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There has been many changes in our Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association (LBHA) this last couple of months. We are trying hard to get back on track after what has been a very strange year for all. We will plan some events, get back to regular meetings and welcome new officers and board members.

Please don't hesitate to call or email any of us with questions or suggestions for our newsletter or any events you would like to see take place at our arena.

We'd like to recognize our new President, Greg King. He has been a member for many years and has donated countless hours to the association. He never misses a meeting, always has a big smile and you can find him at all of our horseshows doing all the jobs that nobody else wants to do. He also recruits his two wonderful daughters. Thank you Mr. President, Greg King.



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TRAYLOR RANCH NATURE RESERVE

Hello Traylor Ranch Supporters. Well hasn't this been a year for the record books. We haven't had an official workday during 2020, however, I did some maintenance items and Placer County has done a fantastic job with fixing some issues as well, like bridges and irrigation problems. We normally kick off our workdays in March. So let's give it a go. Saturday March 27 is the day. It is our normal 4th Saturday of the month. Assuming the weather holds. The time is 8-12 noon. Please meet at the Humphrey parking lot at 8 if you can. I'll be there. Social distancing and masked up. Since we are working individually, I think we'll have good social distancing, LOL! If you have a string trimmer, that would be great. I have a push behind string trimmer and a carry string trimmer. Also, if you'd like to help with filling some holes on the trail, bring a shovel. I'll will have a golf cart we can put soil in. As always, bring gloves, drinking water and other personal protection equipment like eye and ear protection if using the equipment. I'll have some as well. Please follow the Traylor Ranch Facebook page for updates or contact me directly at my email with questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/TraylorRanchNatureReserveandBirdSanctuary/>

We ride to fly. To feel. To laugh. To prove them wrong. To feel strong. To love and to be loved back. We ride to live.



Dave Faoro
 TRNR Committee Chair-
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MINUTES
LBHA General Meeting
February 24, 2021

The general membership meeting was held at the Blue Anchor Park in Loomis. The following Board members were present: Liz Daffner, Bruce Renfrew, Maureen Henderson, Janis Rau, Kate Johnson, Joe Warlow and Greg King. Committee Chair Laurene Davis was also present. Kathy Dombrowski and Melanie Warlow were absent.

Past-President, Liz Daffner presided. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. As this was our first meeting of the year, introductions were made.

Maureen reported briefly on trails, specifically focusing on Hidden Falls. The final hearing and vote for approval by the Board of Supervisors of the Hidden Falls Expansion will be held on March 8, 2021. We need as many members as possible to have a voice at this last meeting.

The main focus of this meeting was the election of officers and directors for the current year.

The following slate of officers and directors was voted in:

President – Greg King

Vice-President – Liz Daffner

Secretary – Maureen Henderson

Treasurer – Janis Rau

Board Members: Joe Warlow, Bruce Renfrew, Kate Johnson, Kathy Dombrowski and Laurene Davis

Discussion ensued among the membership about the direction of LBHA this year. It was decided that we will focus on the horse show in October and possibly holding 3 obstacle days, at the discretion of the organizers.

Janis made a motion, seconded by Greg, that we cut down on the number of meetings and newsletters – downsizing from monthly to quarterly. Discussion was held, and the motion passed unanimously. Mary Westfall suggested that we send out a newsletter after the meeting so those who were unable to attend can be informed of actions taken.

Liz made a motion, seconded by Bruce, that we increase our membership dues. Discussion followed. It was determined that the subject be tabled until our October meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by Maureen Henderson, Secretary



Hidden Falls Updates and Information

Set forth below is a copy of the letter submitted to the Placer County Board of Supervisors on behalf of Placer Trails, a coalition of which we are a member. This is our last push for approval of the Hidden Falls Expansion. The most important points have been set forth in this letter. If possible, please take a few minutes to write a letter of your own to submit to the BOS prior to the hearing date of March 8. This is the critical time when your voice needs to be heard. You can make it simple by just stating that you support the Reduced Project at Hidden Falls, or you can take some points from this letter to use in a letter of your own, setting forth your support and the reasons why. If possible, now is also the time for you to make a public statement in support of the project which you can do in several ways: You can appear in person; via Zoom; or you can call in. I will be sending out detailed instructions for the different options as soon as they are received from Placer County.



February 24, 2021

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To: Placer County Board of Supervisors

Re: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail Expansion Project: "Placer Trails" Supports Certification of the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and Implementation of the Reduced Project

Placer Trails, a coalition of seven trail groups active in Placer County with over 4,000 members, enthusiastically supports the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. Our primary comments on the Project are summarized briefly below and addressed in more detail for selected issues in Attachment 1.

Trails are a favorite of Placer County residents, whether you hike, ride a bike or horse, or run. The County opinion survey for the Parks and Trail Masterplan showed multi-use trails as the top priority for future park projects—91 percent support more trails and recreation access to open space. Placer County's foothill trails are in high demand, but short supply, and users of these trails routinely experience overcrowding of popular trailheads and trails, especially at Hidden Falls Regional Park.

The Expansion Project will double the size of the Hidden Falls trail network and provide public access to more than 2,500 acres of open-space preserves owned by Placer Land Trust. For more than 15 years, the Land Trust has been working together with Placer County, the State of California, foundations, and willing landowners to acquire this natural open space and working rangeland north of the existing Hidden Falls Regional Park, extending to the Bear River.

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Over \$7 million of County funds have been invested along with State and foundation funds to permanently protect these lands as natural open space, for continued livestock grazing, and to provide for public trail access. Each acquisition that the County helped fund included deeded trail easements owned by the County to provide public trail access. Without trail access the County would not have participated and there would be no preserves. Taxpayers now deserve access to the trails we have invested in.

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for full build-out of the Trail Expansion Project, which would include three new trailheads, more than 350 new parking spaces, and 30 miles of trail, concluded that all but a few potential impacts would be less than significant. Fire officials approved plans for wildfire mitigation and evacuation and traffic engineers approved the adequacy of area roads. Cal Fire data do not show use of non-motorized trails as a significant fire risk.

In addition to fire and traffic, opponents fear that trail recreation and livestock grazing will not be compatible and that agriculture will suffer. However, there are examples throughout California, including East Bay Regional Parks, City of San Luis Obispo and several more, where there have been years of uneventful coexistence of multi-use trails through open rangeland with no ill-effects on livestock or trail users. Recreation and agriculture can successfully coexist and both are critical to our region's economy.

In response to public comment, economics, and other factors not evaluated in the SEIR, County Parks has proposed a Reduced Project as a compromise between (1) the Full Project evaluated in the SEIR, and (2) elimination of the project as sought by neighborhood opponents. The Reduced Project is similar to the lowest-impact Project alternative evaluated in the SEIR, but with even less public access. The Reduced Project would reduce public access, but would have the least negative impact on the environment and the neighborhood because it reduces parking and traffic by more than 60 percent. In fact, County staff estimate that the amount of traffic added by the Reduced Project would be no more than the traffic added if the Expansion Project preserves had instead been developed to the level allowed by current zoning.


Placer Trails has carefully considered the Reduced Project in relation to our previous recommendation to proceed with the Full Project. Despite reduction of new parking by more than half from the Full Project, as well as elimination of public access at Curtola Ranch Road, the Reduced Project stills achieves a modest increase in parking and, most importantly, will grant public access to 30 miles of new trails through Land Trust preserves—trails in which taxpayers have invested millions.


Placer Trails supports the Reduced Project as an acceptable compromise that will substantially reduce neighborhood impacts, already deemed less than significant, while still opening up new multi-use trails for public use. The Parks Commission and the Planning Commission have agreed. We hope that the opponents of the project will also see this as a reasonable compromise.


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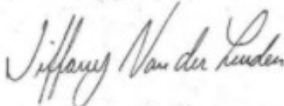
Seldom has it been so clear as during the global pandemic that the health of our community depends on ready access to nature and trails. The new year-round trails at Hidden Falls will be less than 30 min from most people in the County. The Board of Supervisors should move ahead to certify the SEIR and approve the Reduced Project. This will allow the County to accept the State grant of over \$3 million to fund most of the Twilight Ride trailhead. Stopping the Trail Expansion Project will deny taxpayers the benefits of the millions invested to date and damage Placer County's credibility with State grant programs. Let's get going to create a truly unique and expansive trail system in the foothills of Placer County for present and future generations.


Respectfully,


 
 Bernie Molloy, President
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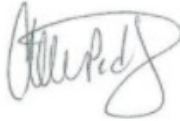

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Dedicated to Trail, The Arena at the Park
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February 28, 2021

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Re: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail Expansion Project: LBHA Supports Certification of the Final SEIR and Implementation of the Reduced Project

Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association (LBHA) supports the Reduced Project implementation that County Parks proposes. As is evidenced by the trailhead situation at Mears Place, there currently is a much greater demand for trails than we can accommodate.

LBHA is a member of Placer Trails and, as such, incorporates herein by reference, as though fully set forth, the letter (including exhibits) submitted by Placer Trails dated February 24, 2021 to the Board of Supervisors. For your convenience, a copy of that letter (without exhibits) is attached hereto.

Since 2007 Placer County has participated in the expansion area acquisitions. The total acreage of these acquisitions is 2,593 acres for a total acquisition cost of \$15,380,000. Of this amount Placer County has contributed \$7,512,100. All these acquisitions have gone through the normal hearing process and all were approved by the various commissions, including this Commission. During this hearing process, it has always been represented that these acquired lands would be open to the public. **THERE CAN BE NO PUBLIC USE WITHOUT PUBLIC ACCESS.**

Now, an opportunity has arisen which allows for another access point. The current reservation system is proof that more access is needed. The residents in the proximity of this new access point (Rural Placer) are opposed to further development of the park. County Parks has listened to Rural Placer and made a sincere effort to address their concerns. The result is a Reduced Project (by approximately 60%), which is what is being presented for your consideration and final approval.

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Rural Placer has disappointed in that it has not participated in any negotiations or compromise from its original position.

Rural Placer's position that the park should remain "status quo" is unacceptable. Leading docent led hikes up to a dozen times a year to a limited group of individuals is not making this land available for public use. The land was acquired with public funds, for public use. The public has a right to enjoy the land which, ultimately, was the original goal.

The fact that a well-organized small group of residents can come together and derail a project which has been in the planning stages for over 15 years is upsetting. It was never a secret that there was a plan for Hidden Falls and its expansion. That plan has been made public since 2007. It is also upsetting that Placer County would spend millions of dollars towards a project and then not approve the final phase.

This Commission, together with all the other commissions, over the past 15 years, has been instrumental in acquiring the land in this project to be preserved for future generations. It is time to live up to and fulfil the representations made to the public and paid for with taxpayer dollars.

Placer County continues to grow. There is a huge demand for outdoor activity and trails like the ones proposed in the Reduced Project.

LBHA urges your votes to approve the Reduced Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

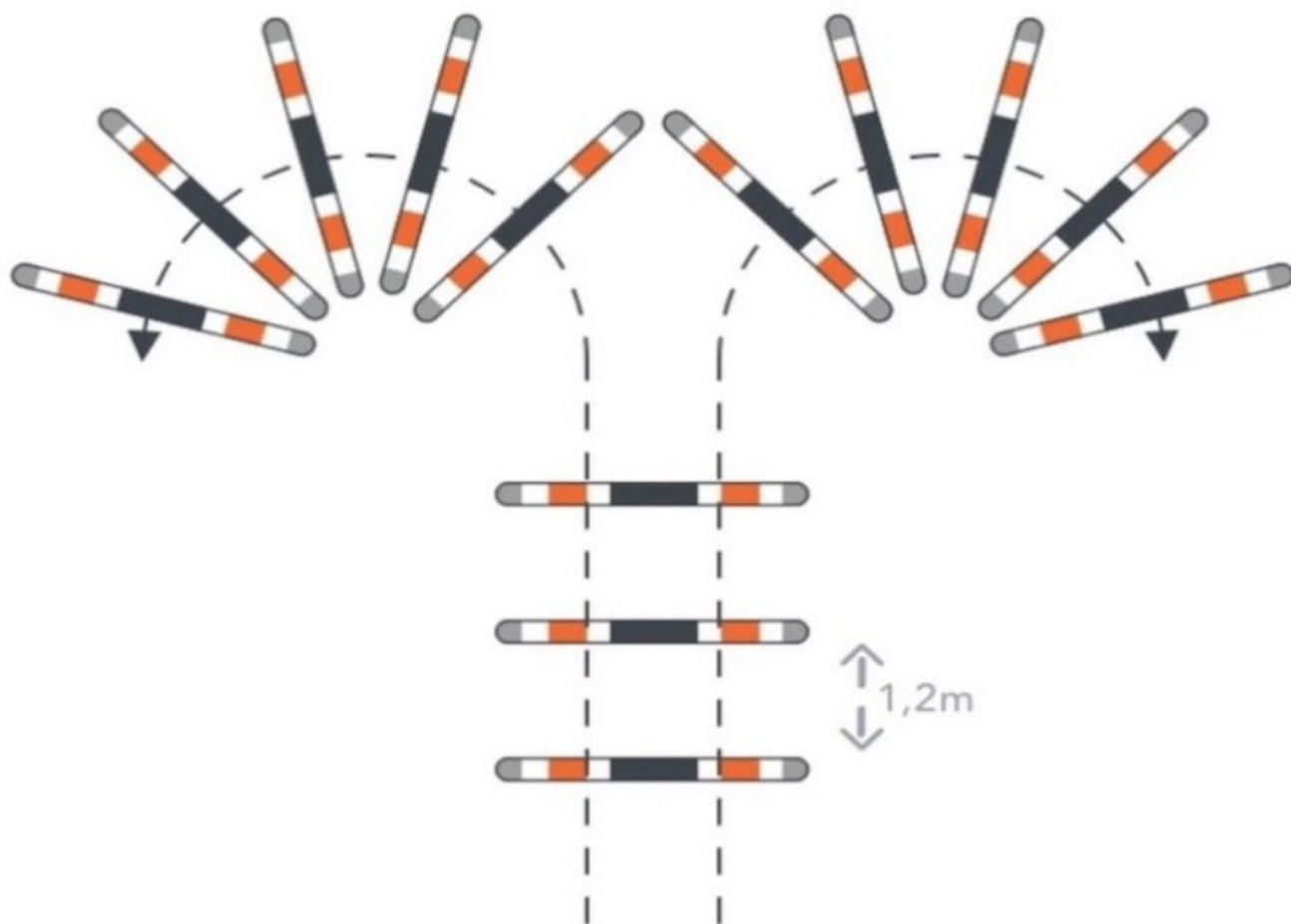
Maureen Henderson
Trails Liaison

Thank You to our Trails Liaison, Maureen Henderson for all your hard work in bringing this information to our membership

Raising the Bar

This week's exercise from Equisense:

The Palm Tree assists with pace regularity, straightness, and suppleness. Trotting over only the center ground poles until the horse maintains its rhythm, move on to the fan poles, alternating left and right at the center of each fan. For more tips related to this obstacle and to download the free training app, visit [@equisense_en.com](https://www.equisense.com)



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HSIH.....horse snot in hair
HIB.....hay in my bra
PIHH.....poop induced half halt
UPD.....unplanned dismount
MHTS...more horse than sense
SLH.....smell like horse
NLT.....no lesson today
HGR.....have a great ride
R2R.....ready to ride
HBS.....horse being stubborn
TT.....tack trouble

OGAUGH..on the ground and my horse is gone. HELP!

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Dear Fellow Loomis Basin Horsemen's Members,

I would like to share some really exciting news! I've joined a dynamic brokerage at Realty ONE Group Complete as a California licensed Realtor®. I am focused on working with buyers and sellers in Placer County and the Sacramento Area, but if you ever have questions about real estate anywhere in California don't hesitate to give me a call as I have some great resources I can draw upon.

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Really looking forward to being of service,

Annette Woollard

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MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your membership.

If you are not getting e-mails from LBHA, we may not have the correct e-mail or you are blocking LBHA. The Newsletter goes on line the first week of each month, so if you do not get a notice, just check the webpage and then get the correct e-mail to LBHA.

All Memberships expire December 31. New members joining mid year will renew December 31 of the following year. Pay on line the easy way!

Being an LBHA Member is a great way to give back to our community.

We thank you in advance.

AD FEES For LBHA Members
(Non-Members add \$10 to below fees)

NEWSLETTER ADS Deadline is the 25th of the month
½ page: 1year \$60 Includes Business card on Website.
½ page: 6mos \$30 one time \$5 Full page one time \$10
Business Card Ad per issue: \$10 / issue
Business Card Ad/year: \$40/year includes card on Website

DIRECTORY ADS Deadline for Directory ads is March 1
Full Page Ad: \$25
½ Page Ad: \$15
Business Card Ad: \$10 - Free for **LBHA Business Members**

WEB ADS
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NOTE add \$10 to fee for Non-LBHA members



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Next Meeting

Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.
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Reminder!

LBHA has an electronic Membership form available on our website that let's you pay your renewals through paypal if you choose. Find it under the JOIN tab.

Arena

Please **NO TRAILERS** or **HORSES** on the asphalt parking lot. No barrels, poles or other equipment may be used in the arena. Small Orange cones allowed. Trainers must have an Arena Use form submitted annually as well as the proper insurance naming LBHA and Placer County as "Also Insureds." If Insurance is cancelled 2 times or more, the permit is no longer valid. Trainers **MUST** contact LBHA with the time and number of students that will be in class, 24 hrs before the lesson. (All Forms are on LBHA Website at LBHA.us)

Attention!

It is a privilege to have a key to the gates of our LBHA Arena.
 It's important to close and lock the red parking lot gates when you leave.
 We have had "renegades" come in during the night and early morning and use our arena for 4 wheeling and dirt donuts causing us to resurface and sand the arena.
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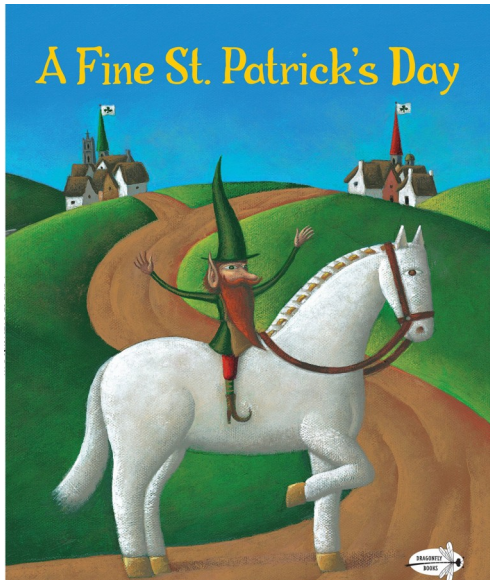
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From the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association

ABOUT LBHA

The Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association founded in 1984 is a non-profit 501 (C) 3 information and awareness organization dedicated to the South Placer County Trails, Traylor Ranch, the Arena at the Loomis Basin Community Park and the Preservation of the Rural Lifestyle.

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