

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE RESERVE  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 12, 1990

INTRODUCTION: The Recreation and Parks Department is desirous to create a steering committee to assist the Department in the management and future planning of the wildlife reserve

To this end, the Department has asked environmental organizations to provide individuals to represent their organization in this steering committee. Individuals who do not represent an organization but are interested in the wildlife reserve, will also have an opportunity to participate in the steering committee.

The core group are as follows:

Sandy Wohlgemuth, L.A. Audubon  
Kris Ohlemkamp, San Fernando Audubon  
Mike Lipshultz, San Fernando Audubon  
Steve Hartman, California Native Plant Society  
Jill Swift, Sierra Club  
Phil Manzi, L.A. Park Rangers  
Patrick Kennedy, L.A. Rec. and Parks, Valley Region  
Dick Ginevan, L.A. Rec. and Parks, Valley Region

Dick Ginevan gave an update of where we are in terms of:

Draining the wildlife lake will take place the week of June 11, 1990.

Refilling with reclaimed water will take place in September 1990.

The Department is in the selection process of hiring a lake consultant to assist the City in managing the lake and training City employees to provide in house water quality monitoring and implementation.

The Department will assist the Native Plant Society in eliminating noxious weed from the reserve and will start planting additional natives in the fall of 1990.

It was noted that the park rangers were asked to be on the committee to provide good communication regarding security issues and nature interpretive programming.

The Audubon Society has asked the Department to give the society approval to start a docent program under the direction of Mike Lipshultz.

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The Department was very pleased with the request and will support and assist the Audubon Society in this program.

Steve Hartman reviewed the wildlife areas noting that there are three major sections; the wildlife reserve north and south and the L.A. River.

Dick Ginevan commented that we should direct our planning discussions for the time being to the wildlife reserve north. That possibly the other two areas could fall under this groups area of concern in the future.

Mr. Hartman gave a slide presentation of the wildlife reserves.

A number of the group raised the question of people entering the east side of the lake which is restricted to the public. Dick Ginevan stated that it is imperative that the City retain vehicle access to this section to support maintenance work. The City will erect road barriers and appropriate signs at the entrance to this road informing the public not to enter this area.

There was a discussion about a planting master plan and it was determined that it is essential to have a planting plan that reflects concern for the development of a complete ecosystem and that we needed input from all of the disciplines involved in encouraging a balanced natural reserve.

It was concluded that we could proceed with a limited planting program until a master plan is available.

Mike Lipshultz discussed fencing possibilities. He recommended a road closure fencing that the Forest Service has and he felt he could sketch a plan for replication.

Sandy Wohlgemuth discussed Bull Creek and the need for preservation. There was a discussion of all the water ways running through the basin.

Dick Ginevan reported that the Bureau of Engineering was studying the removal of soil from the Woodley sod farm and a portion of the wildlife reserve. This project is part of the Tillman Plant development project. Dick stated that he would update the group as soon as he received additional information.

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There was a discussion of the possibility of converting the medium strips on Burbank Blvd. and Woodley Ave. to native plantings. Dick Ginevan stated that these strips are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Street Maintenance. He would call that agency to determine if they are interested in such a project.

This first meeting was very productive in getting everyone acquainted with each other and clearing the air in terms of everyone's agenda.

All the members participated in the discussions. These minutes do not reflect everyone's involvement in the discussions. I apologize for not noting everyone's comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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