

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- February 25, 1997

Rosemarie White chaired the meeting which was held at Rec & Parks valley headquarters. Others attending were Glenn Bailey, Ted Carr, Richard L. Coskey, David Ecklund, Gene Green, Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, Hoover Ng (DWP), Alex Trachtenberg, Bill Van Wagoner (DWP), James N. Ward, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Minutes: Minutes were approved after being corrected to indicate the last scheduled weed war at Hummingbird Hill will be in May.

Introductions: were made.

Swallow Day: Gene Greene announced that the open house will run from noon to 5:00 on Sunday, April 6. The \$3 charge will include refreshments. Organizations may have information tables. Steve Hartman will lead a tour of the berm at 1:00 for CNPS, and SFV Audubon will lead a bird walk at the Wildlife Area at 2:00.

Photographs of Japanese Gardens: Alex Trachtenberg showed slides taken at the gardens. They will be on display during Swallow Day.

East Valley Water Recycling Project: Hoover Ng of LADWP reported that construction will soon be underway to pipe reclaimed water from TWRP to the Hansen Spreading Grounds, with pipes to the Pacoima Spreading Grounds to be built later. The pipeline will go from the southeast corner of the plant along the base of the berm until cutting west to Woodley Ave. near Niwa Road. Only about 10 trees will be impacted. Construction may start in August. Access to Woodley Park and the Wildlife Area will be along a temporary access road along the south edge of Woodley Park. About 20 to 30 days of work along the south and west sides of TWRP will occur over a 1 1/2- to 2-month construction period.

Steve H. Requested that native oaks replace any trees that are removed. He also suggested that the tumbleweed-generating area east of the north portion of TWRP be cleaned up as part of the project. Gene Greene and James Ward will get together to work on this. MTA has not yet given approval for an access road to cross their property for construction. Muriel requested signs for the temporary route.

Walkthrough of Tillman Berm: Steve H. Reported that the berm looks great.

Hummingbird Hill: Steve H. reported that he, Sandy and Muriel conquered the milk thistle last Saturday. Next month, on the 4th Saturday, volunteers will clear and flag basins. James said R&P will provide flags. Gene said TWRP may be able to provide some surplus native plants.

Watershed Council: Steve H. will work with Glenn on a statement of goals for the next meeting.

Osprey Roost: Sandy Wohlgemuth's discussions with DWP resulted in DWP's saying a roost on the island would be too expensive. He will discuss the possibility of one on the shore instead.

Final Plans for the Wildlife Area: James Ward reported that the plans are only about 95% complete. They are due soon and will then be scrutinized. R&P and the COE are disappointed in the quality of the effort.

Rosemarie mentioned the delay and difficulty the committee had in getting documents for commentary that were sent to us via R&P. R&P and COE have been having similar problems. This committee wants to have copies of "final" plans to review. Rosemarie will talk to Andy

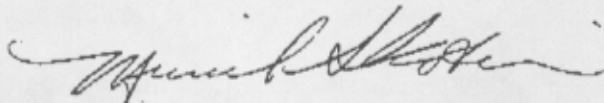
Lopez to ensure the committee will get notices in a timely way. Glenn asked that the plans be high on the agenda next month and that there be a special review meeting if necessary.

Dick Ginevan Retirement: Rosemarie will arrange a date for a late afternoon reception at the Japanese Gardens.

American Legion Baseball: James W. Reported that the public meeting on this proposed project was not an official public hearing as notice was not filed properly.

Training on Bird and Animal Rescue: Muriel suggested that such training be given to the R&P workers around the lake to enable the workers to be more effective. Rosemarie suggested Dennis Kraepan, 818/897-2813, as an excellent volunteer to provide the training. James W. will contact him.

Submitted by,



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