

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- JULY 26, 1994**

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Glenn Bailey. (There was no Consortium meeting tonight.) In attendance were Carvel Bass, Ted Carr, Judy Garris, Gene Greene, Steve Hartman, Peter Ireland, Muriel Kotin, Melissa Mills, Steve Moe, Jill Swift, Mike Walters, James N. Ward, Rosemarie White, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Minutes of the June 28, 1994 minutes were approved without change.

James Ward for Department of Recreation and Parks:

Dog Run Park: Proponents of the dog run park want property behind Balboa Park. R&P has plans for that area. With COE is considering other areas, perhaps behind O.N.E., near Victory & White Oak. They need 2-3 acres of fenced area for off-leash dog area. Let R&P know of any ideas. No funds have been allocated for this use.

East Valley Water Reclamation Project: they're looking at alignments for the outfall line, probably along the west wall of the TWRP.

Prop A Status: All projects are moving forward, but all are still in the planning stages. Funds have not been transferred to the city from the county and will not be until the plans are completed. Interest is going to the county. The Bull Creek grant has not been decided yet.

The workshop to be hosted by the COE on Saturday will discuss Proposition A and R & P will be hosting public meetings also. The COE's workshop will be limited in scope to the current wildlife areas and the 2 sod fields being considered for expansion. Committee members requested James Ward to remind Frank Catania of our concerns.

There will be a People for Parks conference "Reinventing Urban Recreation on 8/6/94. Rosemarie White will represent the Steering Committee.

Native Plant Study: Steve Moe reported that Professor Karen Roy of L.A. Valley College wants to establish transects for studying native plants. The committee had no objections. Steve Hartman volunteered to help.

Other: The forage area east of the wildlife pond is being prepared for planting of seed for fall waterfowl. Ted Carr said the sod farmer is still expressing an interest in returning, precluding any planting by R & P on the sod fields. Steve H. suggested our approaching the sod farmer, Mr. Vom Kleff, to suggest his planting native grasses as a test of a new form of sod crop. (Ted said Mr. Vom Kleff would need the COE's agreement to do so.) 700 hours of the 1,000 hours of R & P employee time funded by the consortium has been used. [Funding more hours should be on the next consortium agenda.] James Ward passed out a report of the status of R & P's Prop A projects.

Land Art Proposal for the N.W. Corner of Burbank & Woodley: The committee could like the people proposing this project to attend one of our meetings and explain what they are proposing.

Mike Waters, Project Engineer on the Flood Protection Project, on Mitigation Implementation: The north reserve mitigation plantings are now getting more water, whereas he has requested the contractor to reduce watering along the R.O.W. On inspection today, it looks better.

There has been a major gopher problem among the valley oaks north of the wildlife lake. Steve H. suggested planting valley oaks in wire mesh. Jill Swift suggested contacting Dr. Klaus Radke regarding his technique of gopher removal without poison. 80-90 % of the mitigation plants are still living. The Dept. of Engineering is concerned about not planting replacement plants in the summer, as they're unlikely to survive, but they could get more plants now, maybe not planting until the city does it in the autumn. The COE will discuss the problem with the other parties.

Gene Greene will take over the project for the city when the contractor is finished. He is pursuing getting volunteer workers who have to put in community service time for the wildlife areas. It was pointed out that the city will have to supervise these "volunteers" closely, as they won't know one plant from another.

All dirt is in on the earthen berm. They're working on road paving now. 9/1/94 is the official completion date, but that may be pushed slightly.

Army Corps of Engineers Report: Ted Carr reported that Saturday's workshop will discuss further development of the wildlife area and passed out invitations. The 2 wildlife areas north and south of Burbank Bl. and the 2 sod farms west of the north wildlife area and the area around the cricket field north of the reserve will be discussed. Committee members complained about the fact that invitations aren't being mailed out until tomorrow, 3 days before the workshop, and that the workshop scope is being limited to the specified areas. Jill suggested an addendum to the invitation, that if one can't attend due to late notice, to please phone Debbie Lamb. Glenn will fax a copy of the invitation with the address corrected to the local media and suggested that Debbie Lamb phone the *L.A. Times* and *Daily News*.

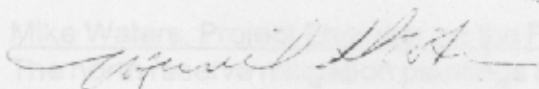
Suggestions were made that the COE propose a second workshop to discuss the whole Sepulveda Basin, since this workshop will be limited in scope, or that, since the workshop is not to end at noon, that we continue and have a workshop on the entire basin in the afternoon.

Chambers Report, "Conceptual Management Plan for the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area": There is a problem in that the report limits the area west of Haskell Creek to being a buffer zone. That sod field should be an expansion area with the field west of Woodley Ave. as the buffer zone.

Hummingbird Hill: Bob Fawcett in the Planning Department will be working on plans for this project. The Native Plant Garden is in abeyance. Steve H. submitted a copy of a memo from President Clinton on environmentally beneficial landscaping.

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 1994, (atypically, the fifth Tuesday). Steve Hartman will be the new temporary chair starting then. The Consortium will meet at 6:00 p.m. that day to discuss renewing funding of the 2 temporary R & P employees. Steve Moe will provide a report for the Consortium of what the employees have done.

Submitted by



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