

Topanga Canyon Boulevard Roadside Committee

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 10:00 – Noon
Topanga Library Community Room



MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Members in attendance:

Ben Allanoff
Carrie Carrier
Patrick Chandler
James Grasso
Kevin Johnson
Gene Kimmel
Josh Kurpies

Timothy Lippman
Fiona Nagle
Susan Nissman
Gus Nunez
Roger Pugliese
Dusty Russell
Marge Santos

Dave Sedacca
Kara Seward
Ed Siribohdi
Stacy Sledge
Clark Stevens
Julia Swanson
Ryan Ulyate

I. Welcome and Introductions

Marge Santos read Mission Statement. Meeting Minutes from October 2014 meeting were not approved. To be carried over to next meeting.

II. Issues/Reports

(Items A and B) Fiona Nagle presented the strategy for implementation of brush clearance in Sensitive Areas. Discussion centered on the coordination of training with stakeholders and Caltrans maintenance staff on these mapped sites. It was noted by Caltrans staff that the review of these areas should be scheduled soon with RCDSMM staff. RCDSMM staff will coordinate with Caltrans on this effort. Caltrans staff indicated that the brush clearance would be after June 30.

There was discussion on flagging of sensitive areas, type and style of signage, whether or not the signs would be permanently placed. Dave Sedacca of Caltrans raised safety and liability concerns of volunteers being on roadway for this effort and indicated a willingness to do this project with Caltrans staff only. Nagle to follow up with Sedacca and Gus Nunez on location and accurate count of sensitive areas.

(Item C: Subcommittee Reports) Kara Seward reported that the Fire Safe Planting Guidelines brochure was mailed Fall 2014. Stacy Sledge of Topanga Town Council reported that the brochure is also on OneTopanga.com. Patrick Chandler confirmed that there was also an accompanying press release sent out to local media.

Discussion on outreach included having a presence at Topanga Days, tabling and offering materials to public. Julia Swanson of Topanga Chamber, Stacy Sledge and Ben Allanoff offered to look into options and volunteer coordination of this effort.

Chief Kevin Johnson reported that the mulch controls are achieving a 70% suppression but that weeds are beginning to return. It was estimated that the mulch is effective for approximately 2 years before re-mulching is needed.

Ed Siribohdi reported that the weedmat test project is coming up soon. The esthetic aspects of this project were discussed extensively. It was decided that the test site should be done in both available colors to get the best feedback from the community.

V. The meeting adjourned.