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Bautista Canyon Project Canceled

Public Outcry and Rising Price Tag are Deciding Factors in County's Decision to Terminate Road Expansion Plan

A decision by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to withhold funding for the Bautista Canyon Road Improvement Project puts a halt to one of the major threats facing the Anza Trail.

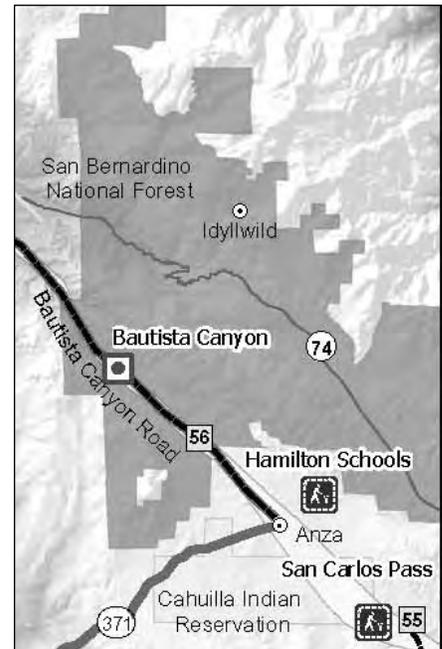
The March 1 decision ends a 12-year effort by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the US Forest Service, and Caltrans to secure funding to pave an 8.2 mile dirt road crossing the San Bernardino National Forest. The canyon is one of a handful of segments on the Anza Trail that retains a historical landscape with virtually no development.

A tremendous outpouring of public opposition to the project arrived as part of the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR). The FHWA

received over 300 letters and faxes opposing the road program. Conversely, they received only two letters in support of the project. Speakers at two public meetings in Anza and Valle Vista spoke 2 to 1 in opposition to the project.

When the road plan was originally approved as part of the Federal Lands Highway Program, \$10 million was earmarked to be used in 2005. With the total cost estimate of \$12 million, Riverside County was expected to pick up the additional \$2 million to help fund the rest of the project. As cost estimates increased to \$22.7 million in 2001, the county share increased considerably. The final cost would have been \$12.7 million to Riverside County.

In light of the tremendous increase in the cost and the lack of support by



Bautista Canyon road runs through Riverside County and is the site of expedition campsite # 56.

the public, the US Forest Service and county supervisors opted to stop further work on the EIS/EIR which will effectively stop any further work on the project.

Although the Forest Service was initially supportive of the project, in the end they submitted nearly 300 comments on the DEIS/DEIR and requested significant revisions to the analysis that was used in the DEIS/DEIR.

Former trail Superintendent Meredith Kaplan repeatedly put the National Park Service on record as opposing the road project as destructive to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. She monitored the project from its proposal in 1993 until her recent retirement, and kept trail supporters informed about its status. ❖



The US Forest Service administers the eight-mile segment of Anza Trail that runs through the Bautista Canyon segment of the historic route.

¡Adiós Superintendente Kaplan - Gracias Por Su Servicio!

When Meredith Kaplan arrived in 1992 to begin the planning process on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, little existed of the trail save for a piece of legislation and a little bit of office space at the National Park Service regional office.

Thirteen years later, as former Superintendent Kaplan moves on to the next phase of her life, she leaves a dream transformed into a reality. With the help of hundreds of committed volunteers and scores of partners from the public and private sector, Kaplan watched the trail expand in ways she could have never imagined.

Although her shared office space remained the same, almost everything else has changed. During her tenure as trail administrator, she oversaw the marking of nearly 300 miles of recreation trail. Whether it is hiking along the Santa Cruz River in southern Arizona, exploring wildflowers in California's Yuha Desert, or experiencing urban parks in the Bay Area, visitors can enjoy over two dozen separate trail segments along approximately 300-miles of the entire trail.

Working as the trail's sole National Park Service employee for almost a decade, Meredith used the power of partnership to expand the trail into diverse communities. Using the Challenge Cost Share program to fund many of these projects, she helped partners design, construct, and install dozens of interpretive exhibits along the trail at places like Picacho Peak, Yuma Crossing State Park, the Los Angeles River, Santa Clara University, and Fort Ord Public Lands. Working with Northeast Trees in urban Los Angeles, she helped fund an 80-yard Anza Trail mural along the banks of the Los Angeles River.



For over a decade, Meredith Kaplan served as the face of the Anza Trail. First as its planner and author of the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan and later as the trail's first superintendent Meredith was a fixture at Anza Trail events like the San Francisco Presidio Pasados, shown above.

Meredith saw the Anza Trail as a tool communities could use to help build trails in areas with few green spaces or trail resources. This vision became a reality when Meredith certified the first official segment of the Anza Trail along the Salinas River in Atascadero in central California in 1996.

In southern Arizona, Meredith watched Anza Trail Coalition volunteers research, build and maintain a ten-mile segment of trail along the Santa Cruz River with very little help from the NPS. This trail is now a premiere tourism attraction for thousands of tourists each year. In Pima County, recreation planners are using the trail to form the backbone of an extensive network of trails that will link the rapidly growing county.

Meredith leaves the trail with multiple public and private groups in Mexico, Arizona, and California working to link a 1,200-mile historic

trail route.

Meredith will stay active in trail-related ventures, working with the National Park Service to complete the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan for the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail in Hawaii. Meredith had previously worked on this project as a collateral duty to her work with the Anza Trail.

On her free time, Meredith will continue to explore trails. This summer, Meredith and her daughter will hike a long distance trail along the French portion of the Santiago de Compostella pilgrimage walk. This is the second pilgrimage adventure for Meredith who in 2003 hiked the final 400-miles on the trail in Spain.

Meredith can still be reached at her email at meredith_kaplan@nps.gov or by writing to trail headquarters at the National Park Service, 1111 Jackson #700, Oakland, California, 94607. ❖

Baja California Park Officials Dedicate New Driving Trail

Although over a third of the Anza Trail lies within Mexico, it was only this fall that United States and Mexican park officials dedicated the first 50-mile stretch of the historic route in northern Baja California.

In Algodones, Ciudad Morelos, and Ejido Tobasco, residents and visitors to northern Mexico will see a reminder of the route Anza followed in 1775 and the historical link between Baja and Alta California.

The signage follows the historic route used by Anza in 1775 as he crossed northern Baja California.

The placement of the signs is the first stage in a long-term plan for increased cross-border cooperation between the two agencies and segments of the Anza Trail.

Beginning in 2001, former Superintendent Meredith Kaplan began informal talks with Julia Bendimez Patterson, director of Baja California's Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH). Both were exploring ways to tell the history of their related sites and saw the Anza Trail as a way of achieving this.



INAH Director Julia Bendimez Patterson, Oscar Sánchez, Anza (David Smith), Meredith Kaplan, and Anza Trail Advisory Council member Carlos R. Herrera (left to right) attended the trail dedication Los Algodones last November.

In 2003, Kaplan applied for, and received, a grant from the NPS Office of Mexican Affairs for Spanish language driving signs along the trail route in Mexico. Funds were also used to publish a bilingual guide, *La Ruta de Juan Bautista de Anza en Baja California*.

INAH officials dedicated the new trail route last Thanksgiving. Former superintendent Kaplan and Juan Bautista de Anza (David Smith) spoke about the important historic connections that link the two Californias. Additionally, Mexican historian Oscar Sánchez read one of

his recent papers describing the expedition route located between the Colorado River and Yuha Wells.

Visitors interested in following the historic route into Mexico can follow the driving route signs along US Interstate 8, exiting south on Algodones Road (Exit 166, Highway 186). Visitors should cross the border and follow the signs marked "San Felipe." The Anza Trail Memorial is located in Algodones' central plaza. To see expedition campsite #43, exit Algodones by taking the northernmost secondary road that parallels the US border. Follow the signs to Ciudad Morelos where there is a trail memorial located along the roadside. Continue traveling west, where the secondary route joins Mexican Highway (MH) 2. In Ejido Tobasco, the Anza Trail campsite memorial is located adjacent to the public park. Continue following MH 2 to Mexicali and rejoin the driving route in Calexico, California.



The new driving trail more closely follows the historical trail corridor between Los Algodones and Mexicali. Visitors can travel the well paved route and see memorials at campsites 42, 43, and 44 (labeled on the map).

Copies of the guide may be obtained by contacting BC - INAH, Calle K esquina con Obregón no. 300, Mexicali, Baja California, CP 21100 Mexico. ❖

Cabalgata 2004 - A Week-Long Trek in the Footsteps of

Hundreds of hikers, equestrians, and those simply interested in the history of the Santa Cruz River valley gathered for a week-long hike and ride to explore one of the most scenic portions of the Anza Trail.

From a few miles north of the Mexican border, 80-miles north to downtown Tucson, they experienced a Santa Cruz River that has changed considerably since the Anza expedition. But even with development, riders rediscovered a historic part of their shared culture.

Although new homes are quickly changing the landscape, bits of history are still visible from the trail. Near Tumacacori and Tubac, the mission and presidio give clues to what life was like two centuries ago. The landscape along the undeveloped foothills as well as the river corridors lined with willows, cottonwoods, and mesquite bosques give a feel of life on the Spanish frontier.

But the thousands of acres of almond orchards near Green Valley and the rapidly expanding housing communities in Sahuarita and South Tucson would have been alien to the frontier communities of the Spanish Empire.

The Cabalgata (Spanish for mounted ride or horse trip) was a collaboration of many people creating an opportunity for the public to enjoy the Anza Trail in a way that Anza himself might have seen it.

Former Trail Superintendent Meredith Kaplan met with organizers in early 2004 to discuss having a hiking event along the Anza Trail. Local educator Larry Marshall had organized a similar equestrian event a few years before and volunteered to help manage the event. Lisa Sharp, a Tubac business woman, took the lead in finding volunteers and coordinating food, lodging and logistics for the first half of the Cabalgata. She sponsored fundraisers and sought out dozens of sponsors to help offset the cost of the event. Sharp was joined by former Anza Trail Coalition President Don Kucera in organizing events in Pima County.

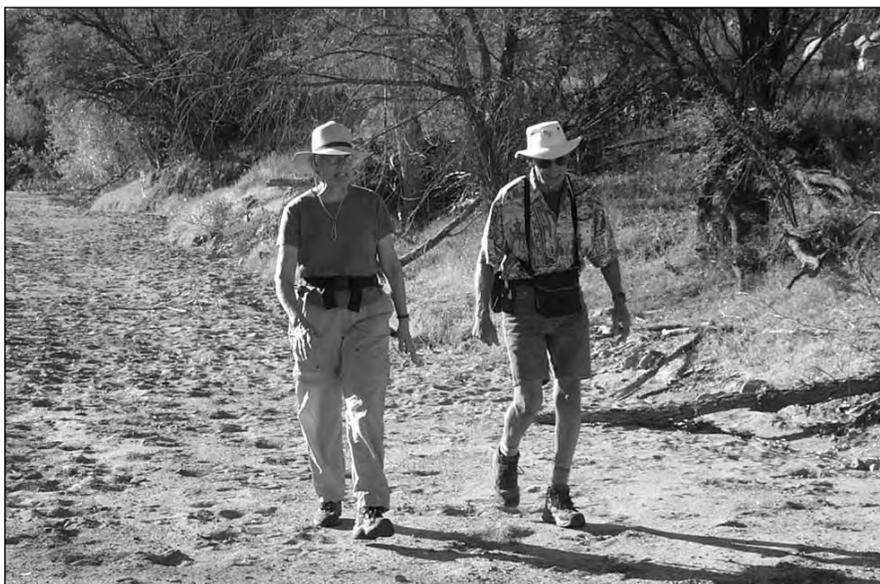
Scores of people met daily to explore the different faces of the Santa Cruz River valley. Beginning with a gala send-off at the Rancho Santa Fe, the group commenced their trip a few miles north of the international border. Trekkers rose early in order to make it to Tumacacori. The next day's



Organizer Larry Marshall rode in soldado costume for portions of the Cabalgata 2004.

travel took them to Rex Ranch and then to Canoa Ranch the following day. The community of Sahuarita played host to the Cabalgata with an evening fair and bonfire. The following morning, Indian Reservation guides from the Tohono O'odham Nation escorted the Cabalgata on to reservation property and led them to the Mission San Xavier del Bac. The final day of hiking brought the 2004 expedition to Tucson and the end of their trek.

The Cabalgata demonstrated that tourists are interested and willing to participate in long distance hiking and riding events along the Anza Trail. As the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona and Pima County Parks and Recreation continue to move towards creating a continuous trail from Mexico to the Pinal County border, trail visitors can look forward to increased opportunities to explore this southern segment of the Anza Trail. ❖



Meredith Kaplan and Green Valley hiker Erik Jolley enjoy the cooler morning hours of the hike as they make their way up the Santa Cruz River to Rio Rico.

the Anza Expedition from Nogales to Tucson, Arizona



The Santa Cruz River runs dry north of Sahuarita and made for a sandy passage as the participants rode their way north to meet their guides at the Tohono O'odham Reservation south of Tucson.

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Sponsors Helped Make the Cabalgata a Success

The Cabalgata would not have been possible without the support of the dozens of sponsors that gave supplies, labor, and money to offset costs. The Anza Trail staff thanks all of the individuals who helped make the trek such a great success.

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Green Valley Hiking Club - Setting the Cabalgata Pace



One of the major highlights of the Cabalgata was the participation of the members of the Green Valley Hiking Club. Rain or shine, dozens of hikers arrived each morning to join the horses in the trek along the Anza Trail. Their experience, positive attitudes, and incredible pace brought additional energy and excitement for all of the participants in the Cabalgata.

Amigos Horse Team Honored at San Francisco Cow Palace

During George Cardinet's long career as an advocate for the Anza Trail, he has seen the trail evolve from an idea to a reality. Today, he is watching over a new generation of *soldadas de cuera* as they take the Anza Trail story to communities all over the west.

The 96-year old architect of the trail is helping train a new group of young equestrians who perform around California in Spanish soldier costumes reminiscent of the Anza expedition. During a recent demonstration at the San Francisco Cow Palace, the teenage riders took top honors as they demonstrated their horsemanship before an audience of thousands. With training from Nancy Dupont and help from the Heritage Trails Fund, the group of riders will continue to share the Anza Trail message as they compete around the state this summer.

"Comandante" Lauren Kaudel is a good example of the next generation of riders coming on to the trail. Kaudel is from rural Contra Costa County, where horses are still a way of life in a landscapes that resembles early California.

"I began riding all over the state with George and the Amigos when I was ten or eleven. As I got older I began to understand the importance of Anza's expedition in California's history, and I set a goal. Everyone in the Amigos who I have ever looked up to and respected has been given the honor of wearing the Anza costume in a parade or dedication," Kaudel said.

"George always chooses who gets to wear the costume so it is a symbol of respect from him to you, and I hoped someday I would earn that respect and be able to ride for the Amigos in that costume. This year at the Cow Palace my dream came true. Wearing the costume makes you feel



Lauren Kaudel in her Anza costume during the recent Cow Palace event.

ten feet tall, and it gives you a real element of how it must have felt to be on that expedition."

For more information about participating in the Amigos de Anza eques-

trian team or to help out, please contact Nancy Dupont or George Cardinet at the Heritage Trail Fund, 925 937 7661 or by emailing them at htrails@astound.net ❖

Paso Robles Council Approves New Trail Segment

The Salinas River corridor was a natural travel corridor for both the native Salinan people and the members of the Anza expedition. Today, it is one step closer to becoming a key part of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

In December, the Paso Robles City Council approved a resolution to create a 1.5 mile segment of the trail within the city boundaries along the Salinas River. The Anza Trail Comprehensive Management and Use Plan cites the Salinas River as the key to creating a successful network of trail in San Luis Obispo County.

"It is a start - 1.5 miles of trail and several workshops that the public

will be invited to attend and speak to their desire for trails in the North County area including the Anza Trail," said Lydia Francis, president of the local Anza Trail friends group, Amigos de Anza - San Luis Obispo County.

"This is the perfect backbone for a trail system and a great Christmas present to trail users!" Francis said.

There are approximately five miles of certified trail along the Salinas River in Atascadero, just south of Paso Robles.

Persons interested in volunteering with Amigos de Anza along California's Central Coast should contact Lydia Francis at northcountytrailsinc@yahoo.com ❖



Members of both the Tohono O'odham and Pima Indian people joined with Bureau of Land Management officials and the Maricopa County Supervisor to officially open the new interpretive panels commemorating the historic significance of the Painted Rocks Petroglyph site near Gila Bend, Arizona.

BLM Dedicates Panels at Painted Rocks Site

Anza Trail Advisory Council member Cheryl Blanchard finished a multi-year effort to help tell the story of the Painted Rocks rock art site with a recent dedication of new exhibits and panels.

Painted Rocks is an extensive petroglyph site located along the Gila River in Maricopa County, Arizona and lies along the historic Anza Trail corridor. With the arrival of the new exhibits, the Bureau of Land Management will now help tell the story of the indigenous people associated with the site, as well as the historic groups like the Anza expedition, the Butterfield Stage, and the Mormon Battalion that passed through the area.

Both the Tohono O'odham and Pima communities claim legacy to the site and attended the ceremony.

Rio Rico to Tubac Segment Now Official as Trail Becomes Certified

It was over a dozen years ago when a group of dedicated trail blazers set out to discover the historic route used by Anza between Tumacacori and Tubac. This March, this stretch of trail finally became an official segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

Local developer Guy Tobin met with superintendent Stan Bond and Anza Trail Coalition president Richard Williams for a formal signing ceremony on March 9. In all, this agreement certifies approximately 13 miles of trail. The NPS will now be able to provide additional support through signage, panels, and personnel in southern Arizona on the Anza Trail.

The 4.5 miles of trail that run from Tumacacori to Tubac are some of the most widely used along the entire trail route. Although thousands of hikers and equestrians use the trail each year, the segment was not an official



Stan Bond, Guy Tobin, and Richard Williams confirming the trail easements.

segment of the National Trail. The NPS requires a defined trail route and guaranteed public access from land owners to become certified.

Tobin's company owns a large portion of the trail route from Rio Rico

north. His company was one of the first to allow public trail access along private property. He is currently working with a variety of public and private partners to create a protected preserve along portions of the Santa Cruz River. ❖

From the Superintendent



By Stanley C. Bond

Feliz Año Nuevo! Happy New Year! This year brings a new superintendent to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

My name is Stanley Bond and I come from Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in Hawaii, but before I introduce myself further I must thank Meredith Kaplan for the fantastic program that she has entrusted to me. Meredith has done a phe-

nomenal job in setting a vision and developing the needed partnerships for a successful trail. The projects and programs she has put into motion will serve the Anza Trail for many years to come.

David Smith remains with the trail and will add that important element of continuity to the program. I also want to thank the Anza Trail Advisory Commission for making me feel so welcomed at their November meeting. I look forward to working closely with the commission along with all of the trail partners.

Together we can continue to further awareness of Hispanic achievement in North America, commemorate the Anza expedition, and recognize the role Native American groups

played in our shared history. Prior to working with the National Park Service I spent 14 years as an archeologist in St. Augustine, Florida conducting research and excavations on Spanish colonial, Native American, and mission sites. My dissertation examined the town plan and colonial architecture as a mechanism for maintaining Spanish identity at the northeastern edge of the Spanish American empire.

I look forward to expanding my Spanish colonial research background through our efforts on the Anza trail. I also look forward to meeting all of you so we can share ideas and plan for the future of this magnificent resource. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at stanley_c_bond@nps.gov. ❖

Bond Brings Ample Spanish Colonial Experience

Stan Bond officially arrived as the new superintendent of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail February 1, becoming the trail's second administrator.

Stan arrives with a good foundation in Spanish colonial history and archeology. He received a BA in Anthropology and a BS in Geology from the University of Alabama in 1978 and 1980 respectively. He then received a Masters and PhD from the State University of New York-Albany, completing his dissertation in 1995. His dissertation is titled *First Spanish Period (1565-1764) St. Augustine, Florida Architecture: A Search for Colonial Identity* and focused on the Spanish colonial architecture of the St. Augustine area.

Serving both as a museum curator and archeologist, Stan worked for the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board from 1981-1997. In 1997, Stan began work as an archeologist with the US Army

Environmental Center. There, he helped develop policies, procedures, and management plans for protecting cultural resources on army installations.

Stan began his Park Service career in 1999 when he joined the staff of Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in Hawaii as their chief of cultural and natural resources. There, he worked on projects to eliminate exotic vegetation, conserve historic architecture, and tell the cultural story of the park.

Coming to the Anza Trail was a natural progression for Stan. "I wanted to get back into a Spanish colonial context, and the Anza Trail offered great resources for preservation, research, and recreation," Stan said.

Stan was originally born in Beaufort, South Carolina. He will be living in the Benicia area with his wife Kim, who works as a school administrator, and their sons Bryan and Will. ❖

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Along the Trail...

❖The National Park Service awarded nearly \$40,000 in grants to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail to work on related projects through the Challenge Cost Share Program. Award recipients this year include an \$11,000 grant to the **Mountain Restoration Trust** for construction and development of exhibits along a new trail segment in Calabasas, California; \$8,000 for the **South Coast Railroad Museum** for the creation of a web-based junior ranger program; and \$20,000 to **Heyday Books** for the publication *Nueva California: 1774-1776*, a book researching the Anza expedition.

❖Anza Trail Coalition president **C. Donald Kucera** stepped down this month following the election of a new governing board. The new board is: **Richard Williams** (Santa Cruz County Council Member) will serve as president, **Megan Reid** (Yuma County Council Member) as Secretary, **Vince Murray** (Maricopa County Council Member) as Interpretation Coordinator, **Mary Aguirre-Vogler**, (Pinal County Council Member), and **G. Donald Kucera** (Pima County Council Member). The Anza Trail staff is grateful for the years of service and continued work Don does to tell the Anza Trail story and thankful for all the work ATCA continues to achieve for the trail.

❖The Anza Trail is pleased to announce the arrival of its third employee. **Jeff Axel**, interpretive ranger at Tumacacori National

Historical Park, will begin working part-time for the Anza Trail this fall. Jeff will help to organize volunteers to provide ranger-led programs along the southern section of the Anza Trail, provide teaching workshops for area schools on the Anza curriculum, and provide a National Park Service presence in Pima and Santa Cruz counties. Jeff comes with an extensive background in interpretation. In addition to a degree in Geology, Jeff speaks Spanish and most recently served as the district interpreter at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. He will be a welcome addition to the trail family.

❖Longtime Santa Barbara trail advocate **Vie Obern** recently worked with the Santa Barbara County Parks Department to install a commemorative plaque along the Anza Trail. The trail sign was installed at Rincon Beach County Park on February 24 - marking the 229th anniversary of Anza's arrival at the historic Chumash village La Rinconada. This was the site of the 75th campsite on the Anza expedition. The Native Sons of the Golden West and the National Park Service covered the cost of the sign production.

❖The second edition of the book, *Anza and Cuerno Verde: Decisive*

Battle, by **Wilfred O. Martinez**, is now available for distribution. The book describes Anza's battle in southern Colorado with Cuerno Verde in 1779. After returning from his California expedition, Anza was appointed governor of New Mexico. Raids by the Comanche Chief Cuerno Verde led Anza to lead a military expedition against Cuerno Verde which led to the Comanche Chief's defeat and death. To purchase a copy of the book, please contact the author at wmartinez1435@cs.com.

❖Thanks to **Bob Hoover** for sharing the following information concerning Mission San Antonio de Padua: On Sunday, November 28 at noon, a meeting was held by representatives of the Diocese of Monterey and the Franciscan Province of Santa Barbara at Mission San Antonio de Padua to

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Rio Rico Properties Guy Tobin commissioned and had installed new stone trail markers to identify segments of the Anza Trail. The sign are visible from the road and direct drivers to the trailheads.

discuss details of the transfer of custody of the mission back to the diocese due to manpower shortages, which occurred on January 1, 2005. The parish will not be closed but will be assigned to a secular priest (or a visiting one if a permanent resident is not available).

❖The **10th Annual Scenic and Historic Trails Conference** will be held along the newest trail, the Old Spanish National Historic Trail, in Las Vegas this June 18-22. The Partnership for the National Trails System hosts the annual conference and invites anyone that is interested in the future of the trail system to attend. Please contact **Gary Warner** at (608) 249-7870 or by emailing him at natrains@aol.com.

❖The **Green Valley Hiking Club** (GVHC) raised nearly \$640 for the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona during the Cabalgata 2004. Participants in the hike paid \$5/day to join in the 80-mile trek between Nogales and Tucson. Although most GVHC members hiked for one or two days during the Cabalgata, a handful hiked the entire length of the Cabalgata.

❖The **Calabasas Anza Heritage Association** kept the tradition going February 27 with a production of the Anza en Calabasas 1776 pageant. The pageant is the legacy of Los Angeles area native **Juliana Townsend Gensley**, who produced the pageant from 1984-1995 as a way of telling the Anza Trail story. This year's presentation



Picacho Peak was a prominent landmark used by the Anza expedition as they crossed the desert. Today, it is prominent among wildflower hounds. This year's exceptional display was featured on National Public Radio this month. Moderate temperatures may keep flowers blooming for a considerable time.

included living history actors from the Royal Presidio of Santa Barbara, folklorico dance by Danza de Anza as well as representatives from the governor's office and the state park system.

❖Work continues to progress on the Anza Trail segments in Pima County. Design on the Canoa Ranch segment continues to move ahead as the county completes its environmental determination. In Green Valley, construction of the Haven bridge will take place in June and the Abrego trailhead in the summer. The county is also working at the

Tuquison campsite in Tucson to coordinate bond funds for exhibits and construct trail south to Grant Road.

❖**Christene Beekman** at Pecos National Historical Site near Santa Fe, New Mexico, shared with the trail a recent article by John Kessel on *Juan Bautista de Anza, Father and Son*. The extensive journal article published in the *New Mexico Historical Review* (vol. 79, no. 2) provides a comprehensive overview of Anza and his father and the roles they played along the Spanish frontier. ❖



ANUNCIOS

Arizpe, Sonora, Mexico

May 13-16. International Anza Conference. For anyone interested in learning a little bit more about Anza and the Spanish colonial period, the International Anza Conference hosted in Arizpe, Sonora provides an excellent opportunity to learn in a beautiful setting. Arizpe was a colonial capital and is home to Anza's grave. Participants in the conference will stay with local families while they are in Arizpe, providing a cultural exchange. This year's conference is especially significant because it will coincide with the town's annual festival on San Ysidro Day which will see the entire community turning out for the festival. A coach will leave from Phoenix and travel to Tucson and then to Arizpe for those attending. Please contact Tour AZ 4 Fun at (602) 993-1162 or at touraz4fun@msn.com for more information.

Los Angeles, California

April 30 - May 1. The Anza Trail Advisory Council will meet at the Los Angeles River Center in Los Angeles as they transition from a government advisory board into a friends group for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The public is welcome to attend the meetings. Please contact Stan Bond at (510) 817-1438 or David Smith at (510) 817-1323 for more information.

San Francisco, California

June 11, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Join Juan Bautista de Anza for an interpretive hike from the San Francisco Presidio officers club to the Mission Dolores. Along the way, learn about the history of San Francisco's first inhabitants (Ohlone culture) and those that came along with Anza. This four-mile walk takes approximately 2-3 hours and will follow the *Mission Trail* along San Francisco's hilly streets. The hike will be paced to allow slower walkers to catch up. Contact the Crissy Field Center at (415) 561-7690 to reserve a spot. This is a free event.

June 24. Presidio Pasados. Children's events 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Evening music 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Join the presidio staff and their many partners to celebrate the 229th anniversary of the Anza expedition and the birth of modern day San Francisco. Afternoon activities will be primarily for children while the evening fandango will highlight Spanish colonial music. All events are free. Contact (415) 561-5500 for more information.

June 27, 11 a.m. Los Californianos - the descendant's organization for families from the Anza expedition - will host the annual commemoration ceremony of the arrival of the Anza expedition families in San Francisco at the Presidio parade grounds. Open to the public. Please email Los Californianos at LaTejedora@loscalifornianos.org for more information.

Stockton

April 5. Evening. A public hearing will be held in Stockton concerning trail alignments and development adjacent to the Mountain House Development, near the historic Anza Trail. Contact Chandler Martin at (209) 468-3144 for more information.

Las Vegas, Nevada

June 18-22. The 10th Annual National Scenic & Historic Trails Conference is being sponsored by the Partnership for the National Trails System in Las Vegas. The conference theme, "Connecting with Communities through Tourism, Education, and Stewardship" suggests additional ways that national trails can plan on connecting with partners. Contact Gary Warner at (608) 249-7870 or at nattrails@aol.com to register or for more information.

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Views from the Anza Trail - The Channel Islands from Oxnard



“The road in parts is level, and in parts one goes up and down the ridges until one reaches the long grade, from which one sees the sea and the first islands of the Channel of Santa Barbara.” Padre Font, February 23, 1776. Before there descent along the Oxnard Plain, most expedition members had never seen the Pacific Ocean. Today, Anza Trail hikers can follow the trail along the shoreline.