

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- February 24, 1998**

The meeting was chaired by Glenn Bailey. The others attending were Carvel Bass, Gene Greene, Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, James Ward, Rosemarie White, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Minutes of the January 1998 meeting were approved as submitted.

Wildlife Area Expansion: James Ward and Carvel Bass reported that a contract with Ace Engineering Inc. was awarded on 2/11/98. There will be a job-start meeting in Upland on Thursday. Actual work will begin the middle of March and last 8 months. Construction will probably begin near the parking area near the archery range. Someone from this committee will attend the start meeting and Steve Moe will represent Rec and Parks there. [Note: Ron Strong actually represented R & P. Apparently nobody from this committee was invited.]

The contracting officer for the ACOE and the city will co-ordinate with educational and public walks. Each week there will be a meeting between the contractor and the city. We can bring our concerns to R & P's job co-ordinator from its planning division. R & P will inform the contractor about the school field trip program.

R & P does not yet know the scope of the job. James will let us know as soon as he ascertains this. After the start meeting next week, the committee should contact him. Through construction, we should direct our questions and concerns to James Ward, Steve Moe, Ron Strong, and James' secretary Joyce.

R & P will seed the goose forage area next fall. That area will be unaffected.

ACOE Representation: Carvel Bass will sometimes attend Steering Committee meetings, but there will not be a regular representative here from the Corps. Information will be shared with us through James Ward. Andy Lopez will be the ACOE point person on the project, and we can phone Carvel directly at 213/452-3392. Carvel did not know if Ace Engineering participated in the previous walk through. James said that if not, Steve Moe will invite contractor to walk through with R & P, the ACOE construction administrator and representatives of this committee. Gene Green suggested that R & P have available a copy of the "as bid," specifications and weekly notes in James Ward's office.

East Valley Water Recycling Project: Gene reported that the project is on schedule with completion expected 10/98. Woodley Park probably will be impacted for 2 ½ - 3 months. A temporary road will provide access from Woodley Avenue to the parking lot west of the old cricket fields. Carvel noted that about 20% of the reclaimed water that now goes to the L.A. River will be diverted to ground water recharge. If any more water is diverted, ACOE will require a formal review.

Basin Projects: It flooded again yesterday, the third time this season. R & P will need to do lots of mud removal.

Education Program: Muriel reported that despite some rained-out field trips, the Audubon environmental education program is going well.

Canada Goose Project: Rosemarie has been involving middle school honors students in the Canada Goose Project. The goose celebration has been postponed to next November because of rain. She will get a copy of her suggestions for signs for the berm to James.

Consortium: Sandy is waiting to get the financial statement from LA Audubon's former treasurer, the current president. So we can review projects in comparison to early priorities, Glenn requested that Sandy ask Jill for her copy of the priority list and Rosemarie will look for her copy.

CNPS Sepulveda Basin Meeting: Steve H. had to leave early, so we will discuss this next meeting.

Garden Fair 5/16 and 5/17: The Steering Committee will have a table at the Garden Fair where they can provide information about the member organizations. Someone should draft a brochure about the wildlife area.

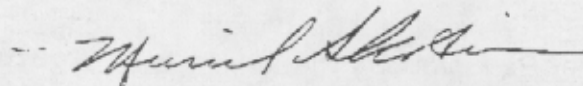
Great L.A. Cleanup: Muriel should talk to Steve Moe about whether a cleanup makes sense in light of the construction that is about to start. What about a project at Hummingbird Hill? She will talk to FoLAR.

Arundo in South Reserve: It's too muddy presently to survey the arundo situation. We will schedule a visit to the south reserve next month.

Turtles: Muriel indicated concern about the increasing numbers of turtles in the wildlife lake, all or most of them introduced red-eared sliders. She should talk to Steve Moe.

Announcements: Gene announced that the city will hold a volunteer fair, which our organizations might be interested in. The Tillman outflow ROW in the south reserve has been flooded. The Bureau of Sanitation will be re-assessing the plantings there and in the mitigation area near the entrance to the present reserve. Steve H. will be our contact person for Gene.

Submitted by,



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