



Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Alan E. Clanin
Date: February 20, 2018
Subject: Request to Endorse Rim of the World Intermountain Trail

Mr. Bruce Daniels presented a concept of a "Rim of the World Intermountain Trail" at the January 16, 2018 meeting of the Crestline Village Water District Board of Directors and is seeking a "public statement of support" or "endorsement" of his Regional Trail System vision.

Background:

Bruce Daniels is now retired but previously served as the first chairman of the Rim of the World Recreation & Park District and former Secretary of the now defunct Rim of the World Trails Association. He has served as economic development consultant for the County of San Bernardino, qualifying Crestline for redevelopment; Economic Development Specialist for the City of Big Bear Lake; and City Manager/Redevelopment Director for the City of Coachella. Mr. Daniels also served as Housing & Community Development Director for the County of Riverside.

Mr. Daniels is requesting independent special districts, nongovernmental organizations, environmental groups, private businesses and community groups to endorse the "Rim of the World Intermountain Trail" concept and to formally express interest in moving on to the next step in finishing a job started a generation ago. Other organizations joining in include the Lake Arrowhead Chamber Government Affairs Committee, The Rim of the World Interpretative Association (ROWIA Heaps Peak Arboretum/Switzer Park), County Service Area Dam Commission (McKay Park), and Crestline Municipal Advisory Council (County of San Bernardino). Community focus will be on connecting the Running Springs business district with Charles Hoffman Elementary School, Hootman Community Center, Arrowbear Lake, Snow Valley and Arctic Circle; however, a potential connection with all projects exists. Efforts have already begun with the completion of the "Discovery Trail" (National Children's Forest); planning for Snow Valley Resort, Sky Park at Santa's Village and Pali Mountain; and improvements at Heaps Peak Arboretum and Switzer Park.

The next step is to review and approve the Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP) plan due imminently, prepare requests for public and private funding and seek letters of approval from participating organizations. The degree of community support and commitment of local resources will determine the competitiveness of the applications.

Impact:

At this time, the District is unaware of what involvement it may have in this trail system plan, and is therefore unable to estimate any physical or financial impact that may result from supporting or endorsing a concept.

Options:

1. Adopt Motion to formally support the concept of a Rim of the World Intermountain Trail.
2. Adopt Motion choosing not to formally support the concept of a Rim of the World Intermountain Trail.
3. Take no action.

Recommendation:

Adopt Motion to formally support the concept of a Rim of the World Intermountain Trail.