

# Horsefeathers

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## Equestrian Projects in the News

This new year has been deemed the Year of the Trail. We have many miles of wonderful open space and trails for multipurpose use.

Hikers, bikers (non-motorized) and equestrians all share our trail system. To educate users, the County of San Diego has produced a great video, "Trail Etiquette: Share and Be Aware," and you can watch this short but very informative video on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/S7omK4mB1KU> or on our Facebook pages (see below).

Anyone who would like to be involved in monitoring and helping provide feedback on our trails, please call our office and we will hook you up.

Anyone is welcome to be a part of our SDCEA Volunteer Patrol trail group, even hikers or bikers. Our goal is to get out there and monitor our trails and offer feedback for improvements. In 2019, we are working to revamp the trail map and add mileages and other useful information, all in a foldable and easy-to-carry form. Would you like to be involved? Call 760-789-3407 and let us know.

Recently, the County of San Diego and the Regional Water Quality Board were contacted and asked to review the manure management processes used by the SDCEA Equestrian Department. As a result, these officials have asked to use our facility as a "Model Site" to help others in our industry successfully compost and use horse manure. Next month we will have on-site visits and strategic planning to begin a new pilot program that will be offered to other equestrian facilities to emulate.

I want to personally thank all those who are interested in what we are doing here. Most of all, a big kudo goes out to our staff who have many years of experience managing our manure. Their attention to detail is paying off, and slight tweaks in our process will make it even more effective. We are very proud to be considered a model program to help others achieve this level of success.

SDCEA Equestrian Department's compost management process is considered a model program throughout the county. Manure, shown here at the In-n-Outs project, located at the International Equestrian Center, is made available to local residents for gardening and can be hauled to farms for use in larger projects.



You can reach us at 1-760-789-3407 or stop by to say Hi! Staff is on duty 5 days a week from 8 am – 4 pm and weekends by appointment. Call if you need to meet with us as we are often out in the field.

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