

**Roads and Trails-** I'm happy to share that wonderful annual news: the dirt road has been professionally graded by Jose Anaya Paving. The work was finished on April 29 but unfortunately it has already been rained on and experienced just a bit of degradation. It is currently dry and welcoming to passenger cars. The paved section on our property has become even more eroded; it is marked with cones, but we should be using the dirt lower road. An April 29-30 Work Party has provided some much-needed trail maintenance. The Green Trail and Red Trails saw the most progress.

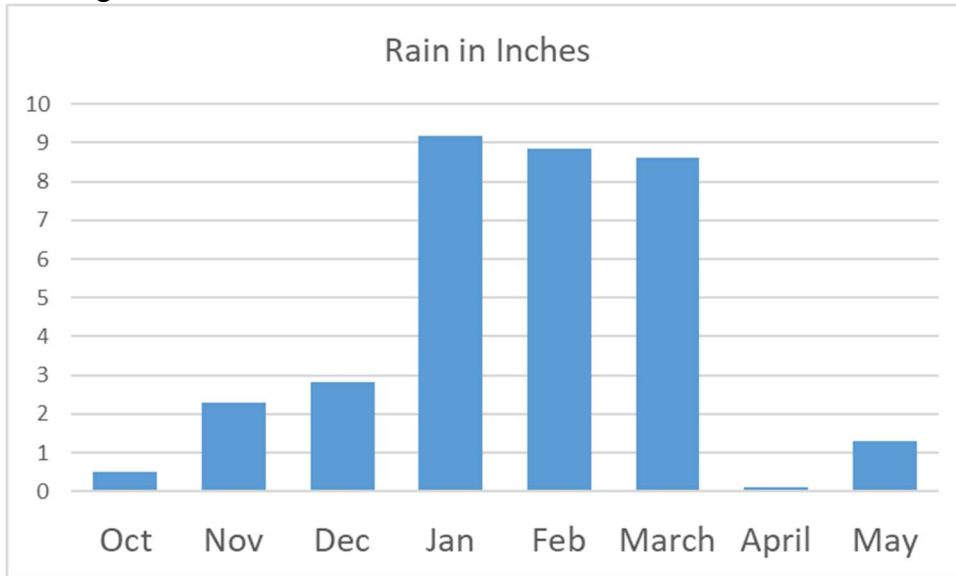


**Buildings/grounds/equipment-** Sarah Song reached out about the pavilion roof. I heard that Bryan Bietsch has been requesting quotes. However, there seems to be discussion at LAVC that the district should pay for the repair, since it is a district, and not solely LAVC asset. The porta potty is currently functional and has been serviced.



**Gold Creek Usage-** On April 28 and 29, our dirt road was graded by Jose Anaya Paving. On April 29 and 30, LAVC gardening crews worked overtime to clear weeds away from buildings, benches, and along the road in; they plan to continue with regular site maintenance later this month. On April 30, a Work Party attended by Rob, Pavla, Jenna, Aaron, and Dustin completed some much-needed trail maintenance as well. Exxon and HRS were on site at times during the week of May 1-5. Grace and Shannon had field trips on May 11.

**Abiota-** Since our last meeting, the weather station has received more than an inch and a quarter of rain, nearly all during an intense overnight downpour on May 3-4. April had barely more than a tenth of an inch, our lowest monthly total since August 2022. Our Water Year total (since October 1) sits at 33.88 inches. Flow in Gold Creek still dominates the soundscape onsite, but is easy enough to cross on foot. The beekeeper (presumably) has graded the stream crossing on the Forest Service road near the start of the Red Trail.



**Biota-** There is much flowering of the Coastal Sage Scrub community, as well as a continued explosion of invasive annual grasses, some of which have started to dry out. Black Sage, Bush Poppies, Yucca, Yerba Santa, Bush Mallow are among some of the most noteworthy flowering plants. Photos below courtesy of Bob Gorcik.

