



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 23, 2008

**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers for their volunteer maintenance of the Jesusita Trail

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize the Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers for their volunteer maintenance of the Jesusita Trail.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers (SBMTV) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting trail access for all trail users with a focus on mountain bikers. Since its inception 16 years ago, SBMTV has played an important role in trail maintenance and trail user education. SBMTV activities include volunteer trail maintenance events, distribution of bike bells, promotion of trail etiquette through signage and printed/electronic information, and sponsorship of bike events, among others. SBMTV also coordinates with other trail organizations and is involved in the many discussions among public agencies and trail user groups related to trail maintenance, management, user conflict and education concerns.

SBMTV organizes volunteer trail maintenance events under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. While most of the trails outside the urban area are within the Los Padres National Forest, there are some trails within the jurisdiction of the City of Santa Barbara and unincorporated County. The Jesusita Trail, which begins next to the Cater Water Treatment Plant on San Roque Road, is a popular trail that falls within the City, unincorporated County and National Forest. Over the years, SBMTV, in conjunction with the Forest Service, has sponsored trail maintenance events on the Jesusita Trail, including the portion that falls within the City of Santa Barbara. The most recent trail maintenance event with eighteen volunteers was held on December 1, 2007. Trail work included reducing a slide area to widen a trail bed and improving water bars. Since the Parks and Recreation Department has few resources for trail maintenance, the volunteer work provided by SBMTV is greatly appreciated and provides a valued service to the Santa Barbara community.

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