

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES - JUNE 15, 1993

--Chairperson stated that we are still holding the mission statement. It was moved to table until next meeting.

--Rose Marie White discussed the geese study with an update. The video is almost complete. The Environmental Affairs Department will sponsor one showing and the L.A. Zoo will be the site of the second showing. There will also be a showing at the W & P facility at Van Norman Reservoir.

--Peter Ireland gave a report on the urban wildlife workshop. Most open space in the Valley is government owned and Peter stated that there can't be an assumption that the land will remain as it is and that there won't be attempts to develop it. The conference was heavily attended with standing room only. Bob Fields from the U.S. Wildlife Service spoke. He was open to further discussion about providing wildlife management information and or working with landowner agencies. He was opened to a future meeting.

--Chambers report: What is the status? Ted Carr reported that they are in the draft stage and do not have a date for the final report. Bill Principe commented on the short time frame of the review process and initial input process.

--Steve Hartman commented that he would prefer to review the final plan. Ted stated that this document will be a guide and can be modified and reviewed as new information becomes available. The City has reviewed the draft and made comments about areas they felt they could not support.

--Steve commented on his confusion with the consortium and the chambers plan. He was uneasy about the process. He would like a representative from the City to explain Prop A and the matching funds with the Corp.

--Van Thompson reported that they have finished drilling under the dam. One pipe is completely installed and one is a quarter of the way through.

--They have also completed jacking a 108" pipe under Burbank Blvd. and are continuing to install the pipe between the outfall and the Dam. They are installing a storm drain around the Plant. They have removed the trees that are to be relocated within the plant and are preparing to put the wall on the west side of the plant.

--Native planting has been designed on the berm with the input of Steve Hartman. Steve had reviewed the design and plant selection.

--Excavation is continuing on the west side of Woodley Ave.

--The time frame for the excavation was discussed. Ted Carr restated the process that the Corps. notifies the sod farmer by May 1 that he had to be off the land by October 1 of that same year if the City wanted to use the land for Recreation.

--The Corps. cannot keep the sod farmer off the property if there is not construction going on with out the above notification.

--Steve described a 2 3/4 acre site near the east shore of the lake as a site to seed for a feed crop.

--Committee recommended that the Recreation and Parks Department take necessary steps to provide forage for the 1993/94 migratory season. Motion was amended to state that the Department of Recreation and Parks confer with the Department of Public Works to jointly provide a crop forage area for the 93/94 year.

--Van Thompson will review his contract document to see if there is limitations on the time of year excavation can occur.

--Steve Hartman met with Carvel Bass of Corps. of Engineers on the proposed revegetation of the 4.5 acre site at the north end of the reserve. This work will take place between November thru March of this year. Van said that the plan was being completed by Carvel and will get it to the City soon.

--Septic tank dumping site: The question was asked, What will protect Haskell Creek from a sewage spill? Bureau of Engineering staff responded that a curb has been constructed to contain spill within the project area.

--The committee moved that it oppose the proposed cesspool collection site on the Tillman Reclamation Plant as an inappropriate facility for the Sepulveda Basin.

--In discussion Steve Hartman felt that this committee should define what specific items might effect the wildlife area. Bill Principe stated that he agreed. Bureau of Engineering staff stated that the Bureau thought that they had done everything they were suppose to do and now they are presented with new objectives.

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--Staff explained the proposed system again with emphasis on the control over environmental pollution from unsupervised dumping. The motion was further amended to request that the environmental document be produced before the project go forward. The motion passed 5 for 2 opposed.

--Steve Moe gave a presentation about the management of the wildlife lake, especially algae control. He stated that he does daily monitoring and controls algae using copper with other environmental controls.

--We do have some submergence pond weeds and the algae is under control.

--Steve is also monitoring the domestic ducks at other park lakes to be alert for the presence of a virus that might be carried to the wild duck population.

--Peter commented on his concern about the lights being left on at the Velodrome. This disrupts the habits of the wildlife. He will write letters to the proper agencies.

--Rose Marie White discussed the intern programs.

--The meeting was adjourned.