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Concept: To recreate the Butterfield stage line as a regional recreational trail

Much of the history of Temescal Valley centers around a trail, which centuries ago ran through the area along the route historians have identified as today's Temescal Canyon Road.

Old Temescal Road, also known as the Southern Emigrant Trail, played a major role in California history. It was the route used by the Luiseno and Gabrieleno Native Americans to reach their nearby villages. Leandro Serrano, the first non-native settler in Riverside County, built a home near the trail in 1820. Gold seekers, including John Fremont, used the road from 1849 to 1851, and it was the route for the Butterfield Overland Mail coaches, which made round-trips between St. Louis, Mo. and San Francisco from 1858 to 1861.

The National Park Service in 2009 began a U.S. Congress-endorsed study to include the Butterfield Overland stage route in the National Historic Trails system, recreating the route through a series of recreational trails connecting between St. Louis and San Francisco. Many of the original stagecoach routes have disappeared, and urbanization – freeways and homes, now sit where the original trails once rambled. The recreational trail route – for hikers, bikers and equestrians, is required to follow as closely as possible the original stage route, but when not feasible, can be relocated nearby to enhance the trail-user's experience.



SCOUTING TRAIL ALIGNMENTS: Temescal Valley resident **Amie Kinne**, left, with other team members hike the terrain east of the I-15.

Riverside County became involved in the project in 2013. The county has long-envisioned a trail system for its western area that would connect all regional trails, from Temecula on the south to the 120-mile Santa River Trail on the north.

A project planning team was assembled, led by Temescal Valley resident **Amie Kinne** and **Jeff Greene**, county Supervisor **Kevin Jeffries'** chief of staff. Kinne is chairwoman of the county's Trails Committee and a district advisory commissioner for the county's Parks and Open Space District. Also on the team are **Marc Brewer** and **Brian Shomo**, with the county's Parks and Open Space department and the Habitat Conservation Agency, respectively, and representatives from the cities of Corona and Lake Elsinore. The National Parks Service lent the expertise of employee **Patrick Johnston** to the team.

Over the past two years, hours upon hours have been spent scouting Temescal Valley terrain east of the I-15 for possible trail alignments that incorporate open-space vistas and historical landmarks. Trail alignments also were explored in the cities of Lake Elsinore and Corona. Most of the proposed alignments currently are on private property.

With little or no money in the county budget to create new trails, it's suggested that when definite alignments are selected, property owners will give the county easements or will be required to donate the land as a mitigating condition of approval when the owner seeks to develop the property.

The team has documented its Butterfield Trail concept in a multi-page report that now is being presented to the public. It soon will be available on the county's website and eventually presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.



CLEANING UP THE VALLEY: Eleven residents participated in the September cleanup that netted 900 pounds of trash and discarded items, 18 tires and a stolen earthmover. Joining Beautification Committee Chairman **Bob Hafner** were his son **Billie**, **Dave Davis**, **Adam Eventov**, **Tracy Davis**, **Jerry Sincich**, **Martin Lange**, **Dan Smith**, **Brien Klingman**, and **John and Jannlee Watson**.

A Must See Event!

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

THINGS TO DO

- **Learn How to Compost Workshop:** Also how to make worm bins, 10 a.m. to noon, **Saturday, Oct. 17**, Wildrose Ranch Community Park, corner of Knabe Road and Clay Canyon Drive. Wildrose Ranch residents free; \$5 all others. Register at eventatwildrose@gmail.com
- **Civil War Re-enactment:** Battle times 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., **Saturday, Oct. 17** and **Sunday, Oct. 18**, Tom's Farms. Third annual event presents excellent educational opportunity for children. **FREE!**
- **Sycamore Creek Fall Festival & Boutique:** 2 to 4 p.m., **Saturday, Oct. 17**, at the Clubhouse, 25420 Mayhew Canyon Road. Lots of family fun for **FREE!**
- **Trunk or Treat:** 4 to 8 p.m., **Saturday, Oct. 24**, Deleo Regional Sports Park in Sycamore Creek. Sponsored by Riverside County Parks and Recreation Department. Family fun, food trucks and many vendors to furnish **FREE** goodies to little trick-or-treaters.
- **Halloween:** Beware (or more appropriately be aware), of little ghost and goblins trick-or-treating on neighborhood streets, **Saturday, Oct. 31**.
- **El Cerrito County Library:** 7581 Rudell Road, behind El Cerrito Middle School. Many fun reading programs, homework help and storytimes. 951-270-5012.
- **County Bookmobile:** 2 to 4 p.m., **every Monday**, Tom's Farms; 9 to 11 a.m., **every Tuesday**, Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- **Tom's Farms: Craft faire** every weekend, plus live music, 12:30 to 5 p.m. "**Swingin' Saturday Nights**," last Saturday of the month — **FREE** swing dance lesson at 6 p.m.; open dancing 6:30 to 8 p.m.

TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **Horsethief Canyon Ranch Neighborhood Watch:** 7 p.m., **Wednesday, Oct. 21**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch Clubhouse. Sheriff's official will be present to answer questions. HCR residents only.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, Oct. 27**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **El Sobrante Landfill Citizens' Oversight Committee:** 10 a.m., **Thursday, Nov. 5**, Temescal Valley Water District office, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Nov. 5**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee:** 7 p.m., **Thursday, Nov. 5**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, Nov. 7**, Trilogy, Blue Water Sports Club, Center for Well-Being room, The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway. This meeting is open to the public -- check us out!

MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Oct. 15**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, Oct. 20** and **Tuesday, Oct. 27**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Study session, 6:30 p.m., **Tuesday, Oct. 20**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Riverside County Planning Commission:** 9 a.m., **Wednesday, Oct. 21**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Oct. 22**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.

QUICK HITS & UPDATES ...

LAUNCHING TERRAMOR ... Foremost Companies has created a website to keep people updated on its 1,443-home development now being built on the east side of the freeway, north of Indian Truck Trail. As homes, floorplans, amenities, etc., become available, more will be added to the site: www.Terramor.com. There's a place on the site where people can register to receive updates. Good news – construction on Temescal Canyon Road between Indian Truck Trail and Campbell Ranch Road is on target, and TCR should be reopened mid-December. Thank you, Foremost, for listing the location of Terramor as Temescal Valley!

NEW BUILDING TO BRING 150 JOBS ... A 64,000-plus-square-foot building was approved by the county Board of Supervisors at its Oct. 6 meeting. The building will be constructed on 13 acres at the southern end of the Wildrose Business Park on Temescal Canyon Road. Plans call for 36,290 square feet of manufacturing, 22,000 square feet of warehouse and 5,900 square feet of office space. There will be 125 parking spaces. According to **Darrell Clendenen**, the project's applicant, he plans to begin construction on curbs, gutters and sidewalks by the end of the year.

DELEO GROWS BY 13 ACRES ... The county recently finalized the purchase of 13 acres adjacent to **Deleo Regional Sports Park**. The purchase of the property by the county was part of the original agreement with the developer of Sycamore Creek. While suggestions have been made on the best use of this recreational land – everything from an aquatic center to a community garden or BMX park, improvements will have to wait until county funds become available.