To: Status Report to the Parks and Recreation Board

From: Open Space Working Group

Date: August 8, 2025

Task 1: Recruit new OSWG members to ensure that the group represents a wide range of perspectives on open space and trails issues.

• The working group now has eight members of the public and two PRB members who attend meetings, with perspectives on hiking, mountain biking, trail maintenance, open space restoration, and natural resource protection.

Task 2: Seek public input for the Trails and Open Space Plan update.

- The working group publicized the comment period for the draft plan and encouraged in-person participation of trail and open space users at the August 14 PRB meeting.
- Provided written comments on the draft plan directly to Sites Southwest.

Task 3: Monitor conditions of the County open space and trails and submit recommendations for open space and trail maintenance projects to the Open Space Specialist if appropriate.

- Presented a proposed Adopt-A-Trail program at the PRB July meeting.
- Published in local online media the results of a "trail etiquette quiz" to challenge a variety of trail users to think about courtesy to other user when on trails.

Task 4: Identify open space and trail projects suitable for volunteers.

Ongoing

Respectfully submitted,

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