

ALTADENA CREST TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS SCOPING PERIOD SUMMARIZED COMMENTS

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Project Description							
1. Describe the operation and maintenance procedures for the trails, including what types of uses/users will be permitted on the trails, hours of operation, and closure procedures.	X	X	X			X	X
2. Describe the County trail standards and the standards for these trails in terms of width and grade.	X	X	X	X		X	X
3. What is the purpose and need of the project?	X	X	X	X	X		X
4. Describe the ability of the County to use eminent domain.	X	X	X				
5. Describe all of the proposed amenities and locations for the trails, including the restrooms, electricity, lights, parking, benches, water troughs, tie-ups, signs, etc.	X	X	X				
6. Residents commented on presence or absence of public trail and existing portions in Millard Canyon.	X						X
7. Define the locations and existence of gaps and possible trails located in the gaps.	X	X	X		X		
8. Residents supported all trails as multiuse trails.	X					X	X
9. Provide a definition and reference for the standard of a person for miles/day.					X		
Trail Signage							
1. What is the short-term and long-term signage plan, including types, designs, materials, costs, and placement of signs?	X		X		X	X	X
Trail Alignments							
1. Residents expressed opposition to Millard Canyon alignments.	X	X	X				
2. Resident disputed existence of Millard Canyon Gap.	X		X				
3. Resident did not want a portion of La Vina EIR West that goes through the street portions of the La Vina development.							X
4. Resident not in support of La Vina North due to steepness.	X						X
5. La Vina EIR Trail East segment is too close to residents and is not aesthetically pleasing to either La Vina residents or trail users.	X						X
6. Use land east of La Vina EIR Trail East as an alternative to the portion of La Vina EIR Trail East segment that is close to La Vina residents.							X
7. Resident expressed support of trail along Millard Canyon as it is a traditional route that is one of the coolest trails in Altadena on a hot day.	X						X

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8. Use Alzada Road along Alzada Canyon as an alternative to portions of Skylane Gap No. 1. Work with neighbors to achieve most sensible route for neighbors of Skyline Gap.	X	X	X		X	X	
9. The 12.4-mile Altadena Crest Trail (ACT) as proposed will provide a unique trail in terms of elevation gains in the area and will be a valuable resource.	X				X		
10. Chaney Trail access is not public and requires ground-truthing	X				X		
11. Resident expressed opposition to using Skylane Gap No. 2 or No. 3.					X		
12. A more southern route around the water tower should be used for the La Vina North Alignment.					X		
13. The trail should not be above 2,000 feet in elevation.	X			X			
14. Resident expressed opposition to Cobb Estate trailhead.							X
15. La Vina EIR West Alternative down Lincoln Avenue is unacceptable.							X
16. Skyline Gap Option No. 2 is too high, steep, long, and far from community.				X			
17. Resident expressed opposition to Rubio Canyon Gap Option No. 3 because it is too steep.				X			
18. Residents expressed opposition to the Canyon Crest trailhead.							X
19. Utilize Rubio Canyon Option No. 1 instead of No. 3.	X						
20. Support for restrooms at Cobb Estate.	X					X	
Alternatives							
1. Resident expressed support for no-project alternative.	X	X					
2. Resident expressed support for trail project without amenities (i.e., parking, restrooms, lighting, extensive trailheads).	X			X	X	X	X
3. Add west and south links on Cobb Estate.	X			X			
4. Analyze linking trail to Pinecrest Gate.	X			X			
5. Resident is in favor of a small park at the Tanoble access point.							X
6. Provide alternative to La North and portion down Millard Canyon with connection to El Prieto trail.	X						
7. Utilize El Prieto trail to Brown Mountain Fire Road to avoid Millard Canyon Alignment.	X				X		
8. Use alternatives that reduce the number of properties/HOAs that need to be crossed?	X			X			
9. Extend proposed project to connect with Oak Grove Ranger Station.	X			X			

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10. Preserve Gym Trail from Loma Alta to Crib Trail. Provide safe crossing from SPS to Gym and Equestrian Center to Loma Alta.	X			X			
11. Provide greenway from SPS and Loma Alta Park down Lincoln to Altadena Drive to the Arroyo.	X				X	X	
12. Include existing trail segments on Las Flores Canyon/Loma Alta debris basin trail	X						
13. Altadena Drive and Lincoln Avenue access is dangerous. A horse was killed on it this year (rider was not), and a deer was also killed.							X
14. Reroute Lincoln Drive access around the backside of the school (Old Audubon School) to Altadena (less traffic along this stretch).	X				X		
15. Provide a Greenway along Canyon Crest Road for safe passage of equestrians and pedestrians from Meadows to Lincoln Avenue.	X						X
16. Evaluate connection of La Vina EIR East with ridge to Chaney Trail Drive.	X				X		
Trails Access Points							
1. The trail should be immediately accessible from neighborhoods (30 minutes; typical outing).					X		
2. There should be trail access at Pine Crest gate 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.	X				X		
3. There should be access to Brown Mountain grave site from the trail (Owen Brown history is important).					X		
4. Evaluate Gooseberry and Tanoble access points.						X	
5. Evaluate the Zane Gray access.						X	
6. Ensure that there are plenty of access points to increase use of multiple loops.	X			X			
7. Include access points on Stonehill.	X						
8. Include existing trail access on Tanoble.	X						
Trail Easements and Liability							
1. How do trail easements affect the property values?	X	X					
2. How do trail easements affect liability?	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3. What would be the process for completing trail easements?	X	X		X			
Parking Area							
1. What amenities and types of spaces will be located in the parking areas (i.e., lights, restrooms, horse trailers)?	X	X	X	X			

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2. What are the hours of operation of the parking facilities, and will they be locked when closed?	X	X	X	X			X
3. Concerns expressed regarding the potential impacts of the Canyon Crest Parking Area.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. What are the potential impacts of the parking areas and overflow parking?	X	X	X	X			X
5. Where are all/other parking options? Listed choices include Noyes School, Loma Alta School, driveways of Cobb Estate, Windsor/Ventura parking area.	X	X		X		X	X
Trail Safety							
1. What safety precautions for the trails have been developed (fire, rescue, access)?	X	X	X	X		X	
2. Who will patrol or respond to incidents along the trails/trailheads/parking areas?	X	X				X	
3. Please provide crime statistics associated with trails.	X	X		X			
4. Who will maintain the trails?	X	X			X	X	
5. What is the fire history in the area?	X					X	
Trail Maintenance							
1. Who will maintain the trails and facilities, and what is the maintenance schedule?	X	X	X	X		X	X
2. Is there sufficient staff and funding to maintain the new trails? Will there be more staff than currently responsible for trail maintenance?	X	X	X			X	X
3. Trails maintenance can be a project for the eagle scouts, boy scouts, L.A. Conservation Corp, and other groups.							X
4. Switchbacks are difficult to maintain.	X			X			X
5. Current maintenance by the County is spotty.	X			X			
Procedural							
1. Expressed support for proposed project.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Expressed opposition for proposed project.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. What is the role of the La Vina settlement and concessions in this trails project?		X	X				
4. Resident requested to have all project-related documents on CDs and available on the Sapphos Environmental, Inc. FTP site.	X	X	X				
5. Provide maps at the public meetings that can be drawn on.		X					
6. What is a scoping meeting? How were people invited?		X		X			
7. What role will the Altadena Community Plan play in defining public policy? Will it be amended?	X	X	X				
8. Who decides what the impacts are and makes the final decision on the EIR?		X					

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9. What is Sapphos Environmental, Inc.'s role in the decision-making process?		X	X				
10. Have the Board of Supervisors hiked the trail?			X				
11. Are there any restrictions when weighing alternative trails?			X				
12. Make graphics clearer by having area landmarks such as JPL parking area, other trails, and other uses.	X						X
Aesthetics							
1. A detailed visibility analysis is needed. Please be explicit in the description.	X	X		X			X
2. Provide native plantings to serve as hedges for screening backyards close to trails to discourage nonnative plantings, for example, Toyon.							X
3. Will there be light pollution?						X	X
4. Trail design should protect the privacy of residents and blend with the aesthetics of the area.	X				X		X
Air Quality							
1. Resident expressed concerns about dust during and after construction.							X
2. Additional cars in trailhead parking may affect air quality.				X			
Biological Resources							
1. Are there anticipated impacts to sensitive areas, such as riparian areas?		X				X	X
2. Will oak trees be disturbed? Are there potential impacts?	X	X					X
3. Evaluate potential for impacts to listed species (Arroyo Toad, Mountain Yellow-legged Frog).	X			X			X
4. Evaluate potential for other sensitive species to be impacted (San Bernardino ringneck snake, San Bernardino kingsnake, two-striped garter snake, western whiptail, California legless lizard, yellow-legged frog, and one of the sensitive salamander species).	X						X
5. Evaluate releasing of captured animals at hairpin turn on Canyon Crest.	X						
6. Will the project require a Streambed Alteration Agreements from the California Department of Fish and Game?	X						
7. Discuss any unique habitats in the proposed project area, such as lower Millard.	X						
8. Remove nonnative plant species during construction, particularly in Millard Canyon.					X		X
9. Evaluate impacts of trails on habitats and wildlife corridors.	X			X	X		X

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Cultural Resources							
1. Evaluate and describe historic use and cultural significance of portions of the trails, specifically Millard Canyon.	X			X	X	X	X
2. Respond to State of California Native American Heritage Commission.	X						
Geology and Soils							
1. What types of geological studies have been undertaken for both existing and proposed trails?	X					X	
2. Have and will earthquake faults be analyzed?	X					X	
3. Address trail impacts and mitigation on erosion, slope stability, and liquefaction.	X			X	X	X	X
Hazards and Hazardous Material							
1. Evaluate the risk of fire hazards from the trails.	X					X	X
2. Evaluate fire evacuation plans for meadows area.	X	X	X		X		
3. Evaluate if heliports in area represent airports.	X						
Hydrology and Water Quality							
1. Consider the high water mark in Millard Canyon. Check Federal Emergency Management Agency maps.	X	X					
2. Evaluate water quality of streams from users, especially horses and bikes.	X	X				X	
3. Would the proposed trail have any impacts on water quality and flow?	X					X	
4. Will the proposed trail alter the water flow pattern?	X					X	X
5. How will the restroom be configured to not pollute the stream? Perhaps a composting toilet can be used.	X				X		
Land Use and Planning							
1. How will trails affect adjacent property values (increase or decrease)?	X				X		
2. Describe the applicable sections of the Altadena Community Plan regarding trails.	X	X	X				
3. How will trails affect fire insurance especially those areas in a red zone, where many are on the California FAIR plan for fire insurance.	X						X
Noise							
1. Noise in the canyon area may echo up from canyons.	X						X
2. Evaluate construction noise impacts on nearby residents.	X					X	
3. Evaluate noise from trail users impacts on nearby residents.	X			X		X	

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Recreation							
1. Describe the trail users and limitations to users for the specific trail segments.	X	X	X			X	
2. Describe the unit of measurement for a 1-day hike and the rationale behind a one-day hike.	X	X	X			X	
3. Describe the needs for the trail in the area.	X	X				X	
4. Describe the needs for the recreational resources in the area.	X	X	X		X	X	X
5. Describe options for reducing user conflicts on trails.	X				X	X	
6. What is the expected draw from different parts of the County?	X					X	
Transportation and Traffic							
1. What are the traffic-related issues and mitigation measures concerning the Canyon Crest Road parking area?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. How will the trail cross Canyon Crest Road?	X	X			X	X	
3. There should be bus lines to connect with trailheads (possibly Lake Avenue and Loma Alta Drive).							X