

Maintenance Plan Lot 54 Recreational Trails

Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD)

1. **Background:**

- a. The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission approved the Clubhouse Estates Vesting Tentative Tract Map 03TRM-00000-00003/TM 14,629 (TTM) and 99 Conditions of Approval on August 3, 2005. Conditions 1c and 14-18 apply to Lot 54. Condition 1c states, "Lot 54 will remain completely undeveloped due to the sensitive biological habitat; no public trails or other access will be introduced."
- b. VVCSD acquired Clubhouse Estates Lot 54 from the Clubhouse Estates Homeowners Association via a Grant Deed on March 26, 2015.
- c. VVCSD is responsible for providing long-term stewardship and management of the 123.24-acre property.

2. **Purpose:** The purpose of this plan is to maintain 1.8 miles of existing recreational trails for hiking and bicycling.

- a. Buena Vista Trail (0.3 miles)
- b. El Dorado Trail (0.5 miles)
- c. Summertime Trail (1.0 miles)

3. **Reference:** Trails will be maintained as singletrack in accordance with standards and practices contained in *Trail Solutions: IMBA's Guide to Building Sweet Singletrack*, published by the International Mountain Bicycling Association, 2004. Part Five: Tools for Trailbuilding identifies tools and safety tips for trail work.

4. **Applicability:** The plan applies to District staff, contractors, consultants, volunteers, Vandenberg Village residents, and anyone using the trails.

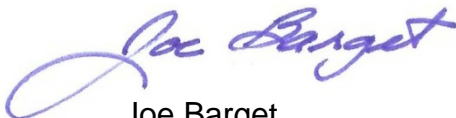
5. **Funds:** The principle source of funds for this plan is the VVCSD operating budget. Large improvements, if necessary, may be programmed in the VVCSD capital budget. The District may use volunteer labor and grant programs to accomplish trail maintenance and improvements.

6. **Administration:**

- a. The Operations and Maintenance Manager is responsible for scheduling, approving, supervising, and accomplishing trail maintenance work performed by District employees and contractors. He is also responsible for coordinating and approving volunteer work activities. Dates, names of volunteers, and hours worked will be provided to the Administrative Services Manager.
- b. The Administrative Services Manager is responsible for ensuring volunteers are covered under the District's workers compensation policy and reporting the

number of volunteer hours worked to the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA). Volunteers are classified as unskilled employees at the state minimum wage salary level.

7. **Allowable Uses and Restrictions:** Lot 54 will be broadly maintained as public open space as defined in Article III of Chapter 35, Santa Barbara Code. No recreational support facilities such as restrooms, stairways, picnic tables, are provided. Trails will be maintained as recreational trails in a natural condition.
 - a. Allowable uses: hiking, mountain bicycling, and walking dogs on leashes
 - b. Restrictions: no horses, no motorized vehicles, no camping, no campfires, no smoking, no alcoholic beverages, and no littering
8. **Trail Markings:** Signs will be posted at trail entrances.
9. **Trail Width and Clearance Standards:** Trails will be approximately 3 feet wide. Vegetation will be cleared an additional one foot horizontally beyond the width of trail (5 feet total) and vertically to a height of 8 feet. Trimmings will be cut into small sections and scattered away from the trail, fly chipped, or removed.
10. **Maintenance Tasks and Operations:**
 - a. **Pruning** – Prune woody vegetation from both sides of trail. (Semiannually)
 - b. **Removal of Trees/Limbs** – Evaluate/remove unhealthy or dead trees and limbs. Fallen trees may be used to close off unauthorized trails and shortcuts. (Annually, between September 1 and February 15 to avoid bird-nesting season)
 - c. **Signage** – Maintain signs at trail entrances. (As required)
 - d. **Trail Surface** – Repair surface damage from heavy use or erosion. Stabilize particularly sandy areas. (Annually, after winter rainy season)
 - e. **Creek Crossings** – Repair or replace crossings, approximately 30 inches wide and 6-12 feet long. (As required)
 - f. **Drainage Structures** – Clean inlets. Clear debris from swales and drainage courses. (Annually or as required)
 - g. **Litter Pick Up** – Trailside litter pickup. (Quarterly or as required)



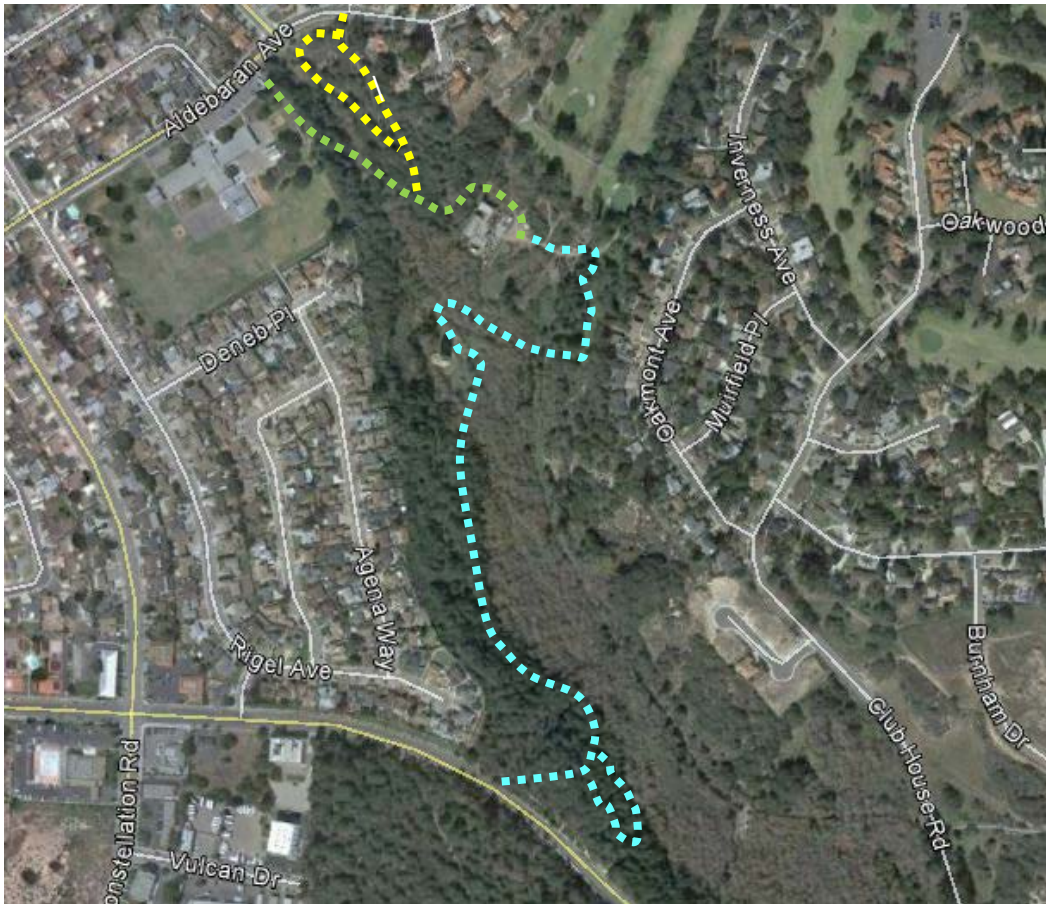
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Attachments

1. Map, Lot 54 Recreational Trails, 4/5/16
2. Signs

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Trail	Color	Distance
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Signs

Summertime Trail



**BE CAREFUL
RESPECT OTHERS
ENJOY NATURE**



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