

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES -- NOVEMBER 22, 1994**

The meeting was chaired by Steve Hartman. In attendance were Glenn Bailey, Carvel Bass, Peter Ireland, Muriel Kotin, Steve Moe, Ron Strong, James N. Ward, and Rosemarie White.

Minutes of the meeting on 10/25/94 were corrected and approved. Persons in attendance should show Clyde A's last name as "Ade" and Ruth Villalobos should be included on the list. The fourth paragraph, last sentence should have reference to planting of native species stricken and read "Arundo removal will be related to the grant just received."

Updates were given by those attending. Muriel Kotin reported on educational walks. Ron Strong reported on Rec. and Parks projects and that wooden posts will be put along the south side of Burbank Bl. to deter illegal dumping.

Steve Moe advised that \$12,700 has been spent with \$5,300 left for part-time employees in the wildlife reserve. That is, 17 weeks (to &/95), counting \$2,000 from R&P. He would like to let the temporary employees know by March whether they are re-funded. (R&P will know in May whether the city will fund them.)

Peter Ireland spoke on the recent meeting on odors from the Tillman Plant. The city indicated at that meeting that there are 2 components. One is from parts of TWRP that they're working on, the other from manholes in residential areas. Water discharged from the plant is clean and odorless; complaints on odors in the park should be addressed to R&P. Community people at the meeting were unhappy. Steve Moe indicated that there has been only 1 episode of anoxic conditions so far. Peter also commented on the Users' meeting and dog park location.

James Ward reported that Lake Balboa is being stocked with fish: channel catfish and rainbow trout. A yearly meeting earlier today indicated that Steve Moe is doing an excellent job of managing the waters in Lake Balboa and the wildlife lake. R&P will contact Fish and Game for their input.

R&P was requested that minutes of the annual review meeting be included with the agenda for the next meeting.

Glenn Bailey reported that Councilman Braude's chief deputy, Judy Hershberg, committed to a January community meeting on odors, involving all pertinent city agencies. Bonnie Kopp of Braude's office will be in charge of Sepulveda Basin for Braude and plans to attend Steering Committee and Users' meetings.

Rosemarie White indicated that the Canada goose count is down this fall from last which was down from the year before. Steve Hartman is aware of lots of geese at the Las Virgenes Reservoir in Calabasas and wonders if they are our local geese. Rosemarie is aware of geese at Lake Castaic and other locations.

Review of Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA): It was suggested that expansion of the wildlife reserve be a standing item on each agenda. Carvel Bass will contact the COE Planning Department for updates. The Chambers Report does not represent current plans for the reserve. Debbie Lamb is still on jury duty, so planning for the basin is slowed down.

Part-time Employee Funding: This topic should go to the Consortium first. Perhaps the Consortium should have an independent brain-storming/planning session - Steve H. will contact Fred Heath.

Hummingbird Hill: Steve Moe thinks a barrier between Burbank Bl. and the reserve needs to be part of the project. Peter Ireland suggested we see about CalTrans mitigation funds for a fence and improving the overlook as a vista point. A 15-minute parking limit and pay telescopes were suggested. The overlook is owned by the Department of Street Maintenance. James Ward will research what is the appropriate agency and see about getting them to a meeting in early 1995. The basin cleanup on 4/1/96 may possibly include cleanup and painting of the overlook.

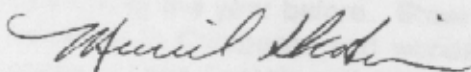
An Ownership Map is again requested by Jill Swift. Carvel indicated the ownership questions are complex which is the reason for the delay. Peter said that the freedom of information act says we should have access to the 1976 map, whether or not it's accurate. The COE is working on a new map. We need current information. Ultimately the owner of all parts of the basin is the COE. The committee is not particularly concerned about private lessees. R&P has a copy of the '76 map somewhere but won't show it to us.

Bull Creek Grant Status: There was a county/city glitch where the grant application's cover letter and inside description didn't match. The grant award was apparently reversed because an 1135 project may re-do Bull Creek anyway, but any 1135 project is a far-distant figment of the imagination. Carvel pointed out that we have nothing from the county in writing and suggested that we request same. The second meeting with Marge Santos of the county that we were to have yesterday was canceled. (Friends of Sepulveda Basin: Steve H. suggested forming such a group and that this committee should consider taking a trip to the Carpenteria Wetlands to see what they're doing there.)

New Business: Muriel Kotin suggested that we ask the R&P Commission to name the wildlife lake. This will go on a future agenda.

Upcoming meetings: There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be 1/25/96, starting with a tour of Steve Moe's water-testing facilities from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Steve H. will try to arrange a December Consortium meeting to discuss the part-time employees, a financial update, Hummingbird Hill arrangements, and the Consortium's future.

Submitted by,



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