

Notes from 04/15/2022 Meeting with City of TorC

Attendees

- Rio Vaqueros President Carl McCleskey
- Rio Vaqueros Vice President Jim Paxon
- Rio Vaqueros Treasurer Gary Allen
- Rio Vaqueros Secretary Carol Whitney
- City of TorC Manager Bruce Swingle
- City of TorC Community Services Director OJ Hechler
- City of TorC Parks and Rec Supervisor Sean Barnes

Maintenance

- City of TorC has zero budget for range maintenance other than trash pickup and port a potty maintenance.
- City of TorC welcomed RV assisting with coordinating efforts of city and Sierra county for heavy equipment work such as berm work on 200 yard range and rifle range.
- City manager was made aware of ongoing issues with road washout at 600 yard berm on rifle range. County may have culverts we can use.
- City manager agreed to allow RV members to take trash to transfer site free of charge if a specific cleanup day was arranged in advance. City manager requested at least a 1-2 day advanced notice. Bruce noted that the city still has to pay trash removal fees to transfer station.

Improvements

- Improvements to 200 yard range
 - Coordinate between city/county for major berm reconfiguration.
- Rifle range berms and 600 yd access road
 - berms at rifle range need brush control and restore washed out areas
 - will require heavy equipment ie: county bulldozer, city front end loader?
 - 600 yard access road needs larger culverts to mitigate chronic washouts
- Rio Vaqueros have plans to add benches to rifle range and storage fencing to pistol pit.
- Gary Allen suggested that the Rio Vaqueros could help the city with applications for grant funding for range improvements. Gary noted that the city has a better chance of getting grant funding because a number of organizations would benefit. Law enforcement, 4H, public.

Scheduling

- City has been locking range gate at night due to vandalism, illegal dumping, and teenagers using it as a party spot.
- The folks locking the gate at night have indicated they do not wish to continue doing it.
- There was some discussion with regard to the Rio Vaqueros taking on the nightly range gate locking responsibility.
 - Do we want to do this?
 - Multiple people scheduled? One night per week? One week or month at a time?
 - How do we benefit?
 - What would the closing time be? It was agreed that 5pm is not reasonable in the summer time.
- City clerk is responsible for scheduling events at the range.
 - Carol W will contact city clerk (Angela Torrez) to make sure our monthly shoots are on the schedule.
 - Carol W will look into the feasibility of having a range schedule or link on our website.

Rio Vaqueros' Role and Range management

- There is no range management group. The Adobe Hills Range is entirely owned by the City of TorC.
- There was discussion of the Rio Vaqueros being designated "Friends of the Range" status which would allow us to collect donations for range improvements and maintenance.
 - How would we manage this? Separate bank account? Separate non-profit entity?
- Bruce noted that if the city collects donations there is a lot of regulatory overhead associated with spending the money. The Rio Vaqueros would effectively be able to use all donations to directly improve the range. Bruce will discuss the matter with city council.