

# Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

## Trails Management Subcommittee



**BACKGROUND:** The Trails Management Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) was established in 2008 to provide input on trails issues related to the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), the agency responsible for implementing the CVMSHCP. Currently, the Trails Management Subcommittee meets every other month on the third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr # 119, Palm Desert, CA 92260 in Palm Desert.

The work of the Subcommittee focuses on implementation of the Trails Plan for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area. The Trails Management Subcommittee includes representatives of the cities, tribes, Riverside County, trail user groups, and local public agencies including BLM, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (CVMC). The Trails Management Subcommittee’s duties include the following:

1. Complete an annual review of the effectiveness of the overall trails management program. Annual review will include an assessment of bighorn sheep population trends, recreational trail use data, and other new data.
2. Make recommendations to both the Reserve Management Unit Committee (RMUC) and the Reserve Management Oversight Committee (RMOC) regarding modifications to the trails management program.
3. Make recommendations for decommissioning and removing trails to the RMOC and RMUC. Final approval for trail decommissioning and removal rests with the entity having jurisdiction over the applicable lands.
4. Assist the CVCC, and the land management agencies with providing information and education to trail users about the trails management program.

The subcommittee also assists the CVCC and other agencies with trails planning and management in the CVMSHCP Reserve System throughout the Coachella Valley.

The membership of the Trails Management Subcommittee is described in Section 6.3 of the CVMSHCP. In 2008, the CVCC added members to the Subcommittee to provide broader representation throughout the Plan area. The members of the Subcommittee are as follows:

- One representative each from the cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, Indio, Coachella, and La Quinta. The city representatives shall be appointed by the respective city councils.
- One representative from the Riverside County 5<sup>th</sup> District, appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- One representative each from the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, Riverside County Parks, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Tram Winter Park Authority. Each of these agencies shall appoint its representative.
- The CVCC appoints five individual representatives of trail interest organizations, environmental organizations, and independent researchers.