement between SEC and the County allowing SEC to continue operating the Premises. |
| December 9, 2008 | <p>Board approved the Lease with SEC for a term of 20 years subject to the completion of certain improvement benchmarks.</p> <p>Due to unforeseen circumstances, SEC did not meet required improvement benchmarks, and the Lease was reduced to a five-year term.</p> |
| January 12, 2016 | Board approved the First Amendment to the Lease extending the Lease term to December 31, 2024, after improvements were completed. |
| April 15, 2020 | Second Amendment to the Lease executed in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency, extended the Lease expiration date to December 7, 2027. |

Third Amendment to Lease Agreement

- 15-year extension on its existing lease term in exchange for completing approximately \$1.3 million worth of capital improvements on the Premises.
- Proposed Capital Improvements
 - Retaining Wall
 - Arena Shade Structure
 - Additional Horse Breezeways/Stalls
- Modify the percentage rents paid from 8% of gross revenue to 10% of gross revenue commencing on January 1, 2029.
- Tenant shall be responsible for ongoing maintenance of all utilities within the leasehold.
- Tenant may request a five-year extension at sole discretion of County based on equitable capital improvements.



RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend that County staff persist in pursuing a lease extension with Southern Sierra Land & Cattle Company to continue operations of the Santiago Equestrian Center.



Image Source: Santiago Equestrian Center Yelp Page

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a maroon long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, is riding a brown horse with a white blaze on its face. They are moving from left to right across a dirt path. In the foreground, there are large, green saguaro cacti with small yellow flowers. To the right, a wooden fence with a steel cable runs across the frame. The background shows a dry, grassy hill under a clear blue sky.

THANK YOU

Santiago Equestrian Center Lease Extension

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ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Pam Passow, Director, OC Parks

DATE: October 3, 2024

SUBJECT: OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Member Reappointment

On August 6, 2020, the Commission appointed Virginia Webber to serve as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) for a two-year term, consistent with the Commission-approved Subcommittee Guidelines. On July 7, 2022, the Commission renewed the membership of Ms. Webber on the Subcommittee for an additional two-year term, consistent with the Commission-approved Subcommittee Guidelines. Her term has recently expired on September 24, 2024, and she has expressed interest in continuing her service on the Subcommittee.

Ms. Webber is a hiker, Irvine Ranch Conservancy volunteer, Crystal Cove Alliance volunteer, and public/interpretive program guide. Reappointment of Ms. Webber to the Subcommittee would support a balanced representation of the various trail user groups in the Subcommittee and benefit from her several years of experience serving on the Subcommittee. Her participation and insight while serving on the Subcommittee has proved valuable in many of the Subcommittee's discussions and decisions and her reappointment would prove beneficial to the objectives of the Subcommittee.

If reappointed, Ms. Webber would begin serving her third and final term with the Subcommittee, as provided by the Subcommittee Guidelines. Prior to the expiration of her final term, staff will provide additional candidates for the Commission's consideration to fill her seat on the Subcommittee.

In addition, there are two other Subcommittee Members whose terms are set to expire in March 2025 and who have both expressed interest in continuing their service on the Subcommittee. Early next year, staff will present these Subcommittee Members' names to the Commission for reappointment consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Reappoint Virginia Webber to serve as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for a third and final two-year term, expiring on October 3, 2026.


Pam Passow

ATTACHMENTS:

OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Membership Application – Virginia Webber

APPLICATION FOR OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The OC Parks Commission makes appointments to the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee. The purpose of this application is to provide the OC Parks Commissioners information regarding your experience and interests. Please provide the information requested by answering the questions below as clearly and concisely as possible.

**Information provided in this document may be subject to disclosure
under the California Public Records Act.**

DATE:

FIRST NAME: Virginia

LAST NAME: Webber

STREET ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: [REDACTED]

ZIP: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]

PHONE 2:

OCCUPATION:

Please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Describe your experience and qualifications that would make you an effective Trails Subcommittee member.

I have served as community volunteer trail guide and docent with the Irvine Ranch Conservancy since 2011, as well as a trail assistant for California State Park (Crystal Cove) and Crystal Cove Conservancy. I have written for the internal newsletters of the Irvine Ranch Conservancy and Crystal Cove Conservancy, as well as for outside publications to express the value and uniqueness of Orange County's open spaces.

2. Describe your involvement in recreation and outdoor-related groups and activities in Orange County, CA.

My involvement with the Irvine Ranch Conservancy since 2011 has included creating and leading public hikes on our county's open spaces, but has also included stewardship, trail building, and administrative and outreach volunteerism. I believe this range of experience has given me a holistic and comprehensive perspective of the complexities and opportunities of our trails and open spaces.

3. Provide names of all non-profit groups you are affiliated with that relate to parks, trails, open space management and/or preservation.

Irvine Ranch Conservancy
Crystal Cove State Park and Conservancy

4. What topics concern you that relate to the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee?

I am interested in both sustaining and extending the ways our trails and open spaces enhance the wellbeing of our county at multiple levels, including pro-social connection. I am also interested in messaging that inspires appreciation for the uniqueness of our trails and open spaces and the pioneering conservation underlying some parts of it.

5. What trail user group would you represent on the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee? (Multiple selections are allowed, however, note the primary area of expertise.)

- ☒ Hikers ☐ Trail runners ☐ Equestrians
☐ Mountain Bikers ☐ Road Cyclists ☒ Other:

6. Are you a recognized representative of any type of trails and/or environmental group? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, which ones?

7. Why do you want to be a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee?

I am a believer in the value of interdisciplinary approaches toward common purpose, and appreciate how the Trails Subcommittee invites a diversity of voices, interests and perspectives from the appointed members and the public to balance access to our open spaces with protecting the conditions that make them special.

Subcommittee Members are asked to make every effort possible to attend each meeting. The Subcommittee has a minimum of four (4) quarterly meetings per year at OC Parks Headquarters located at:

13042 Old Myford Rd
Irvine, California 92602-2304

Can you commit to attending all or the majority of these meetings? ☒ Yes ☐ No

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee will conduct open meetings in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) and will use Roberts Rules of Order as a guide for parliamentary procedure. If selected to serve on this subcommittee, you agree to read and abide with the Brown Act and the subcommittee's parliamentary procedures.

Members contribute according to their specific interests or expertise. This may include gathering information, making recommendations, and providing project updates to the Parks Commission and/or OC Parks Trails Subcommittee. Field trips, research, and attending occasional meetings of related organizations may also be necessary.

Thank you for your interest in the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee. **All members of the Subcommittee must be approved by the OC Parks Commission. Should a vacancy become available and you are selected to fill an at-large member seat on the Subcommittee, an OC Parks staff member will contact you immediately.**