

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES -- SEPTEMBER 27, 1994**

In attendance: Glenn Bailey, Judith Hirshberg, Fred Heath, Ron Strong, Steve Moe, James Ward, Peter Ireland, Jill Swift, Carvel Bass, Rosemarie White, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Wohlgemuth, acting chair for Steve Hartman who was absent. He announced the Bull Creek grant proposal as having been accepted. Minutes of prior meeting were approved with one correction by Bailey regarding the "rotating chair of Steve Hartman rather than Glenn Bailey".

Federal wildlife refuge designation (in the minutes) of Sepulveda Basin area was discussed. No one in A.C.O.E. or Planning knows why it was referred to as a Federal Wildlife Reserve. It is a wildlife reserve in the south and there is no City budget for the south reserve to maintain it, the City does maintenance in that area. The issue was addressed for "Prop A" funds in the next grant phase. No further comment.

Annual Review: Status of Annual Review Meeting discussed. Moe has not scheduled it. The Basin Master Plan calls for it (Public Recreation Use Plan). It calls for Audubon, Dept. of Fish and Game and Department of Recreation and Parks to attend. Ireland calls for the inclusion of this committee plus any interested parties from the public. Early November suggested by; Ward. Agenda items should be given to Bass. Ireland requests a copy to be mailed out to committee members. Ward agrees. Bailey requests the meeting to be held in conjunction with Wildlife Committee meeting. Ward will find out all that is involved.

Part-Time Employees: Moe suggests a further change in the prior minutes to reflect that the part-time employees are paid only through November 1995, (including the extra money the City has contributed). Part-time people are hard to find. Swift suggests students at West Valley Occupational, Bailey suggests naturalists from other areas to be informed of requirements. Judith Hirshberg says to "keep in touch with Braude's office on this issue".

Bull Creek Discharge: Swift asks location of checkpoint for Bull Creek discharge. Moe says it is 100 ft. from the outfall and there are five different monitoring points on Bull Creek. Swift suggests more talk regarding this issue at next meeting.

Earth Day: Bailey describes meeting of the Earth Day Committee at Kotin's house. It was recommended that Kotin as President of Valley Audubon and Chair of the clean-up activities schedule a "clean-up". Discussion ensued regarding planting activities and wildlife tours for the public. White suggested more effort be made to schedule celebratory activities and Bass was invited to create a musical.

Collage Ensemble: Ireland commented on the questionable appropriateness of the presentation. He suggests they work on the area of the corridor of the future transit system, or augment that facility with their art. Swift comments that Bass should be asked to explain the proposed project. Hirshberg says it is silly because it's in a flood control area. Sandy: "Have they approached the City?" Ward: "No." Swift: "I move we not support this project." White: "Seconded."

Discussion followed, then vote nine ayes, two abstaining.

M.S.P. The Wildlife Areas Steering Committee does not support the Collage proposal for the Sepulveda Wildlife area.

Discussion followed as to who is on Steering Committee and allowed to vote. Ward will notify the City and the collage Ensemble of the Committee decision. Swift suggests the chair write a letter, Sandy agrees.

Hummingbird Hill: Oak Woodland is included in the project. What is in the Walnut area under the trees? Hartman will be contacted. Bass will call Dustin Alcola at Theodore Payne, Ward will contact Eric Lusser. Swift does not want to lose the overlook. Moe: "It needs additional fencing, it is maintained by Street Maintenance."

Ward passed around diagram copies of a bird watching platform. He commented that they have "changed plans to accommodate natives".

Bull Creek: Bull Creek Development S/B 1135, are copies available?

Swift comments that there have been changes in the land use which have not been reflected in this document. Swift asks Bass to FAX it to her. (Agreed). The problem is that Bull Creek has taken on recognition as a riparian and wildlife habitat of value. If a project such as Lake Balboa be superimposed on a riparian area, then that area will be lost. The concept as to what's to take place in Bull Creek should be thought out before we are too far into the design of it. The Future Design Memorandum is four years old. Moe: "Bull Creek was a "V" ditch and through inattention has become a riparian corridor." Bass suggests having Debbie (Corps) come in to describe it. Debbie will be asked to FAX a copy of the sketch for next meeting. Ireland is uncomfortable at apparently being excluded from this process and Swift asks Debbie where is the money coming from to restore something that was previously messed up. Ireland asks Bass to call him regarding disposition.

Maps: Swift and Ireland request Ted Carr's maps of leases and jurisdictions. Swift asks Chairperson to write letter clarifying our need for the maps. Bass will talk to Carr and Hartman will call Bass.

Non-Native Plantings: Review of non-native plantings in Stage 2 of Lake Balboa. If plants have not been procured, perhaps Committee could have some input? "We would like to make this a showcase so that Bull Creek can be a showcase."

Discussion of native and non-native plants. Swift requests that Hartman get a copy of plans for Phase 2. Bass will bring the plans to next meeting.

End of agenda. New business.

Ron Strong: Public Works is going into second agenda repairing bike path in 24 areas. Path is closed during repairs. Bailey asks for barriers on Oxnard Street so that cars will not enter path. Moe: Tree People, October 8 work crew. Swift: Melanie would like to make a presentation on the Arundo Grant. Hirshberg and Sondra would like a walk through. Bailey asks to be informed. Ireland requests representation from A.Q.M.D. on odors control be at next meeting. Swift added Laura Chick's office to mailing list.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rosemarie White