

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- June 23, 1998**

Attending were Chairman Glenn Bailey, Bob Birk, David Ecklund, Greg Geddes (Boy Scouts of America Unit Commissioner Balboa Oaks District), Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, Eric Lesser, Jess Morton (Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon), Lisa Mowery (City of LA/Engineering), James Ward, and Sandy Wohlgemuth. Minutes of the May 26 meeting were approved without changes.

Wildlife Area Expansion: James Ward reported that the project is running 9 days behind schedule. Given rain days, completion is expected around the first of next year. The Wildlife Lake is now back to normal level after being lowered for building the launching ramp.

Access Road to Wildlife Area: Culverts under the road at Haskell Creek will be replaced. The Woodley Park portion of the East Valley Recycling Project is expected to be finished in August.

Septage Receiving Facility at Tillman Plant: Bob Birk and Lisa Mowery reported that the stub of Haskell will be extended from just south of Victory to the Septage Receiving Facility. The Bureau of Street Maintenance will build the road this week or next. It will be an approximately 950 foot road, slanting west as it goes south. Gene Greene is designing a landscaped corridor between the road and Haskell Creek, using native plants. The road will be wide enough for 2 trucks to pass each other. It will have a curb and gutter only in the northern portion. City Council is expected to vote next week on opening the facility. Niwa Road will not be used by the septic haulers. The new road will be gated only close to the septage facility. Suggestions were made by committee members, including James, to gate and sign the road close to Victory. However, Lisa Mowery indicated there is not room for a vehicle to turn around near Victory. About 35 trucks a day are expected to use the facility, as 3 other sites will also be used.

Glenn Bailey inquired if the federal government has given environmental approval. Lisa M. said that the ACOE has approved it through a FONSI issued 12/16/96 by the District Engineer.

Miscellaneous: James will have the arundo situation in the south reserve surveyed. The widening of Bull Creek is very long range, perhaps 5 years off. The flood-damaged golf courses will re-open soon. The jogging path along Burbank Blvd. will be worked on soon. Construction of the Woodley Clubhouse will start around July. Steve Hartman criticized the presence of pampas grass around one of the golf course lakes, as that plant is invasive. A July 4th fireworks show will be held at Lake Balboa, funded by boat rental proceeds. The Wildlife Area fencing will be 2-rail, otherwise similar to Lake Balboa's 3-rail fencing.

Hummingbird Hill and Vicinity: James has not yet gotten an estimate for additional fencing. Rosemarie will get verbiage for signs to James no later than the week of July 4th.

Fire Clearance: R & P will apply herbicide from the pavement of Woodley Avenue to the old sod field fence. Then they will disk about 15 feet in from the road. Steve H. requested that R & P mow rather than disk. James will try to get a flail used instead of disker.

Education Programs: Jess Morton of Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society explained his interest in learning about our programs, because his Audubon chapter is trying to develop a program in Harbor Park.

Greg Geddes of the Boy Scouts explained his interest in involving scouts in the basin. (There will be a Jamboree 10/16-18/98 at Lake Balboa.) Some of the projects he will suggest as possibilities to the scouts are selective weeding, trail building and nature studies, both as 1-time and on-going projects. Steve H. offered to work with any troops that would adopt a small section, including guiding them on an introductory field trip. Greg will try to make the scouts aware of the possibilities here.

Muriel reported that Westland School (grades K - 6) wants to do a volunteer program on a school day next fall. James said that they cannot work in the wildlife area during the construction project. They should call him about other public service opportunities in the basin.

Canada Goose Project: Rosemarie expressed concern that jamboree participants not interfere with the forage area. Answer: the scouts will not be in the wildlife area at all. She suggested that scouts might make signs or pamphlets to help keep people from wandering near the forage area.

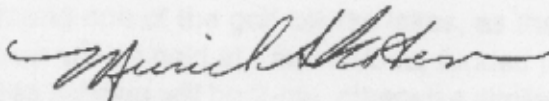
Consortium: The Consortium met briefly. It was *moved, seconded and passed to reimburse Rosemarie White \$75.78 for the Wildlife Area banner she had made.* The banner will be stored at Steve Moe's office.

Muriel has found some materials on proposed Consortium projects from 1/5/93 and 2/2/93. She is to continue tidying her files and looking for more information.

Brochure Committee: Rosemarie, Eric and Muriel are to get together and work on a brochure.

Next Meeting: We will meet Tuesday, 7/28/98.

Submitted by,



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