



Monterey County

Parks Commission

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Receive a report on the process for the formation and selection of the new Toro Park Trails Task Force.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks Commissions:

Receive a report on the process for the formation and selection of the new Toro Park Trails Task Force.

SUMMARY:

At the April 5, 2018 Parks Commission approved the Resource Management Agency's (RMA) recommendation to re-establish the Toro Park trails working group as a task force to address ongoing trail issues at Toro Park, including representatives from Big Sur Land Trust and the Office of Supervisor Mary Adams, District 5. On June 19, 2018, the RMA selected seven (7) community members to serve on the task force, including a local biologist and an ecologist.

DISCUSSION:

The RMA received 21 interested applicants for consideration to serve on the task force (Attachment A) in response to a letter sent to the former working group (Attachment B) and a press release posted on the RMA website and social media outlets (Attachment C). The RMA Parks Planning Manager, RMA Parks Administrative Operations Manager and District 4 Parks Commissioner met on May 31, 2018 to confirm the selection criteria (Attachment D) to review all applicant materials. The selection group met again on June 14, 2018 to review the final assessments for final selection. The following table is the list of all task force members and their affiliations:

#	Name	Representation
1	Kate Daniels	Office of Supervisor Mary L. Adams, District 5
2	Dorothy Denning	Sierra Club Hike Leader
3	Stanley Dudek	Sierra Club Hike Leader
4	Josh Harwayne	Biologist
5	Laura Lee Lienk	CSUMB Environmental Studies Professor, Director, Return of the Natives Restoration Director, and Co-Director of the Watershed Institute, CSUMB
6	Michael McGirr	President of Monterey Off Road Cycling Association (MORCA)
7	Jeff Powers/Rachel Saunders	Big Sur Land Trust
8	Darius Rike	Member of MORCA
9	Fred Watson	CSUMB Environmental Science Professor, Trail Runner, Equestrian and GIS

Mapping Specialist

The Toro Park Trails Task Force's first meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2018, at Schillings Place, Salinas, CA 93901 (Attachment E). While task force meetings are not open to the public, RMA Parks will provide regular verbal and/or written staff reports to the Parks Commission to track the progress of the task force.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact to receiving this report.

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Attachments:

Attachment A - Chart of Toro Park Trails Task Force Interested Applicants

Attachment B - Letter to Former Toro Park Trails Working Group

Attachment C - Toro Park Trails Task Force Invitation Press Release

Attachment D - Selection Criteria of Toro Park Trails Task Force

Attachment E - Toro Trails Task Force Meeting Agenda (8-8-18)