

The Hike/Bike Trails are the amenity that is used the most by residents of Eldorado. Santa Fe County owns them, however we are responsible for maintaining them. Each year the ECIA Board of Directors allocates a significant amount of money to ensure that a portion of the trails are repaired on a rotating basis. At the August 27th Board Working Session we agreed to place a proposal by AFJ Custom Paving on the agenda for the August Board Meeting.

After extensive discussion at the August 28th Environmental Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee, it was decided that a meeting should be held with AFJ prior to signing a contract to discuss the weed abatement procedures. When the motion to approve the proposal was brought before the Board, it was amended to ensure that the meeting would take place and that no contract would be signed until we were satisfied that the weed abatement issue would be handled in the best way possible.

This morning I met with the owner of AFJ, Julie Navarro the ECIA General Manager, Joseph Guitierrez the Board Treasurer, Nancy Ostiguy an entomologist and Integrated Pest Management expert from the Environmental Advisory Committee, and Nolan Zisman the Chair of the Facilities and Grounds Committee. This year the following work will be done : seal coating the Avenida Monte Alto Trail, repairing cracks and sealing on Avenida Torreon, Avenida de Compadres, and Avenida Casa de Oro Trails. All cracks over 1" were to be cut out to 12" and cleaned, weed abatement applied and then sealed. All cracks under 1" were to be cleaned out, weed abatement applied and then sealed.

After discussing the matter for over an hour, we came to the following compromise:

- No weed abatement is required for the seal coating on Avenida Monte Alto
- All cracks cut out to 12" will be treated with rock salt for weed abatement and then sealed.
- Cracks less than 1" will be cleaned out and treated in the following manner:
  - a. Avenida Torreon - no weed abatement, cracks sealed
  - b. Avenida de Compadres - Gluten-8 OLP a liquid corn gluten, cracks sealed
  - c. Avenida Casa de Oro (Vista Grande to Balsa Rd) - no weed abatement, cracks sealed
  - c. Avenida Casa de Oro (Balsa to Avenida Eldorado) - Pendulum (R) 3 EC, cracks sealed

This will allow the Board to evaluate the repairs in a year, compare the efficacy of each method of weed abatement and set a standard protocol for all future repairs to the Hike Bike Trail. The application of any weed abatement will be done by close spraying with a narrow nozzle directly into the crack immediately followed by sealing. No weed abatement will be applied to the grasses and wildflowers at the edge of the trails. All notification of weed abatement will be conducted in accordance with the "Draft Interim Procedure for Pesticide Application" which has been approved by the Environmental Advisory Committee. This is a compromise to which all parties at the meeting agreed.

Please don't rely on NextDoor Eldorado for complete and accurate information. I've read the comments about the Hike/Bike Trail repairs and would be happy to respond to any further questions you may have. This information will be posted on the website and the notification process will begin as soon as a work schedule is established.

Thanks for making this a great community.

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