

Larry Ames, Friends of WG Trestle, 8/13/13

This is the WG Trestle,
as viewed from the planned LG Crk Trail where it connects to the 3 Crks Trail.

The City's plans and 2004 Initial Study & Mitigated Negative Declaration used the trestle for the planned trail, adding a new deck and railing on top.

The City's 2012 Engineering report says that, after patching a couple posts and replacing a few sashes and braces, the structure is fine.

We can even consider adding a mid-stream viewing platform, as has been done w/ trestle restorations elsewhere.

Then in March, so as to not lose a Prop. 40 grant, the City rushed to assign the grant towards >replacing< this trestle instead, counting on being able to do that by the deadline.

However, you'll have to supplement or redo the old Initial Study / Neg. Dec. since now you'd be working >within< this sensitive riparian habitat.

There are required periods for open public review and comment, followed by hearings at Planning Cmsn and/or Council

Just as with a recent Penitencia Crk project, there may be delays as environmental compliance is assured.

And then you'll wait for the needed permits from Cal. Fish & Game.

Please don't risk losing the Prop 40 grant here: reassign it to some other worthy project in the city
and don't endanger the funding for local park to cover the loss should the deadline be missed.

Quite a number of us here in the community took time to come to this Council meeting in the middle of the day:

We have to live w/ whatever gets built here,
and we don't want the cheapest/fastest thing just to meet some deadline:

please work w/ the community for a truly iconic trail connection here.

Thank you