

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- FEBRUARY 28, 1995

Before the regular meeting, some members took the opportunity to tour Steve Moe's trailer lab from 6:30 to 7:00.

The meeting was chaired by Steve Hartman. In attendance were Clyde Ade, Glenn Bailey, Carvel Bass, Kathleen Caraplis, Fred Heath, Peter Ireland, Muriel Kotin, Stephen Moe, Norma Peters, Ron Strong, Mike Walters and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Self introductions included comments on various matters by persons attending. Carvel Bass suggested that this was not the appropriate time for such comments, that they belong under new business.

No corrections were made to the minutes of the meeting on 11/22/94.

Mike Walters reported for the City of L.A. on the Tillman mitigation plan. The survival rate in the north reserve was about 60%, so maintenance by the contractor will be extended to 3/31/95. Then the city will take over, with Gene Greene in charge. An 80% survival until 3/31/95 will be required. There is a silt problem from recent floods in the south reserve where the contractor has cleared out the planting basins.

Because of erosion on the Tillman levee from heavy rains, the erosion must be repaired before planting occurs. Final completion of the levee project should happen by 6/22/95.

Name of Wildlife Lake: Ron Strong will discuss with Rec & Parks management whether they are able to organize a name contest. If they can't, Muriel Kotin will handle after June.

Employee Report: Steve Moe reported that \$13,800 of the funding from the Consortium had been spent by the end of 1/95. The temporary employees have worked for just over a year. After \$2,000 additional from the city, \$3,000 is left, or 422 hours. This will take us through June 24th for one part time person. Robert Feld now has a regular Rec & Parks job and will be phased out to other work, especially monitoring and data collection. Anne Marie Orcino will be leaving after March due to marriage and moving away. The remaining funds could be held off until next fall. Rec & Parks have requested personnel for the reserve but they are unlikely to get any.

The part time employees' time has been spent as follows: 65% weed removal, 15% litter removal, 10% watering (especially forage area and recent plantings), and 10% public interaction.

Cleanups: Weed eradication will be done by volunteers at the Cleanup on 4/1/95 and Scout Jamboree 3/18/95. The Boy Scouts will remove weeds, litter and sod-field netting. Concern about large events in the basin, especially near the wildlife reserve was expressed.

Domestic Ducks: Trapping was unsuccessful. These ducks add to the nitrogen problem in the lake. Fred Heath will find out where to get a ~~shot-out~~ net for catching them.

Hummingbird Hill, Oak and Walnut Woodland Plans: The estimated cost is \$49,500. It is unclear if it will be higher if the city arranges for contractors. There was discussion of whether we want a trail going east from near the north end of the Burbank Bl. tunnel. Perhaps with temporary, seasonal closure. There was further discussion of a chain-link or duracrete fence closing off the Burbank Bl. overlook from the reserve. It was unanimously

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moved, seconded and passed that we accept the plan from the city as proposed but that we not bid out the trail along the north side of the Burbank Bl. berm nor the 2 overlooks and the 3 benches at the east end and that we include an effective fence, with the exception that there should be no hydro-seeding of non-natives. [COE approval of the plans is needed. Administrative costs from the city will force us to leave out the overlooks and benches anyway.] This motion is to become a part of the plan if the city is unable to update the plan they already provided.

Signage: Steve Moe reported that there are job orders to repair and replace signs in the wildlife areas. Some will be up by the end of March. The delay was the earthquake. Some signs around the lake will be metal. Peter Ireland presented the Consortium's proposal for signs. The sign verbiage committee will meet after 3/6: Peter, Jill and Muriel.

Submitted by,

Muriel S. Kotin

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