

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- AUGUST 30, 1994**

The meeting was called to order by Rotating Chairman, Glenn Bailey. In attendance were Carvel Bass, Judy Garris, Steve Hartman, Fred Heath, Peter Ireland, Muriel Kotin, Debbie Lamb, Lou Levy, Sheila Murphy, Alan H. Nakagawa, Jill Swift, Ron Strong, James N. Ward, Rosemarie White, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Land Art Presentation: Sheila Murphy and Alan Nakagawa presented their concept for a "land art" project for the northwest corner of Woodley and Balboa.

Workshop: Debbie Lamb reported that the COE's next workshop on the future of the wildlife reserve will be in mid November. EDAW Inc is the consultant working on a concept plan for the expanded reserve.

Ron Strong for Department of Recreation and Parks: 10/15/94 is the new date for the KLSX concert. The black fly/midge control program using BT has been successful.

Minutes of the July 26, 1994 meeting were approved with the following change: in the first and last paragraphs, change Temporary Chairman to Rotating Chairman.

Federal Wildlife Refuge Designation: The north and south reserves are a federal wildlife reserve according to a memo dated 1/11/89 from Rec & Park's Joe Breitbart, but apparently the COE never accepted such designation or processed a request for it. Debbie Lamb will check it out. James Ward will check the city side. Jill will follow up. Such designation may interfere with matching funds.

Consortium's Contribution towards Part-Time Employees: James Ward reported that as of 8/20/94 \$9530 was spent and \$6498 remained. \$8262 more is needed to continue the 2 employees to 7/95. The city has contributed \$2,000. Steve Moe will present a written report for next month's consortium meeting, if possible to be mailed out with the minutes.

Annual Review Meeting for Wildlife Reserve: James will ask Dick Ginevan about the process. Jill and Sandy will check their records, and Debbie will check the Public Recreation Use Plan.

Publicity and Outreach: Lou Levy suggested outreach programs for retirement homes, youth groups, senior citizens centers, and handicapped groups. Send information on walks to Debbie Lamb or Carvel Bass for them to distribute. A master calendar for activities in the basin, a marquee or other facilities could be used. Jill and Lou will get a meeting together with Rec & Parks and the COE - tentatively daytime Monday 9/19 - to discuss how to get this started.

Flooding history was provided by the COE.

Potential Management Actions for the South Reserve: The COE expects some of the Proposition A funds to be used for improving the South Reserve. A contract will include one-year maintenance with plantings planned for minimal maintenance. Invasive weeds like arundo and castor bean need to be removed. All this will be taken into consideration by the COE and their consultant, EDAW, Inc., and Rec & Parks.

Request for History of Management Actions in Haskell Channel: The city has been maintaining the channel for years. Steve Moe would be the main source of information. The COE has no records on this.

EarthDay, 4/22/95: A major weed war should be part of this, focusing only on the north reserve unless there is a huge turnout, in which case the south reserve could be included. Perhaps the cleanup/weed war should be in March with a separate EarthDay celebration. The EarthDay Steering Committee will meet at Muriel Kotin's 9/22/94 at 7:00 p.m.: Glenn Bailey, Steve Hartman, Muriel, and Cindy Wilder. All organizations are invited to send representatives.

Ownership Map of Basin: The map Rec & Parks saw recently from 1977 is inaccurate. Ted is trying to update it. Rec & Parks are trying to get a tract map that's more accurate, as they need it for dealing with illegal dumping problem. It will probably be available at the next meeting.

Plans for Hummingbird Hill and Oak and Walnut Woodlands: James indicated that Bob Fawcett is very busy, so the plans aren't very far along. It is too late for the planting to happen this November. Fred Heath would like to have plans by next month for submittal to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

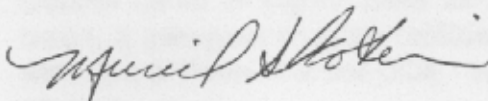
Bull Creek: A decision on the grant proposal under Prop A's Rivers and Streams provisions is expected 9/13/94. Lobbying of county supervisors may be needed. Council members Braude, Chick, and Yaroslavsky and Congressman Beilenson have written in support. COE has federal funding to work with Public Works on a natural-bottom, ground-recharge, revegetated Bull Creek with soft sides and bottom, regraded. The grant will provide arundo removal. Committee members commented that although Bull Creek is degraded, it's fairly natural, valuable habitat that shouldn't be messed up. The COE is meeting with Public Works/Flood Control Thursday to get a clearer picture of the situation.

Expansion of the Recreation Lake is to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Arts Park EIR/EIS has not yet been submitted to the city according to Debbie Lamb. It will need to be submitted for public review.

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 1994.

Submitted by



Muriel Kotin