



**CITY OF MONROVIA  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
AGENDA REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Services

**MEETING DATE:** February 14, 2017

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk  
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

**AGENDA LOCATION:** AR-1

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2017

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide an update on incidents, maintenance, and public comments related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of January 2017.

**BACKGROUND:** For over a century, Canyon Park has been used as a recreational park by visitors and Monrovia residents. Services in Canyon Park include special events, Ranger led night hikes, interpretive tours, a nature center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Rangers with the support of many volunteers maintain the trail system and facilities.

In 2016, HWP opened over four miles of trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Rangers patrol the HWP as well as urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, and foot. Park Rangers also respond to calls related to Monrovia's no smoking municipal code for our parks.

**Monthly Patrol Log** – The following information is an overview from the daily patrol logs for January 2017.

**HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE**

***Maintenance***

January 4

- Park Ranger's cleared a drainage culvert with hand tools on Lower Clamshell Motorway, two miles in from Ridgeside access point.

January 8

Park Ranger's redirected drainage to culvert with hand tools on Lower Clamshell Motorway, one half mile in from Ridgeside access point.

***Public Comments***

January 22

- Resident of Canyon Boulevard was concerned about rocks falling into his backyard. The resident was given contact information for the Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor; Supervisor was never contacted.

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January 30

- Oakglade Avenue resident asked if Ridgeside Drive access gate was expected to be open until 9:00pm during the summer months. HWP Ranger confirmed the HWP hours of 6am-9pm. Oakglade Avenue resident was pleased with the new posted hours of Hillside Wilderness Preserve.

### ***Incidents***

January 8

- HWP Resident reported a fallen oak tree on the Lower Clamshell Motorway blocking vehicle access approximately one mile in from Cloverleaf access point. HWP resident called a contractor to remove the oak tree, and it was removed by the end of day.

January 11 and 12

- Park Rangers assisted numerous residents on Highland Place with installing the mud/debris barriers in anticipation of heavy rain.

January 13

- Reported landslide on Lower Clamshell Truck Trail, blocking vehicle access for three hours. The slide was passable by hikers and mountain bikers. Park Rangers and Public Works staff cleared the road with hand tools and a skip loader by 5:00 p.m.
- Reported landslide by HWP resident on Lower Clamshell Motorway one quarter of a mile from Cloverleaf access. Landslide did not block for vehicles; allowing safe passage. Public Works staff cleared the road with a skip loader by 5:00 p.m.

January 13

- Patron with dog off leash near the Cloverleaf entrance. Patron complied with rules and regulations requested by Park Ranger.

January 17

- Patron with two dogs off leash on the Lower Clamshell Truck Trail. Patron complied with rules and regulations requested by Park Ranger.

January 19

- HWP Ranger observed unauthorized vehicle driving on the hiking trail near the Cloverleaf access point in the HWP preserve. Park Ranger was unable to make contact with vehicle.

January 22

- HWP was closed for public safety due to heavy rains. HPW reopened on January 27<sup>th</sup> after Park Rangers were able to assess the safety of the trails.

January 23

- HWP Resident reported a fallen oak tree on Lower Clamshell Motorway blocking vehicle access approximately one mile in from Cloverleaf access point. HWP residents called a contractor to remove the tree by the end of the day.

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January 28

- Cloverleaf resident reported a dog trapped in the Cloverleaf water reservoir. HWP Rangers successfully helped remove the trapped dog. The owner of the dog was contacted and asked to keep all dogs on leash to prevent further incidents.

## **CANYON PARK**

### ***Maintenance***

January 18

- Canyon Park Volunteers put in edge barriers to stabilize an eight foot portion of the Bill Cull Trail.

January 27

- Canyon Park Volunteers put in edge barriers to stabilize an eight foot portion of the Overlook Trail.

### ***Public Comments***

January 17

- Patron requested vehicle access to White Saddle. Park Ranger explained to the patron jurisdiction boundaries and that there is no access to White Saddle.

### ***Incidents***

January 10

- Camp Trask Caretaker reported a landslide near Camp Trask on Saw Pit Road blocking vehicle traffic. Park Rangers and Public Work staff cleared the road by 5:00 p.m.

January 11

- Report of a water pipe leak on Saw Pit Road. Public Works crew fixed faulty pipe.

January 14

- Park Ranger called Monrovia Police to assist in parking compliance for Canyon Park's middle parking lot. Four cars were cited for parking in a no parking zone.

January 19

- Camp Trask Caretaker Trask reported erosion damaging on the Saw Pit Road. Monrovia Public Works coned off area of concern for public safety. Boy Scouts of America is accessing damages for repairs.

January 22

- Canyon Park was closed for public safety due to heavy rains. Canyon Park reopened on January 25th after Park Rangers were able to assess the safety of the trails. Ben Overturf trail is still closed due to a landslide on the Boy scouts of America property. The Boy Scouts of America staff is continuing with maintenance to clear the landslide.

January 23

- Camp Trask Caretaker reported three landslides on Saw Pit Road, two landslides were located on Boy Scouts of America property and one landslide was located on the City's property, all landslides were blocking vehicle and patron access. Camp Trasks Caretaker cleared the landslides on Canyon Park and Boy scouts of America road.

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**Events**

- Rangers are currently offering third, fourth, and fifth grade Education tours for Monrovia students as well as out of district students. Monrovia Public Works assisted in a water pollution presentation for the 5th grade education tours.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to provide program feedback and receive and file AR-1 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2017.

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED:** If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to provide program feedback and receive and file the AR 1 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2017.

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