

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Fegraus, Vice Chair Conners (arrived at 3:21 p.m. and left after Agenda Item VI.C.), and Members Maloney, Clark, and Felder were present. Members Iseman, Bartlett, Tao, Weiss, and Prince were absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

No comments were received from the public.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM A)

The following item on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless an Authority Member requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR THE JULY 13, 2022 MEETING.

*Motion: Member Maloney
2nd: Member Clark
Unanimous vote to approve.*

IV. AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

A. LAGUNA CANYON FOUNDATION (LCF) UPDATE

Jacky Cordero, LCF Deputy Director, shared the following: the October 21st Gala was a great success raising more than \$115,000 — the sold-out fundraiser included representation from the Orange County Fifth District Supervisor's office; full-time and seasonal staff are working on restoration projects; LCF staff will number 20 by year-end; the Next LCF Board meeting will focus on a Strategic Plan looking at LCF's direction for the next 10 years; 92 active volunteers; continue to partner with The Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board and other environmental organizations; LCF is hosting a Trails Management School — a 2-day education program with INBA — International Biking Association for Orange County — participants responding to the invitation include City of Irvine, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, Crystal Cove State Park, City of Newport Beach, OC Fire Authority, and Cleveland National Forest; the management techniques will focus on different trail strategies, impact of population on the trails, and better ways to protect habitats. A question was asked why OC Parks hasn't responded to the invitation — Chair Fegraus noted she will follow up with OC Parks Headquarters Staff.

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B. LAGUNA BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

C. NATURAL COMMUNITIES COALITION (NCC) UPDATE

Darin Loughrey, NCC Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, shared the following: telephone polling by FM3 Research is ongoing — focus on measuring voter awareness and satisfaction, frequency of user visits to parks, aspects of resources which voters value, and do those values form political choices; educational outreach to newly elected officials and new employees; in process of compiling an economic impact report; next NCC board meeting is December 8, 2022.

D. IRVINE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE UPDATE

Casey Gnadt, City of Irvine Open Space Administrator, shared the following: finished all gate improvements so they can now be power locked; full-time ranger hired and hiring a second ranger; a drone team has been trained for public safety in the open space; noted increase in crime in neighborhoods near the Open Space Preserve; two new motorcycle patrols trained to help in the open space for medical and other emergencies and will coordinate with OC Parks; City of Irvine received a \$1 million grant for Bommer Canyon restoration from the California Natural Resources Board with work to be completed by March 2026. Gnadt indicated willingness to present the City of Irvine Open Space Plan again in 2023 — Fall 2022 presentation was impacted by the Coast Fire's interruption of the Authority meeting.

E. NEWPORT BEACH OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Carissa Macias, City of Newport Beach Recreation Supervisor, shared the following: this summer, City of Newport Beach celebrated the 10-year anniversary of trail projects; Fostering Interest in Nature for fifth graders is a nine-week camp for Title 1 schools, primarily from the Santa Ana School District, City of Newport partners with Newport Bay Conservancy; Phase Three of the Big Canyon restoration has just started in partnership with California Department of Fish & Wildlife and Newport Bay Conservancy to restore an area of tidal marsh.

F. ALISO VIEJO OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Representative not available to provide an update at this time.

G. LAGUNA NIGUEL OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Ron Rivera, City of Laguna Niguel Parks and Recreation Director, shared the following: City of Laguna Niguel is updating the trail map and that they

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intend to update the map yearly. Additional copies of the City of Laguna Niguel's trail map were distributed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–G.

Motion: Vice Chair Conners

2nd: Member Clark

Unanimous vote to Receive and File Agenda Items IV.A–G.

V. OC PARKS STAFF UPDATE

A. PARK OPERATIONS — ALL DEPARTMENTS UPDATE

John Gannaway, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, shared the following: OC Parks/Orange County is progressing with the transfer of beaches within the sphere of Laguna Beach to the City of Laguna Beach; OC Parks Director Tom Starnes is retiring on November 30, 2022; the Interim Parks Director will be Pam Passow; no serious flooding from the recent rains.

B. LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK (LCWP) AND ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK (AWCWP) SPOTLIGHT

1. LCWP Update

Brad Barker, OC Parks Interim Supervising Ranger II, shared the following: recent 1.75 inches of rain closed LCWP for a couple of days and cancelled public guided hikes; Laura Cohen, Resource Specialist, along with park rangers spoke with Irvine's University High School students about LCWP and Cohen also worked with medical students on restoration project of plantings and weeding around the Nix Nature Center; LCWP nursery has re-opened with 2 opportunities a month for the 46 volunteers.

2. AWCWP Update

Bryan Valladares, OC Parks Interim Supervising Park Ranger I, shared the following: the 1.75 inches of rain closed AWCWP for more than two days; no serious flooding in the fire area; a Keep It Wild event last weekend with restoration — weeding along Aliso Creek; LCF has started trail stewardship working on trail alignment; bio-swale exhibit completed, more exhibits planned for the Visitor Center, already some sprouting plants in the fire area — crownbeard.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B.

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Motion: Vice Chair Conners

2nd: Member Clark

Unanimous vote to Receive and File Agenda Items V.A–B.

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEMS A–E)

A. RECOGNITION OF MEMBER TONI ISEMAN

The Authority will acknowledge and thank Member Toni Iseman for her tenure and service as a member of the Authority, representing the City of Laguna Beach.

Authority Members reviewed the draft Letter of Appreciation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the drafting and issuance of a Letter of Appreciation to Authority Member Toni Iseman.

Motion: Member Maloney

2nd: Vice Chair Conners

Unanimous vote to approve the Letter of Appreciation to Authority Member Iseman and its distribution by the Chair.

Agenda Item VI.C. was heard before Agenda Item VI.B.

B. TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS PILOT PROJECT IN LCWP AND AWCWP UPDATE

Staff will provide an update on the Trail Use Designations Pilot Project occurring within LCWP and AWCWP.

Mike Wilson, OC Parks Business Manager, shared the following: at the September 29, 2022 Trails Subcommittee meeting, a report on the Trail Use Designations Pilot Project by Utah State University was presented; it was noted in the report that there was a low level of user conflict and the signage was effective. Questions from the Authority Members and public included: lack of comparisons of trails before and after the study, lack of conceptualizing, question of any research on damage to trails or carving out illegal trails, no note of legal obligations of OC Parks to the agreements in the NCCP and the Laguna Laurel Purchase Agreement, question of intended use of the report, bad behavior not defined earlier in the report, no help with how to maintain and preserve trails that are over-used. Authority Members suggested the key points for a letter to the Trails Subcommittee. Chair Fegraus was directed to draft the letter with review by Members Felder and Clark.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Receive and File; or
2. Approve the drafting and issuance of a letter to the Orange County Parks Trails Subcommittee regarding the Trail Use Designations Pilot Project.

Motion: Member Maloney

2nd: Chair Fegraus

Unanimous vote to prepare and send a letter to the Trails Subcommittee, copied to the OC Parks Commission.

C. HABITAT SUSTAINABILITY AND LCWP TRAIL MAP REVIEW

Staff will provide an overview on trails created or altered within the Wood's End section of LCWP and on their current use and conditions.

Barbara Norton, OC Parks Operations Manager, shared the following: provided illustrations of the trails within the Wood's End section of LCWP; it was noted that the new entry trail is 3/10th of a mile and was developed under the guidelines of the LCWP General Development and Resource Management Plans and is managed as such; this trail intersects with trails in the Dilley Preserve section of LCWP and all county ordinances apply. During the discussion it was noted that this is the process the Authority wants to use to identify all the trails that need to be added to the LCWP's governing documents. A question was asked by Vice Chair Conners of how to prevent erosion at the entry trail. It was noted that OC Fire Authority does the actual grading, OC Parks does the maintenance with flood controls such as water bars, sandbags, and diversions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Receive and File; or
2. If appropriate, approve a letter to OC Parks regarding the current LCWP trail map and the LCWP General Development Plan.

Motion: Member Maloney

2nd: Member Clark

Unanimous vote to prepare a letter to OC Parks regarding current LCWP documents requiring updates.

D. IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR UPDATE

Receive information about the Science Advisors series, Partner Charter, and other activities.

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Member Clark shared the following: information about an exhibit at the San Diego Natural History Museum “Caught on Camera When No One is Watching” — a collection of wildlife photographs from the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Camera Project. It was also noted that the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Camera Project is included in the Los Angeles 30x30 Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File.

Motion: Member Maloney

2nd: Chair Fegraus

Unanimous vote to Receive and File.

E. WATERSHED TRAIL INTERPRETIVE EXHIBIT INTRODUCTION

OC Parks staff will share the history and implementation of the interpretive exhibit at Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

Bryan Valladares, OC Parks Interim Supervising Park Ranger I, shared the following: history of the Watershed Trail exhibit; in 2017, OC Parks applied for and received a state grant for \$376,000; exhibit was designed to highlight the Aliso Creek Watershed and its significance to the creek and the AWCWP; bioswale with a fire garden and the prehistoric creature fossil exhibits are close to the Visitor Center; visitors and self-guided and guided youth groups are encouraged to wander the Watershed Trail.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and File.

Motion: Chair Fegraus

2nd: Member Maloney

Unanimous vote to Receive and File.

VII. AUTHORITY COMMENTS AND REPORT

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

Authority Members discussed items for the January 2023 agenda. It was noted by the public that the City of Laguna Beach is again discussing the undergrounding of utilities along Laguna Canyon Road.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO JANUARY 11, 2023

Motion: Member Clark

2nd: Member Felder

Unanimous vote to adjourn.



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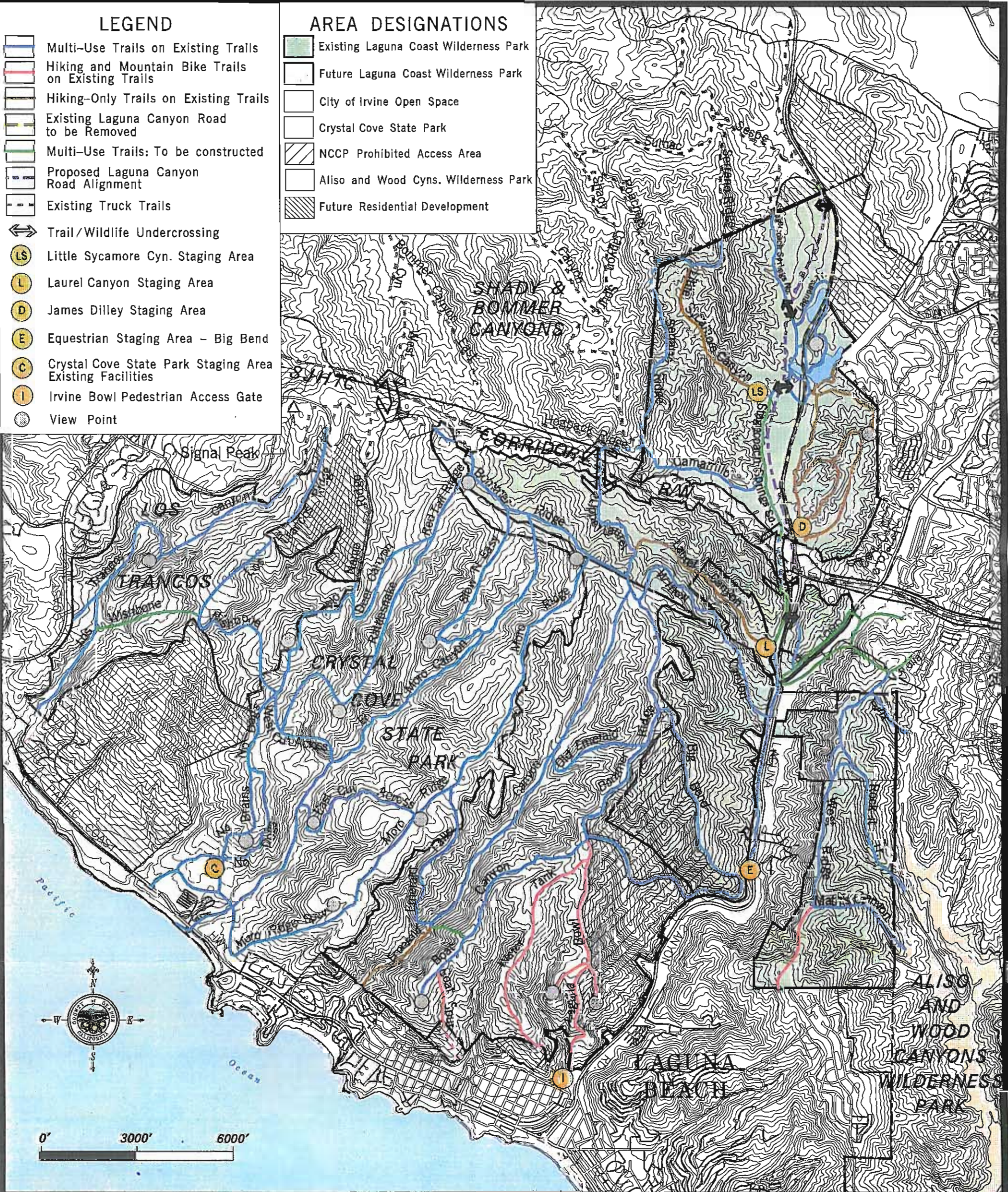
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LEGEND

-  Multi-Use Trails on Existing Trails
-  Hiking and Mountain Bike Trails on Existing Trails
-  Hiking-Only Trails on Existing Trails
-  Existing Laguna Canyon Road to be Removed
-  Multi-Use Trails: To be constructed
-  Proposed Laguna Canyon Road Alignment
-  Existing Truck Trails
-  Trail/Wildlife Undercrossing
-  Little Sycamore Cyn. Staging Area
-  Laurel Canyon Staging Area
-  James Dilley Staging Area
-  Equestrian Staging Area - Big Bend
-  Crystal Cove State Park Staging Area Existing Facilities
-  Irvine Bowl Pedestrian Access Gate
-  View Point

AREA DESIGNATIONS

-  Existing Laguna Coast Wilderness Park
-  Future Laguna Coast Wilderness Park
-  City of Irvine Open Space
-  Crystal Cove State Park
-  NCCP Prohibited Access Area
-  Aliso and Wood Cyns. Wilderness Park
-  Future Residential Development



LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK

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General Development Plan
Figure 8

REV. 5/1/98



DAY USE:
7:00 A.M. - SUNSET
PARKING:
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park

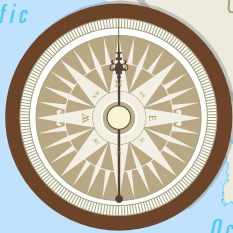
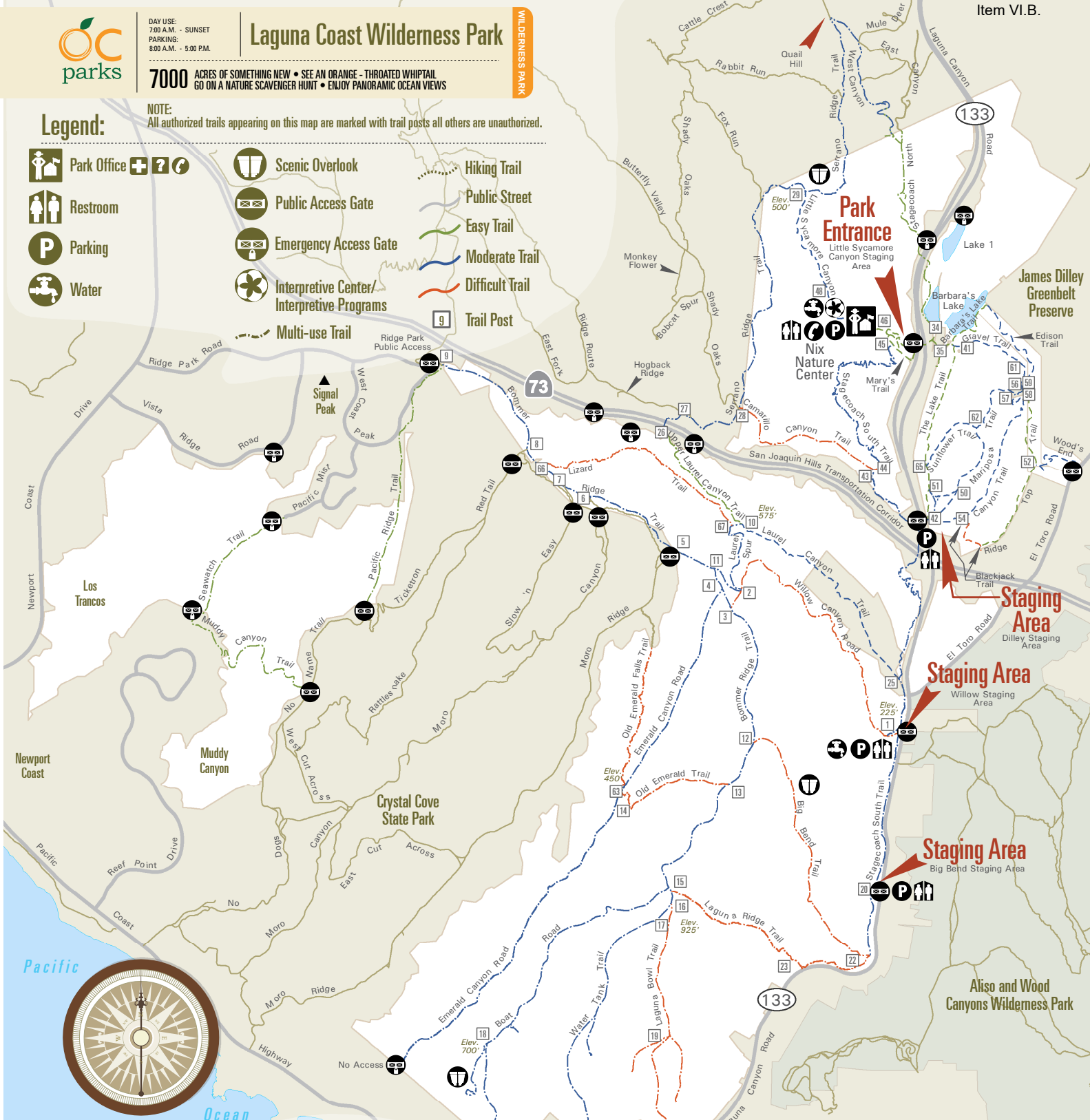
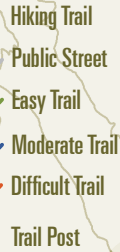
WILDERNESS PARK

7000 ACRES OF SOMETHING NEW • SEE AN ORANGE - THROATED WHIPTAIL
GO ON A NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT • ENJOY PANORAMIC OCEAN VIEWS

Item VI.B.

Legend:

NOTE:
All authorized trails appearing on this map are marked with trail posts all others are unauthorized.



Vicinity Map

LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK



Trail Guide:

Barbara's Lake Trail: EASY .25 Miles	Canyon Trail: MODERATE 1 Mile	Lizard Trail: DIFFICULT 1.2 Miles	Mariposa Trail: MODERATE 0.9 Miles	Stagecoach SouthTr: MODERATE 4.2 Miles
Big Bend Trail: DIFFICULT 1.5 Miles	Edison Trail: MODERATE 0.9 Miles	The Lake Trail: EASY 1 Mile	Mary's Trail: EASY .25 Miles	Sunflower Trail: MODERATE 0.4 Miles
Blackjack Trail: DIFFICULT 0.5 Miles	Emerald Canyon Rd: MODERATE 3 Miles	Laurel Canyon Tr: MODERATE 1.3 Miles	Old Emerald Trail: DIFFICULT .75 Miles	Upper Laurel: EASY .65 Miles
Boat Road: MODERATE 1.3 Miles	Gravel Trail: MODERATE 0.5 Miles	Laurel Spur: MODERATE 0.5 Miles	Ridge Top Trail: EASY 1 Mile	Water Tank Trail: MODERATE 1.5 Miles
Bommer Ridge Tr: MODERATE 3.75 Miles	Laguna Bowl Trail: DIFFICULT 1.5 Miles	Little Sycamore CynTr: MODERATE 1 Mile	Serrano Ridge Trail: MODERATE 4 Miles	Willow Canyon Road: DIFFICULT 1.5 Miles
Camarillo Canyon Tr: DIFFICULT 0.9 Miles	Laguna Ridge Trail: DIFFICULT 1.25 Miles	Old Emerald Falls Trail: DIFFICULT 1 Mile	Stagecoach North Trail: EASY .75 Miles	Woods End Trail: MODERATE 1 Mile

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COASTAL GREENBELT AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

FROM: John Gannaway, Executive Officer

DATE: January 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Coastal Greenbelt Authority's Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

A proposed schedule of 2023 meeting dates is provided below for the Coastal Greenbelt Authority's review. Meetings are held at the City of Laguna Woods Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m., but confirmed meeting locations and field trips will be noted on the agenda prior to the meeting.

January 11

March 8

May 10

July 12


September 13

November 8

January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Coastal Greenbelt Authority's 2023 meeting schedule.

 for John Gannaway

John Gannaway