

New Proposition 40 River Parkways Proposals
Cedar Creek Falls Trail (To Be Renamed)

The Executive Officer has initiated early discussions with the Cleveland National Forest staff regarding a potential partnership to construction and complete an east/west trail in the headwaters informally known as the Cedar Creek Falls Trail. To date, the Forest Service has worked with several other partners on various stretches of the trail. The goal is to build a code compliant trail from San Diego Country Estates (near Ramona) down to the San Diego River gorge. The Forest Service goal is to provide the public with a safe, accessible trail so that the unofficial, dangerous trail currently used by hikers can be abandoned. The proposed trail will only provide access to the San Diego River gorge, and will not continue all the way up to Cedar Creek Falls¹. Consequently, the trail will be renamed. This currently under construction east/west trail (down to the gorge from San Diego Country Estates will be designed to join up with the main north/south San Diego River Trail (yet to be constructed).

The Executive Officer has a meeting scheduled with the District Ranger of the Cleveland National Forest on August 29, 2005 to discuss this potential partnership, as well as the FY 06 Federal Appropriation (see Agenda Item 14). In addition, the Executive Officer intends to work with the Helix Water District to build consensus on this project among the three partners. At this point, there are no specific dollar amounts targeted for this project, but I envision a commitment of approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Action:

Does the Governing Board support the use of Proposition 40 funding to partner with the Cleveland National Forest to continue construction of a trail between San Diego County Estates and the San Diego River gorge?

¹ Once in the River gorge however, hikers would be able to access the trail (that the Governing Board hiked) up to Cedar Creek Falls.