SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

(Action Items Displayed in Italics) THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Shawver and Members Ball, Browning, Webber, and Schoeck were present. Alternate Chair Jones was absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Randee Tolentino encouraged OC Parks to permit Class I electric bicycles (e-bikes) on singletrack trails. He distinguished Class I bikes from electric dirt bikes and provided a document advocating for e-bike use on natural surface trails.

Chris Murphy spoke in favor of allowing Class I e-bikes and shared hard copies of supporting information.

Craig Dicht introduced himself as Laguna Canyon Foundation's new Trails Project Manager.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item will be approved by one motion unless a Subcommittee Member requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 10, 2024 MEETING

Motion: Member Schoeck 2nd: Member Browning

Approved 5–0

IV. DISCUSSION CALENDAR MATTERS (ITEM(S) A-B)

A. RED ROCK WILDERNESS PRESENTATION

Staff will present an overview of Red Rock Wilderness, an OC Parks facility in the Irvine Ranch Open Space that recently opened to managed public access.

Bryan Glenn, OC Parks Supervising Ranger I, presented on the item and answered the Members' questions.

Jennifer Naegele, OC Parks Natural Resources and Trails Manager, answered the Members' questions.

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James Dinwiddie, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered the Members' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Member Browning 2nd: Member Schoeck

Approved 5-0

B. NAMING OF RED ROCK WILDERNESS TRAILS AND OVERLOOK

The Subcommittee will review and select proposed names for the trails and overlook located at Red Rock Wilderness for OC Parks Commission approval, based on responses gathered from public surveys and staff recommendations.

Antonio Valdes, OC Parks Trails and Mapping Administrator, presented on the item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Select names for five trails and one lookout at Red Rock Wilderness for recommendation to the OC Parks Commission for approval.

The Subcommittee Members unanimously selected recommended and alternative name options for the five trails and one lookout in Red Rock Wilderness to propose to the OC Parks Commission for approval as follows:

Trail 1 – Recommended: Dragonfly Trail, Alternative: Mesa Meadows Trail

Trail 2 – Recommended: Tukuut Trail, Alternative: Gray Fox Trail

Trail 3 – Recommended: Chia Trail, Alternative: Doveweed Trail

Trail 4 - Recommended: Raven Ridge Trail

Trail 5 – Recommended: Goldenstar Trail, Alternative: Paintbrush Trail

Lookout – Recommended: Wild Sage Overlook, Alternative: Aura

Overlook

Motion: Member Ball 2nd: Member Schoeck

Approved 5–0

V. SUBCOMMITTEE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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James Dinwiddie, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided updates and answered the Members' questions.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT 7:16 p.m.







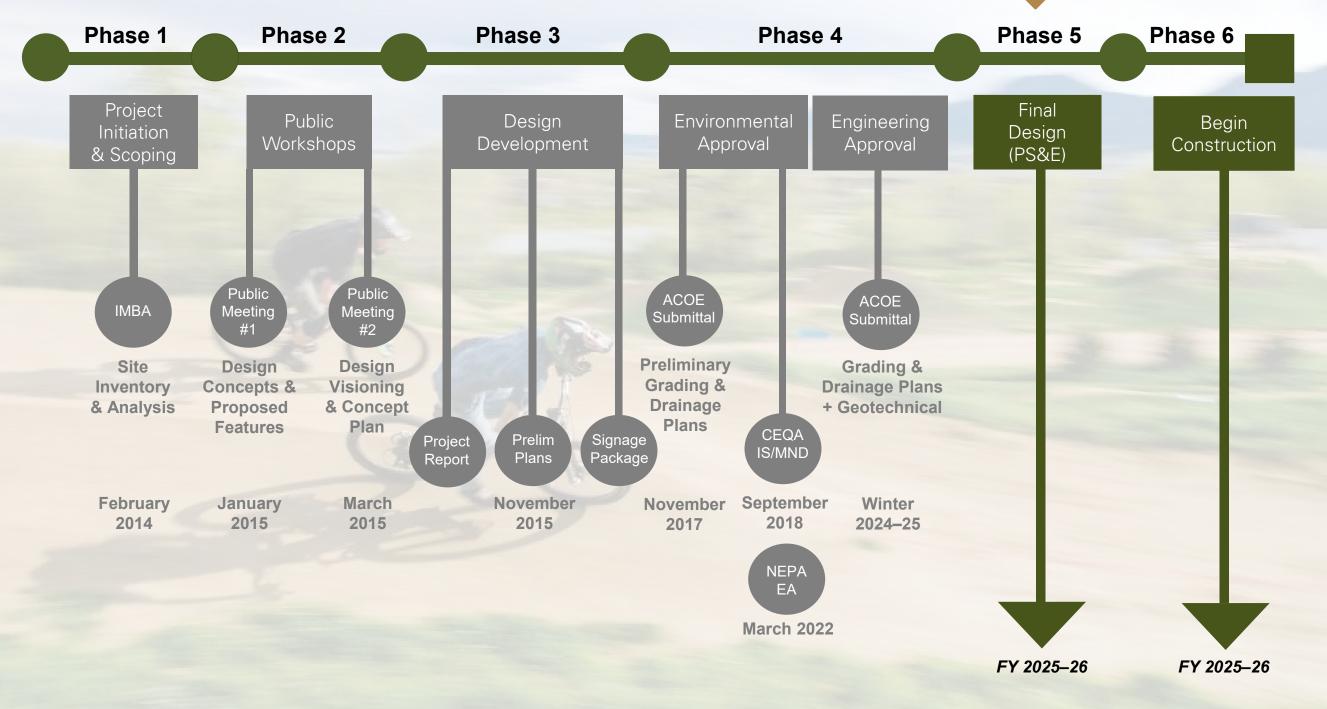






PROCESS





















TED CRAIG REGIONAL PARK BIKE FACILITY



CONCEPTUAL TRAIL LAYOUT



















NEXT STEPS

RFP Process (4 months):

- Pre-Qualification of 'Design-Build' Contractors
- Information for Bidders and Notice of Inviting Bids

RFP Evaluation (1–2 months):

- Review and Evaluate Written Proposals
- Interview Qualified Respondents

Finalize Contract (3–4 months):

- Bid Negotiation
- Board of Supervisors contract approval

Design (6 months):

- Advance 30% grading and drainage plans to 95% plans, specifications, and estimates
- Develop Operations Plan

Construction (6–8 months):

 Rough and precise grading, skill features (rock armoring, drops, rollers, curved walls, etc.), ramadas, irrigation, and planting















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Natural Communities Coalition Trail Monitoring Study

OC Parks Trails Subcommittee

April 10, 2025

BACKGROUND

Natural Communities
Coalition (NCC)

Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC)

Natural Communities
Conservation Plan/Habitat
Conservation Plan
(NCCP/HCP)



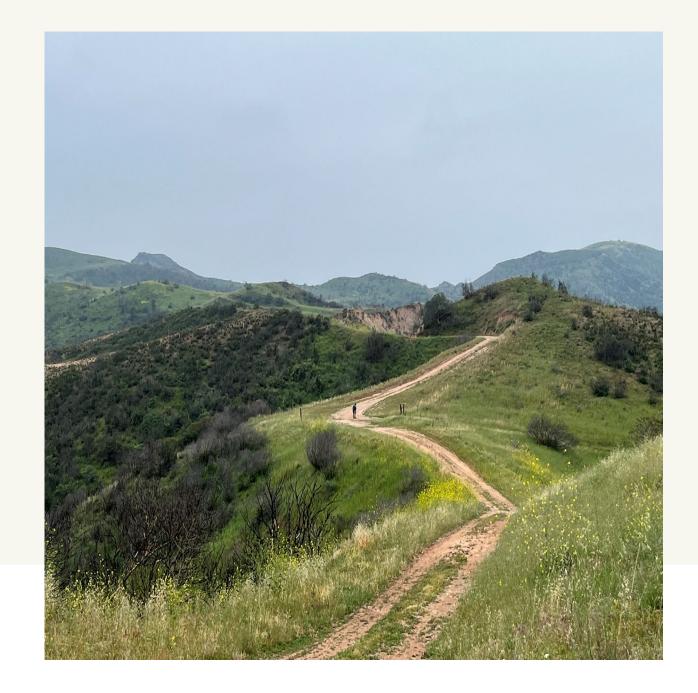


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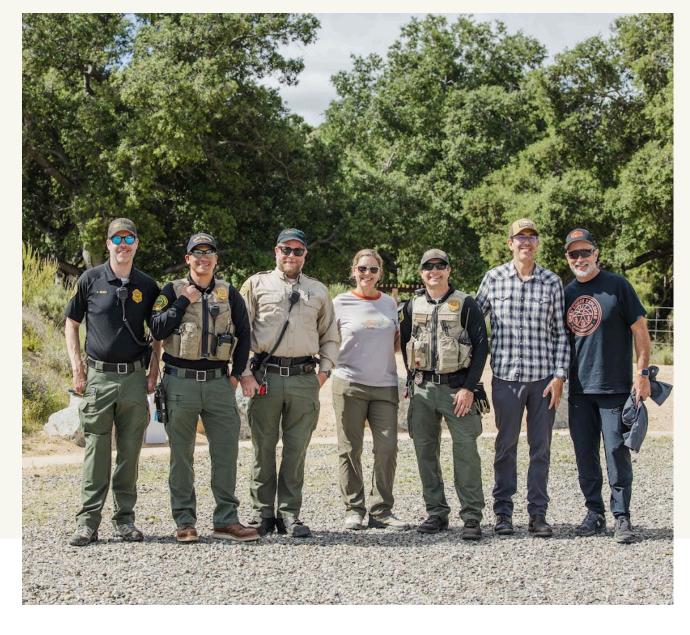


MONITORING CRITERIA





ENGAGEMENT and EXPERTISE





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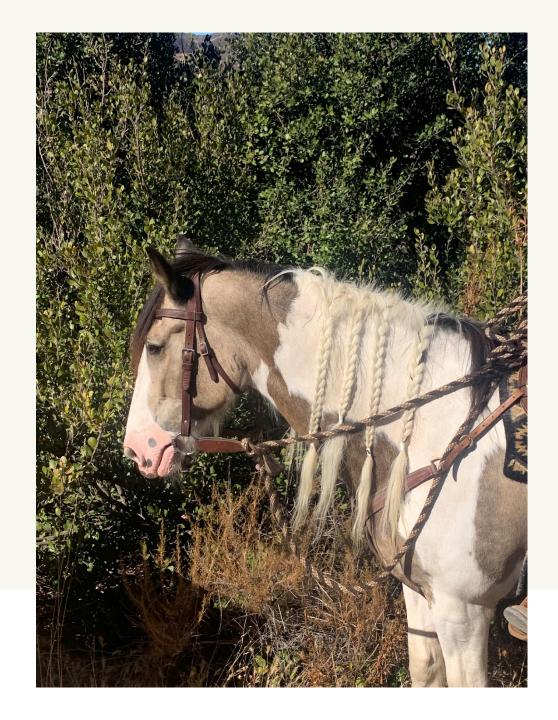




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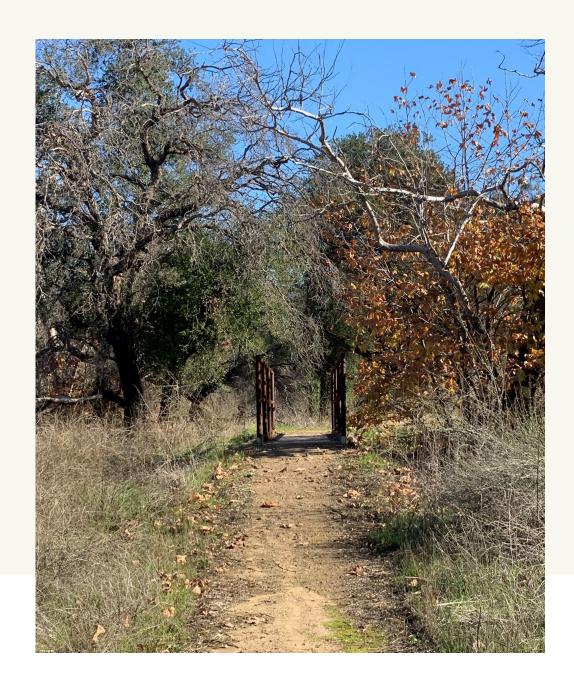




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OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

FROM: Jeaniene Casiello, Executive Officer, OC Parks DATE: April 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Support of Exploring Possible Allowance of Class I Electric

Bicycle (E-Bike) Use on Unpaved, Natural-Surface Trails in OC Parks

Facilities

Background

At the October 10, 2024, OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting, OC Parks staff presented an overview of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and their interface with OC Parks.

Currently, Class I and II e-bikes are permitted on more than 75 miles of regional paved, off-road bikeways managed by OC Parks, pursuant to Orange County Codified Ordinance (OCCO) section 2-5-29(n), as well as on paved roads that allow general vehicle access in parks. Consistent with this ordinance, the OC Parks system operates a significant amount of unpaved, natural surface trails, including wilderness trails, in which the use of e-bikes is prohibited. Additionally, most wilderness trails in the OC Parks system are located on lands enrolled in the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan or the Southern Habitat Conservation Plan or subject to conservation easements held by The Nature Conservancy or Orange County Parks Foundation. These conservation plans and easements were developed in partnership with Federal and State Fish and Wildlife agencies with the primary goals of restoring, protecting, and sustaining habitat and wildlife.

State law allows land managers to determine the suitability of e-bikes on trails. Thus, any change in the current regulations regarding e-bike use within OC Parks facilities would require action on both the OCCO and the conservation plans and easements. Such action would be achieved through County of Orange Board of Supervisors' approval via a change in the OCCO as well as amending the current conservation plans and easements with various regulatory agencies, including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other conservation entities.

Historically, both the Subcommittee and OC Parks Commission (Commission) have received public comments regarding e-bikes within OC Parks. Since last year's Subcommittee meeting, individuals continue to make public comments at Subcommittee and Commission meetings regarding the subject of expanding Class I e-bike usage in OC Parks facilities to include unpaved, natural-surface trails.

Electric Bicycle Use in Parks of Other Jurisdictions

Within California, allowance or prohibition of e-bikes within park facilities varies by jurisdiction, even among neighboring jurisdictions. Crystal Cove State Park currently prohibits all classes of e-bikes in all inland trails but does allow Class I e-bikes on trails west of Highway 1. Both Chino Hills and San Onofre state parks allow Class I e-bikes on trails that are open to standard bicycle use. Both San Diego County Parks and Recreation

and Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District allow Class I and II e-bikes on trails where standard bicycles are allowed, except where explicitly restricted for reasons including impacts to terrain or areas of heightened user conflicts. In United States National Forests, including Cleveland and Angeles national forests, e-bikes are only allowed on roads and trails designated for motorized use as e-bikes are classified as motorized vehicles by this agency. City of Irvine Open Space explicitly prohibits e-bikes from all its open space areas, including equestrian, hiking, or recreational trails. City of Newport Beach also prohibits e-bikes from its trails.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Determine if the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee is supportive of exploring the possibility of allowing Class I electric bicycles on unpaved, natural surface trails in OC Parks facilities and, in turn, further engage with regulatory agencies regarding allowing Class I electric bicycles on unpaved, natural surfaces trails in OC Parks facilities.

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