

## Descanso Days Parade

The Descanso Days Parade was July 11th. This is an awesome small-town parade. LFR had a small but energetic group that participated in the parade



this year. Denise, Billi-Jo, Chelleen rode in the parade,



and we had Deb Montgomery holding our banner. Thank you, ladies, for representing LFR. We appreciate your dedication and support of the club.



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## Save the Date:

October 1st to 5th are the dates to mark on your calendar for our semi-annual camping event at Los Vaqueros Horse Camp in our so-close-to-home and beautiful Cuyamaca Mountains. We voted at our July meeting to set the cost per corral at \$80. Our goal is to have 28 corrals sold so that we will maximize our camping space without overcrowding and yet break even on the cost of the camp.

We will start sign-ups for camp at our general meeting on August 20th.



I love horse camp !!!!!!!

The Dog Days of Summer are here!!!



### Cedar Fire Historical Monument

**T**he Cedar Fire Historical Monument will be a place that will be forever set aside for our community to remember the devastating wildfire that touched all of our lives.

It will be a place for reflection and remembrance of those that tragically lost their lives. It will also be there to provide education and awareness for the next time wildfire threatens our community.

The address for the Monument is 12216 Lakeside Ave. It is right next door to the new fire station on Channel Road and Lakeside Avenue.



### All Clubs Beach Ride

August 22 is the date for the All Clubs Beach Ride down in Imperial Beach. It is hosted by Bonita Valley Horsemen who will provide



hotdogs for everyone. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share in the potluck after the ride. Bring a chair too.

This is a great ride starting at the Hollister Staging area. After a fun trail ride to the beach, then you can cut loose and have fun taking your horse in the waves, if possible. Next, we ride back to the staging area for

a wonderful lunch and enjoy everyone's company before heading on home. It is a great way to meet members of other clubs and find out what is going on in the county regarding horse issues.

Be in the saddle ready to ride out at 9:00 a.m. Plan on a three-hour ride. Please rsvp with Bonita Valley Horsemen. This is the link to copy so you can rsvp - <http://www.bonitavalleyhorsemen.com/this-months-trail-ride--rsvp.html>.

### Brag:



A group of LFR members, Barbara and Howard Trent, John and Laurie Fisher, Stu and Charin June for 10 days and all had a fantastic with surviving triple-digit heat, bears in off of the Hughes' trailer on the drive home!!!



ard Hughes, Steve and Cyndi Denny, Denise Gerkin, Donlene Edleson, went up to the Humbolt area to a horse camp time, terrific rides, great company, beautiful scenery, along camp, Howard's horse getting loose from his "pee stop," and a wheel falling



So .....note to self: Go pee before riding and check your lug nuts before hitting the road!!!

Melinda found a wonderful home to adopt her two donkeys and mini horse up in Valley will be given lots of love and attention. A big thank you to Julie Murphy for being the connection them together.



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### July and August Birthdays:



Please wish a belated Happy Birthday to our members with July Birthdays:

- 3rd, Linda Hunt; 4th Julie Murhy; 7th Julie Meyers; 10th Brian Richmond; 11th Gayla Robles; 12th Marci Walker;
- 15th Cindy Helms;
- 23rd, Katie Stivers;
- and 26th Glenn Morgan.

And Celebrate our August Birthdays with us for the following members:

- 1st, Jeff Setterman; 2nd, Geoff Dapp;
- 3rd, Jan Morgan; 8th Patricia Peterson;
- 10th, Judy Clark; 11th, Jodi Everitt;
- 16th, Bobbi Remnant;
- 17th, Jody Harvey and Nancy Sumerel;
- 19th, MaryAnn Gibson;
- 28th, Barbara Land; and 29th, Eric Orr.

Pine Valley Mountain Riders

# Annual Poker & Obstacle Ride Extravaganza

Sept 26, 2015

Windfall Ranch, 21800 Japatul Valley Rd. Alpine

Raffles! Vendors! Cash Prizes!  
Silent Auction! Family Fun!

Spectators Welcome! Come Eat, Shop & Watch the Fun!

\$25 pre-register & \$30 day of the ride  
Includes lunch. Extra lunch tickets avail for \$10  
Contact LeeAnne Bielar for more info  
leeanne1122@gmail.com/619-277-2387  
or pinevalleymountainriders.com

Signup 8:30 am  
First riders out at 9  
last out at 10

### Raffle Winner:

Tom Wagner won the raffle at



our July meeting....\$41!!!!

### LFR Christmas Party

Our party is set for **Saturday, December 5th.**  
We don't have a location set yet. If any member would like to have the party at their home or if you have an idea of a great place to have our party, please contact Joyce at [hpmetals@yahoo.com](mailto:hpmetals@yahoo.com)



## LCPG Trails Sub-Committee Meeting to Plan River Bottom Trails



The Lakeside Community Planning Group Trails Subcommittee met on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 to discuss possible solutions for a multi-use trail system in the San Diego riverbed in Lakeside. This plan would unify El Monte Valley with the current San Diego River trail.



The meeting was led by chairman Karen Ensall and attended



by several members of the local community. The Subcommittee was well prepared with plans and maps to enable people to work on possible trail designs in the Valley to accommodate horseback riders, bikers, hikers and anybody who enjoys the outdoors. The participants designed convenient staging areas, winding trails to enable easy access to the incredible beauty of the valley, as well as multiple bridges to cross over the existing holes in the ground left behind by the sand miners.



El Monte Valley is an unique habitat hosting several endangered species and a rich local history that goes back to the Native Americans as proved by the existing old sites in the area. ***This is a treasure worth preserving and worth fighting for.***

## Surplus Helix Non-Settlement Land in the El Monte Valley

The settlement of the Helix El Monte lawsuit has left much of the open and undeveloped land owned by the Helix Water District in the El Monte off limits to acquisition until the 3-year 'acquire or cancel' date is reached on August 20, 2017. There is, however, approximately 38 acres that is in various locations near the 'settlement land' that can be acquired as well as another 115 acres of land west of the 'settlement land' that is also available for acquisition.



On July 15, 2015, the Helix Water District officially moved to surplus the 38 acre property. **We want to ask for the SDRC to implement its first right of refusal with regard to the disposition of this property.** We believe that this land is eligible



for Proposition 1 Funding based on the criteria listed in detail on the next page. The map **above** shows a close-up view with the three parcels in blue. The map to the **left** shows the whole river bottom and has labeled the three Parcels A, B, & C. We will show that the project meets the following Prop 1 Purposes. We will acquire the property and remove invasive species with your funding. We will look for other sources of funding to revegetate the river bottom.

Costs: \$660,000 based on Helix guestimate.

**In a nutshell:** These three parcels will create: **ONE**, a staging area on Willow Rd down by the dairy; **TWO**, protect the land behind "Doc Herring's" Ranch from developers; and **THREE**, ensure access at the end of the valley at the chokepoint to allow access to trails that will connect all the way up to Julian. We want SDRC to buy the land to ensure community access and further the goal of SDRC of a trail system connecting from the mountains all the way to the ocean.

Please write a letter to the San Diego River Conservancy to express your desire and the importance of the land being purchased by the River Park. Here are "talking points" you can high light in your letter to SDRC. This is important for our El Monte Valley and the Lakeside community. The deadline is Aug 20th for the SDRC to decide, but don't delay on sending in your letter. **Please take the time to write a letter and send it in ASAP, postmarked or emailed by Aug 3rd, so that the SDRC will have your letter before their next meeting, which is Aug 6th.**

#### Prop 1 Chapter 6 Purposes

- 1) Protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds, fishery resources and in stream flow. **By protecting this land it improves and protects the health of the watershed because it is not available for sand mining. Additionally, the river channel property is infested with arundo Donax. Each tree can use between 60 liters and 400 gallons of water a day. By removing this species, it reduces the pressure on the Santee El Monte Aquifer which under lays the San Diego River and an aquifer that serves as a water source for the Lakeside Water District just down stream.**
- 2) Implement watershed adaptation projects in order to reduce the impacts of climate change on communities and ecosystems. **After the property is acquired it can be used to reduce the impacts of climate change by restoring it to native vegetation, which will improve its use as a biological corridor while sequestering carbon via the habitat.**
- 3) Restore river parkways throughout the state, including but not limited to projects pursuant to the California River Parkway Act of 2004 and urban river greenways. **Two of the parcels are important to the completion of the San Diego River Trail as defined by the County of San Diego's Trails Master Plan. One parcel located on Willow Rd can be used as a staging area and the other located at the eastern end of the Helix land is a critical parcel to bring the trail to El Monte County Park and to the Flume Trail, a trail that the SDRC funded previously.**
- 4) Protect and restore aquatic, wetland and migratory bird ecosystems including fish and wildlife corridors and the acquisition of water rights for in stream flow. **Although the San Diego River in the El Monte Valley is an ephemeral stream, it is home to several threatened and endangered species and has been identified as part of the County's Mitigation Ordinance being an important biological corridor for species movement and migration.**
- 8) Implement fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities and promote watershed health. **With the restoration of these property, the dense forest of tamarisk will be removed. Tamarisk allowed the Cedar fire to snake through the El Monte Valley.**
- 9) Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, storm water resource management, and greenhouse gas reduction. **The Santee/El Monte aquifer, holds up to 70,000 acre feet of water and has been identified by the State of California as an aquifer of medium importance. The sand located on these parcels acts as a sponge during rain events, capturing the water that flows into the El Monte Valley from its small watershed, and soaking it into the ground and there by not allowing it to increase down stream flooding and scour. This is an important benefit to Lakeside because it has been subject to severe flooding in 1978 and 80.**
- 12) Assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species by improving watershed health, in stream flows, fish passage, coastal or inland wetland restoration, or other means, such as natural community conservation plan and habitat conservation plan implementation. **The land near these properties contain a variety of species that are threatened, endangered or species of concern. Included in this list is the least Bell's vireo, the California gnatcatcher and the quino checkerspot butterfly. Improving the habitat on these lands, and conserving them, will help support these keystone species and many others.**
- 13) Assist in water-related agricultural sustainability projects **The El Monte Valley is an equestrian community. Horse boarding facilities, are found through out the valley. Additionally, the valley is home to several farms and orchards. Conserving this land will assist allow for trail development with supports the equestrian facilities and by prohibiting the sand mining, will maintain the capacity of the Santee/El Monte Aquifer, the source of water for the farms and croplands in the valley.**

The next San Diego River Conservancy meeting is August 6th at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at County of San Diego Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302. The meeting is open to the public, so PLEASE attend to show your support.

SAMPLE LETTER

Benjamin Clay, Chair
San Diego River Conservancy
350 Front Street, Suite 3024
San Diego CA 92101

Remember to send your letter in by August 3rd and attend the meeting on August 6th!!! Mail it to the address in the letter OR email it to Julia Richards, SDRC Administrative Services Manager, at jrichards@sdrc.ca.gov and ask her to distribute the letter to all Governing Board Members.

Dear Mr. Clay,

I am writing to request your support to allow the San Diego River Conservancy the SDRC to exercise its right of first refusal with regard to three parcels that have recently been exsessed by the Helix Water District. I believe that these parcels make appropriate acquisitions for the because they meet the goals and objects outlined in your Strategic Plan, which includes facilitating the acquisition of land within 0.5 miles of the center line of the river. More importantly, these parcels meet the purposes of the voter approved Proposition 1.

These acquisitions will:

- \* (Put in the "talking points" here
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Additionally, say something personal about how you feel about the El Monte Valley.

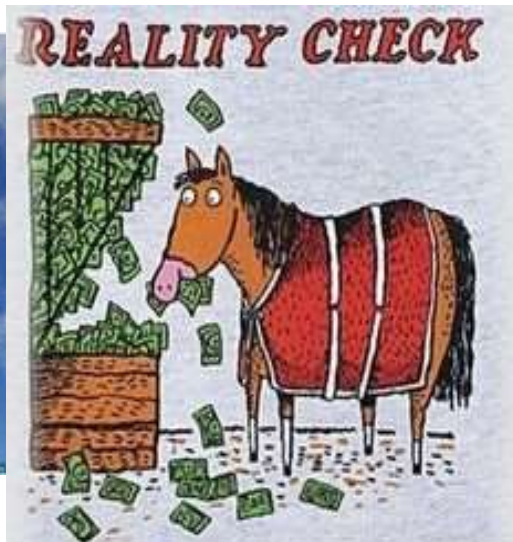
I am hopeful you will see the value of acquiring this property and most respectfully request the SDRC to exercise their right of first refusal so that these lands can be conserved.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Your name
Address
email/phone

Hoof Humor.....



Do you have something you want to share??? For anything horse related, funny stuff, training, educational, or whatever is going on in our community, please email items to our news-letter editor, Melinda, at: melindasetteman@cox.net

