



## Forrestal Reserve Project List 2008

***Some of the projects below will need further approvals and permits, to be determined on a case by case basis. All projects, except Project 19 and Project 20, are rolled over from previous years project lists and have already received approval.***

- Project 5-Crystal Trail

The current trail alignment follows the concrete swales above Forrestal Drive. The swales have been severely undermined and been deemed unsafe by the City's Public Works department. As a result, the current trail is closed and a new alignment must be constructed to avoid the hazards. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was completed for this project in 2007 and it is currently submitted for approval of a State Recreational Trails Plan grant.

- Project 10-Intrepid Trail

Currently there is no trail along Intrepid Drive, only the paved road surface. Since the road sometimes accommodates heavy traffic, it would be desirable that the trail be moved off the street. The proposed trail on the north side of Intrepid was approved by City Council and was included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, but was not implemented. The proposal would be to consider other options for pedestrian traffic through the area. This project is currently submitted for approval of State Recreational Trails Plan grant.

- Project 13- Exotic Plant Removal

Several species of exotic plants have become invasive in the preserve. These include, but are not limited to fennel, *Foeniculum vulgare*; ice plant, *Carpobrotus edulis*, and garland daisy, *Chrysanthemum coronarium*. Removal of these large patches of invasive plants will allow for the establishment of native CSS species to grow in the areas now being occupied by exotics.

- Project 14- Klondike Canyon Crossing

The current Klondike Canyon crossing provides the only access between the Forrestal Reserve and Portuguese Bend Reserve. It is extremely narrow with a steep, eroded drop-off to the south and a smaller drop-off to the north that has

been overgrown by vegetation. A corrugated pipe runs directly under the crossing so that water can pass through it. This crossing needs to be made safer by widening the passage to prevent future erosion on the south side of the crossing. The RPV Public Works Department will be completing this project and anticipates using Measure A funds to cover costs associated with this repair project.

- Project 15- Riparian Restoration in Klondike Canyon

Several species of exotic plants have become extremely invasive in Klondike Canyon, almost to the exclusion of native habitat along the canyon floor. These include, but are not limited to *Foeniculum vulgare*, *Washingtonia robusta*, *Pennisetum clandestinum*, *Ricinus communis*, and *Cortaderia selloana*. These exotics will be eradicated and riparian vegetation replanted in the canyon.

- Project 16-Trail Improvement near Conqueror trail and Klondike Canyon crossing.

This existing trail could be improved to route traffic off the dirt road and provide a more natural experience for hikers.

- Project 17- Chain Link Fence Removal

A rusting and unsightly chain link fence runs the length of the Mariposa and Flying Mane Trails. It serves no purpose and blocks views. Removal of the fence would beautify the preserve and allow for undisturbed views from the highest portion of the preserve. A Los Angeles County Don Knabe competitive grant has been approved and this project will occur in June 2008.

- Project 18- Vista Points

The City Council approved seven Vista Points within the Forrestal Reserve. Three have already been constructed, and four remain to be built at locations around the property. These vista points will provide users with attractive areas to sit and enjoy views. Many of the sites are already being used and native vegetation is being trampled. By providing users with clearly defined seating areas this problem will be reduced and possibly eliminated. Some of the vista points may have more formalized seating at recognition sites as approved by City Council.

- Project 19-Trail Closures

The City Council approved the Trails Network Plan for Forrestal Reserve on March 18, 2008. This project proposes to close trails not on Trails Network Plan with an emphasis on new trails and trails that are negatively impacting habitat or causing erosion concerns.

- Project 20- Build Functionally Equivalent Structure

A manmade structure exists on a Conservation Easement in a section of Forrestal Reserve that cannot be accessed in accordance with the approved Trails Network Plan approved by the City Council on March 18, 2008. A functionally equivalent observation structure will be built in a location within the Forrestal Reserve that is accessible by the public via trails within the approved Trails Network Plan.