

SEPULVEDA WILDLIFE RESERVE

ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1991, 7:00 pm

The meeting started at 7:07 pm, Tuesday, November 19th. Present were representatives from Audubon Society, Dept. of Fish and Game, Lake Water Manager LA DRP, Lake Management Consultant, Tillman Water Reclamation Plant, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Other organizations represented were L.A. City Park Rangers, California Native Plant Society, Sierra Club, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Topanga-Las Virgenes Resource Conservation District, Tree People, and L.A. River Project.

Bill Principe (Audubon Society) stated that it was the Dept. of Fish and Game's responsibility to monitor how the original monies were spent to construct the reserve and would like to know to whom did the money actually go?

Steve Hartman (Native Plant Society) asked what was actually planted? Who was responsible for maintenance and what was the maintenance period.

Dick Ginevan (Chief Park Maintenance Supervisor, Rec. & Parks) stated that the Army Corps of Engineers did the studies because they had the environmental people and actually let the contracts and would have inspected the plantings.

Steve Hartman (Native Plant Society) stated that the Society did a study on plant survival two years ago and found that less than 4% had survived.

The Native Plant Society is concerned that the City have adequate funding to accomplish the goals of the recreational use plan.

Dick Ginevan (Rec. & Parks) pointed out that the Dept. of Rec. & Parks does not have any budget for capital improvements and that all funding for construction or major projects are paid for by grants, gifts, etc. Budget requests for the physical year 1992-93 have been submitted, but the Dept. does not expect that they will be approved due to reductions in revenues and that the Dept. of Rec. & Parks will attempt to hold the line.

Jill Swift (Sierra Club) asked if the Army Corps of Engineers has ever taken back lands when the lessee could not perform their parts of the lease agreement.

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Bill Principe (Audubon Society) pointed out that there is a need to increase Wildlife foraging areas and suggested the sod farm area bordered on the west by Woodley Ave. and Haskell Channel on the east. There is no expansion of foraging areas scheduled at this time.

Dick Ginevan (Rec. & Parks) asked the Corps of Engineers if they required the sod farmer or the farmer adjacent to Hjelte Field to maintain a forage crop for wildlife. If so, who is administering and coordinating this on a year-to-year basis.

The Department of Water and Power is now the legal purveyor of reclaimed water. The question was asked. According to the wildlife recreational use plan a pressurized reclaimed water line is to be run to the wildlife area for irrigation. At this time, there is no plan to extend the reclaimed water line beyond the golf course/recreational lake complex.

Steve Hartman (Native Plant Society) asked the Corps of Engineers, "Where are the 21 acres of wetland south of Burbank?"

- a. Was this implemented?
- b. If not, why?
- c. Can this be done?
- d. When and how?

Peter Ireland (Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy) wants baseline data on Canadian Geese in the Sepulveda Basin. Possibly to be found in the E.I.R., E.I.S. for Tillman or the Basin Master Plan. Mr. Ireland would like leases on all areas within the basin (both public and private) made available to the steering committee in order to form a use plan with regard to wildlife needs. Can the environmental groups talk to Mr. VonCleff, owner of Valley Sod Farms about planting foraging areas specifically for the migratory birds.

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS ASKED AND AGENCY TO RESPOND

Contractor who worked on the reserve was McKnight.

Was there a sub-contractor? Was there a maintenance period? What happened to the planting? (Corps to investigate)

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How will we keep the plants that are left? (Rec. & Parks)

Corn farmer lease to leave part of his crop for geese. (Corps)

Fred Worthing, Fish & Game recommended forage area.

Forage site not implemented. Why? (Corps)

South reserve wetlands has not been installed. (Corps)

Base line data on Canadian Geese? EIS. = EIR.

Sixty acres of feed area for migratory fowl. Can Corps produce a map of leases? (Corps)

One hundred eight acres of wildlife reserve and 60 acres of feed area was agreed to.

Sod farm land will Corps maintain land after lease runs out? When is lease up? Can barriers be erected around shoreline of lake? Can barriers be erected on service road of reserve ease side? Do we need more signs. (Rec. & Parks)

Can the California Department of Fish and Game provide surplus grain to augment feed for birds in the basin.?

Can the Kern River Revegetation Project techniques be used to help coordinate revegetation of the north wildlife reserve?

The landscape strip referred to on Page 5 of the Wildlife Recreational Use Plan must be identified?

Safety and enforcement issues were discussed with the Park Rangers.

Members of the steering committee requested a report on the number of tickets issued for violations in the wildlife reserve.

Can the rangers schedule a foot patrol by a ranger during peak traffic hours?

Can the City pursue installation of cellular telephones or another communication system throughout the basin for emergency use?

The Lake Management Consultant provided a summary of aquatic conditions in the lake and Water Quality Control Board compliance.

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