

Timber Cove

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Final Judgement is Filed

At long last the final judgement in our successful legal action to save our Timber Cove Trails has been filed. This is the definitive document that incorporates the legal elements of the court's ruling and gives these trails the protections of private easements under California law.

SCV263251 Final Judgment
[California Civil Code - 845](#)

We have previously sent out information about property owner protections against liability for recreational trails under California law, and that information is posted on our website on the [Facts and Issues](#) page.

Celebration and Delegation

At a celebratory gathering of Trail Supporters on May 21st at the Howland home there was a productive discussion regarding first steps moving forward. Timber Cove Trail Supporters will remain a volunteer group of property owners who value our natural environment and our deeded hiking trails. There will be no officers, but there will be delegation of tasks and responsibilities. The first task will be the development of a list of action areas like fundraising activities and community events, as well as planning and trail work.

For example, there is already a wealth of potential donation items in storage that could be sold on our already established nonprofit Ebay site. Coordinating those sales, which could be done remotely, is at the top of the volunteer task list because it generates funds to use for our trails and other projects in the future

Due to lack of cooperation from the current Home Association board, Trail Supporters will work in cooperation with the Timber Cove Foundation, a public benefit nonprofit founded in 2017 and dedicated to community improvement including forest management, fire abatement, water shed protection, and community development. The Foundation remains an organization separate from Trail Supporters with its own officers and mission. If you would like to help in any of these areas please contact us at the email address below.

All Together Now

Our walking trails are important for both recreation and fire safety. Trails have been identified as a factor in saving both Windsor and Annadel State Park in recent Sonoma County wildfires. They allowed firefighters access and acted as firebreaks. Trails are the only alternate escape route on Timber Cove's cul de sacs. They help to protect not only our watershed, but our homes and our lives.

Our walking trails are private, just as our roads are private, and they are used by all of the residents of the entire subdivision, regardless of their "Unit". The former Unit 1 legally retained the rights to use all roads and easements in Unit 2, and visa versa.

Otherwise we would have to erect a wall on Ruoff Drive and divide up our utility easements.

Timber Cove Trail Supporters believe that these artificial divisions and a tribal mentality have divided our community long enough. All of our events and activities will be open to all property owners in the entire subdivision.

In the past property owners have cooperated in developing these trails. The best way to maintain them is to have each property owner or neighborhood that has a trail maintain it themselves. Up until very recent times one lovely trail on Gordon Court was maintained by the adjacent property owners and the community was welcomed with one of Dale Corbin's carved "TC Trails" signposts, seen above in 2014. Other property owners may need help with restoration and maintenance, and that's where Trail Supporters can help with money, labor, and materials.

With the legal action to save our trails drawing to a close, we will be mailing notices to a group of about 90 + property owners who have already signed on as Trail Supporters, so if you wish to participate in any of these activities or stay on the mailing list, please contact us at the email address below.

Trail Supporters will resume a regular schedule of social events including guided trails walks to reacquaint residents with their local recreation opportunities.



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Timber Cove's Future

It may be difficult to imagine now, but in the decades and centuries to come our young forest may mature into the type of towering woodlands that we now find in Humboldt County and other northern locations. Timber Cove was clear cut in the 1950s and so most of our redwoods are less than 75 years old.

With the recent drought and sudden oak death syndrome our forests are visibly suffering. When you drive down the California Coast you notice an ominous change south of Fort Bragg. The number of dead trees increases as you move south with the greatest die-offs in Sea Ranch and Timber Cove.

Making it to our best future and that residential paradise in a mature redwood and oak forest will take good stewardship, cooperation, planning and money. That is the mission of the Timber Cove Foundation.



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