

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- April 28, 1998**

The meeting was informal as only four people attended: Gene Greene, Muriel Kotin, Eric Lesser, and Steve Moe. Review of Minutes of the February and March 1998 meetings was deferred to next month, as was the financial report from the Consortium.

Wildlife Area Expansion: Steve Moe announced that all trees in the construction areas that had been tagged for removal were removed. The culvert along the main road to the wildlife reserve was discovered to be unsound. R & P is investigating how best to repair it. The contractor will get us an estimate for extending the fence near the overlook 100 linear feet.

Access: Gene Greene reported that DWP is about to demolish the road along the south side of the Tillman Plant. We will have continuous access to the wildlife area via a temporary access road slightly farther south of TWRP.

Septage Receiving Station: A road will soon be built from Victory Blvd. as an extension of Haskell Ave. to the receiving station. The route is being surveyed now and construction should be complete in about two months. It will not be the sole septage facility in the city. Muriel suggested that native trees, perhaps cottonwoods, be used in landscaping the roadway.

Other TWRP Happenings: Weeding of the berm has begun. Steve Hartman or any other member of the committee is invited to inspect the berm. Swallow Day at the Japanese Garden will be 5/17/98 from 10:00 to 4:00. Organizations on the committee are invited to put out information, including any brochures about the wildlife area and construction. Muriel inquired about the possibility of SFV Audubon's having a weekday birdwalk at the garden. Gene said to notify him or Betty and to bring binoculars for him and his staff to join the walk.

Weeds and Spraying: The contract does not include removing weeds along Haskell Creek. R & P has been removing hemlock and milk thistle. Hemlock is showing up on the island. CNPS members and other non-R & P personnel may not spray or use pesticides in Sepulveda Basin. R & P will try to get a sprayer out despite having only one staffer in the valley who can spray.

Shrub Choice: R & P needs a written recommendation from the committee of what to plant along Haskell Creek instead of the mulefat called for in the plan. Eric will work with Sandy on that.

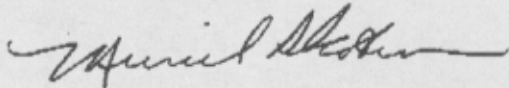
Fall Volunteer Day: Muriel was approached by teacher Sally Carlin of Westland School which is seeking a school-wide community-service project for next fall, probably in November. They have 120 students in grades K through 6 and 15 teachers who would participate. They would be happy to do a cleanup, planting or whatever is needed, perhaps a planting project west of Woodley Ave. Steve

Moe will check the contractor's schedule to see if the fencing will have been completed in that area by November.

Hummingbird Hill: Eric noted that weeds are thriving. A school accomplished quite a bit on 4/23, but much more is needed. Maybe committee members can do weeding Saturday 5/2 at 8:00 or 8:30. A replacement water line to H. Hill and the rest of the reserve north of Burbank Blvd. may not be ready until December. Steve Moe said that if the mitigation area planted by TRWP needs watering before the replacement line is in, he can turn on the old leaky line temporarily. Gene suggested that the committee look at getting court referrals to help with the weeding, perhaps under a supervisor hired by the Consortium.

Next Meeting: We will meet Tuesday, 5/26/98.

Submitted by,



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