

SEPULVEDA WILDLIFE RESERVE  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 8/20/91  
MINUTES

The meeting was started at 7:00pm and the minutes of the preceding minutes were discussed.

L.A. Audubon representative presented a letter from the L.A. Audubon Society to the Regional Water Quality Control Board that they wished transmitted to Mr. Orville Ball. This letter was faxed to Mr. Ball on 8/21/91.

The steering committee was advised that the Bureau of Sanitation and Department of Recreation and Parks should be issued the NPDES discharge permit in September 1991, and Recreation and Parks will start to fill the wildlife lake when remedial work on the lake and Haskell Channel is complete.

Landscape Architect, Julie Riley of Recreation and Parks and a member of the Mayor's Los Angeles River Task Force presented a talk on the proposed plans for the L.A. River.

1. No official plan has been presented to Mayor Bradley yet.
2. The River Task Force has been in existence since June 1970.
3. Funding will come from the 1/2 cent per gallon gas tax, 1990.
4. Three demonstration projects have been proposed:
  - a. The Sepulveda Basin L.A. River
  - b. L.A. River at Los Feliz to Colorado Blvds.
  - c. Broadway Bridge
5. L.A. County Flood Control funded a study of hydrology in the L.A. River and Tujunga Wash.
6. The next meeting of the Task Force was held on 8/29/91 at 2:00pm in the Mayor's office.
7. The goals of the task force has been to provide a focused plan for renovation of the L.A. River.
8. Julie Riley posed the suggestion that V.I.C.A. participate and possibly contribute trees to plant.
9. Selective removal of obnoxious plants or non natives would be accomplished and areas would be replanted per a landscape plan to be completed at a future date.
10. The question was asked, "Will the vegetation removal include tributary streams in the Sepulveda Basin?"
11. Mr. Lipschultz asked, "What effect will proposed boating have on the wildlife of the river?"
12. Steve Hartman suggested that the Audubon Society do a study on the bids of the L.A. River.
13. It is unknown how or if the River Task Force plan will coincide with Army Corps of Engineers plans to clean and remove vegetation from the flood control channel (the river).
14. The Taylor railroad yard adjacent to the L.A. River was sold to the Los Angeles County Transportation commission. Julie Riley reported that they are insensitive to the L.A. River project. The County stated that they do not need an EIR prior to any work to be done and that they are exempt.
15. Question: "Is there a central mailing list for city projects?"

16. Previous minutes and topics of the River Task Force were requested and will be available at the September steering committee meeting.

The Sepulveda Wildlife Steering Committee would like to thank Julie Riley for her input and would like her to continue to participate at our monthly meetings.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Native Plant and Audubon Societies want an interpretative sign at the Wildlife area. Mr. Hartman was asked to submit a design for the sign.
2. The Native Plant Society would like to know if there are ways to donate funds for specific projects. Yes, special accounts are established for this purpose.
3. The Audubon and Native Plant Societies have asked if funds could be found to pay for an employee in the wildlife area, could the City accept? A position could be funded by establishing a MRP account with the City and funds to pay the employee would be deposited in it. It would be understood that the employee's duties and job assignments would be administered by the Department of Recreation and Parks.
4. Biologist, Ken Franklin of the Department of Sanitation (Tillman Plant) has been invited to speak at our September meeting.
5. Steve Hartman, Native Plant Society requested that a representative of Street Maintenance, Tree Section, attended a meeting to discuss using native plants as median island vegetation in the Sepulveda Basin.
6. The Native Plant Society requests a list of native trees and plants on the three basin golf courses.
7. Mike Lipschultz requests a copy of the lease agreement between Cultural Affairs, Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Recreation and Parks, re: the Arts Park. The Corp is still reviewing the EIR; no agreement exists at this time.