

Topanga Canyon Boulevard Roadside Committee



Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 10:00 – Noon
26600 Agoura Rd., Calabasas

MEETING MINUTES:

Approved With Changes

Members in attendance:

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| Beth Burnam | Susan Nissman | Stacy Sledge |
| Carrie Carrier | Patrick Porteus | Clark Stevens |
| James Grasso | Roger Pugliese | Julia Swanson |
| Josh Kurpies | Marge Santos | Bill Carrier (Observer) |
| Timothy Lippman | Dave Sedacca | |
| Fiona Nagle (via telephone) | Kara Seward | |

I. Welcome and Introductions

The minutes from the October 28, 2014 and February 25, 2015 meeting were approved.

II. Issues/Reports

- A. *Vegetation Management Plan*: Fiona Nagle presented, indicating plan was on target for a 5-year plan.
- B. *Biologically Sensitive Area*: Dave Sedacca reported on Caltrans' schedule for clearing, and indicated that homeowners have started their clearing. He discussed biologically sensitive areas, workers and public safety. Steps that will be taken: (1) flag area with temporary tape (focusing on 11 time-sensitive areas; (2) Rosie will conduct 15-minute training at Las Flores Yard and provide plant samples. The date for the training has not been determined; (3) permanent stakes will be installed at the same time that Caltrans is doing clearance; (4) the activities will be videotaped for future use and become part of the TCBR records. The video will also be uploaded to One-Topanga website.
- C. *Sub-Committee Reports*:
- Communications Sub-Committee
 - Will be providing brochures and press release for "Topanga Day."
 - SD3 will (1) print the plant brochures (specific to Topanga) and have them available for Topanga Day; (2) SD3 will obtain plant pallet from Waterworks District 29; and (3) find out if WWD 29 has updated their conservation brochure.

Discussion was held on the costs to obtain sample native plants to provide to residents. Minimally, information on where such plants are available should be provided.

Action Items for the Sub-committee:

1. Locate a native plant vendor and include the information on One Topanga website.
 2. Committee to begin working with the RCD on plans for a demonstration/native garden. Stacy Sledge will check with RCD, Community House, and Topanga Elementary School to find out if they have a community garden at any of these sites.
 3. Contact will be made with either Kevin Johnson or Maria Grycan to see if accompanying information can be sent with the 410 Notifications.
 4. Outreach to new residents along TCB is a challenge, particularly when frontage properties are sold. Some residents are located near biologically sensitive areas. Two locations are near a seep: (327 S. Topanga and 770 N. Topanga). Beth Burnam will get in touch with Mike Green. Ben Allanoff will speak with the owner of Humble Lilly.
- BMP Sub-committee (Fiona Nagle) – Ed Siribodhi of Caltrans was unable to attend the meeting but had provided Fiona a brief report: he has contacted the weed mat sales representative and will send them a map of the identified areas along with details of when to begin implementation. The project funding report is expected to be signed by the end of this fiscal year, at which time they will be able to move forward with samples.
 - Mapping Sub-committee - This subcommittee has not met as yet. A weed map location has been sent to Caltrans.

III. Announcements

Next meeting will be July 15, 2015 and has been moved back to the Topanga Library.