

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 1993

This is a joint meeting of the Wildlife Steering Committee and the Wildlife Consortium.

Dr. White invited everyone to stay for the Canada Goose showing at the end of the meeting.

Van Thompson updated the group on the Tillman project and related information from Bruce Rollo. Tunneling and jacking completed under Haskell Creek. There was some leakage into tunnel, therefore, the inflow into the wildlife lake was shut down on two occasions to reduce the flow into Haskell Creek until the pipe could be installed. Everything turned out okay and the lake and stream water was turned back on after two 48 hour periods. They continue to remove soil from the sod farm areas.

Van reviewed the documents and determined that there was no time frame restrictions for the compensation excavation. The contractor will try to remove soil east of Woodley before the migrating season. The wall on the west side of the plant is under construction. There will be construction of the model airplane cable pads next week. They need a meeting with the flight field people.

Steve Hartman asked if the perimeter of the excavation area can be cleaned to make it weed free. Van stated that the area was due to be graded.

Jill Swift asked if the 108 in. bypass line was reclaimed water or sewage? Van stated that it was reclaimed water. She asked if the septic dump site was subject to flooding? Mr. Munoz of Bureau of Engineering stated that the site was above the 100 yr. flood line. A 200 or 300 yr. flood would probably flood the plant and everything would be shut down. The site was built to take a 7.5 intensity earthquake. The substructure integrity would depend on the extent of the ground movement. If it was strong enough to damage the sewer at the septic dump site, probably there would be a general failure of the sewers in the general area. There would be no liquefaction of the soil.

The earthen berm will be started in two months.

Brad Smith will be contacting Peter Ireland to discuss the septic dump site and the E.I.R. Felicia Marcus, President of Public Works Commission has made the investigation of the project a top priority to determine whether a E.I.R. or negative declaration was called for.

Peter Ireland stated that Mr. Smith wanted to meet with him separately. This was not acceptable to Peter. He wanted the meeting opened to everyone including the Council office.

The proposed forage area within the wildlife reserve - Van Thompson and Dick Ginevan will work together on this.

Muriel Kotin stated that the crop can be mowed down for feed. The area east of Hjelte should be disc and planted in winter wheat or another grain.

Ted Carr will talk to Tapia Brothers to see if a winter planting can be arranged. The seed will cost around \$600.00.

Dr. White introduced Lillian Kawasaki, Director of Environmental Affairs for the City of Los Angeles who proceeded to summarize the various grant programs available for environmental issues. She summarized the goals and direction of her Department. She was asked if her Department got involved in environmental review, particularly the septic tank dumping site. Ms. Kawasaki stated that they would give advice to the City and act as facilitators on environmental issues and as a resource to other agencies if they are asked to.

Peter Ireland commented on the septic tank dump site project and stated that the public review process was very short and not advertised to everyone that might be interested in it.

Glenn Bailey asked if Environmental Affairs were involved in reviewing this project.

Van Thompson stated that he was told by his Department that the dump site would not be opened until all the questions are answered. Jill Swift stated that the appeal process is 60 days.

The City Attorney is reviewing the lease agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Peter Ireland reviewed the history of this project and also reviewed the history of the Van Norman Reservoir especially the rebuilding of the dam after the 1971 break.

There was discussion about the proposed use of the Van Norman land next to the wildlife area for a police academy. It was stated that the C.E.Q.A. document was completed before the project had public review. Ms. Kawasaki reviewed new changes in C.E.Q.A. in the State. She also reviewed environmental grants. Kris Ohlemkamp commented that he did not support farming an area within the reserve to provide food for migratory birds.

Steve Hartman stated that the area in question had been previously disturbed and that there were no native plants existing there.

After discussion, it was agreed to use the area on the east side of the lake for a cultivated feed crop area for one year and we would look for an alternative next year.

The area in the outfall easement line area in the south reserve should be looked at as a future site for a forage area.

The committee voted and approved to support a request to the wildlife consortium for \$16,000 to the City to hire two part time employees to work exclusively in the wildlife reserve on a 7 day-a-week coverage. The City will provide a job description.

Dick Ginevan discussed Prop A. Steve Hartman discussed a project that would be a hummingbird enhancement area. A sub-committee of Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, Rose Marie White and Dick Ginevan was formed to work on this project which would include an oak grove. Steve Hartman will convene the sub-committee.

Dick Ginevan stated that the job of secretary needs to be rotated to the other committee members. Rose Marie White volunteered to take the next month's minutes. We will also hold the next month's consortium meeting after the Wildlife Steering Committee's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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