

## Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee Minutes February 22, 2000

Rosemarie White chaired the meeting. Also attending were Glenn Bailey, Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, Steve Moe, and Sandy Wohlgemuth. Minutes of the January 25, 2000 meeting were approved as submitted.

Rosemarie suggested that rotations of the chair position take place every January and July. She also suggested that we meet every month, including December, even if informally. Glenn suggested a combined November - December meeting, perhaps in early December. Rosemarie will try to have meetings end by 9:30.

Los Angeles Audubon Report (Sandy Wohlgemuth): We got a \$50 donation based on the brochure. Rosemarie will have table for Goose Project at Garden Fair May 20 and 21. She'll fly the Steering Committee's banner and give out our brochures, including any for members' organizations. Glenn inquired if we could put out brochures at the closest public libraries, with "L" coded on them to see if anything comes from them. He also suggested putting them at Council members Chick and Miscikowski's offices. He will take care of delivering same.

Steve Moe got a quote for electric vehicle: \$6,089.95. We can purchase for delivery to R & P or go through a much slower process by giving a check to R&P. The electric vehicle should be adequate for R&P needs, and the electrical supply in the storage facility of the Wildlife Area will do the job for recharging. Steve Moe gave the bid to Sandy to take care of the purchase.

Recreation and Parks Report (Steve Moe): The donation pole is ready. Steve will install it in the turf area outside the main T-gate adjacent to the road at the main entrance. He and Steve Hartman are cooperating to fix the scout project's posts identifying plant names which are now in place except for two to come soon.

(This Saturday, the scout project to remove mulefat stumps on Hummingbird Hill will take place, as well as Steve Hartman's gardening workshop.)

The City is still exploring the possibility of the Corn Maze. Steve M. will take care of removing graffiti that Rosemarie reported from the sign near the overlook. A large group of volunteers will do a cleanup in mid April under Steve Moe's direction, which should help with large amount of trash brought into the Wildlife Reserve by recent heavy rains.

The initial study for a second reclaimed-water pipeline from Tillman WRP to Lake

Balboa is complete, to provide a line that is not shared with the golf courses. Hopefully Tillman will be able to provide a higher-quality reclaimed water into the new line eliminating Lake Balboa's fish mortality problems. It will be about a 4-month construction project. (Steve M will provide a list of fish found in the W.A. as requested by Steve H.)

Army Corps of Engineers: Rosemarie circulated a draft of a letter to the ACOE about arundo and other exotics per page 3 (LA River Watershed Management) of last month's minutes. Suggestions for minor changes were made.

California Native Plant Society Report: Steve H recently sent a letter to Victor Osugi, Division Engineer, Bureau of Street Services requesting he implement a policy of planting California native plants on street and median strip plantings in the Basin.

Steve M will give Steve H the name of the person to send a letter to on eucalyptus control in the south reserve. Steve H suggests the Consortium have Riparian Repair spray weeds on HH: the stuff between the shrubs. Also horehound and other weeds in the north reserve and the weeds in the border of the pathways. He will request a proposal from Riparian Repair. Steve M will try to set up a meeting to get a new official recommendation from the city. The TreePeople recently planted California Sycamores along Burbank Blvd. east of Hjelte Field. Steve H will continue to work with them to encourage them to keep planting the right stuff in the Basin.

San Fernando Valley Audubon Society Report: Muriel reported that the education program is going well. SFVAS got \$1,000 donation for the program from recent articles in the Our Times insert of the LA Times. Daniel Tarica, Deputy to Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski is likely to tour Wildlife Area. Members requested she should let them know if such a tour is scheduled so they can participate.

Canada Goose Study Report: Rosemarie reported the geese are still here, about 300 - 500 in Basin. Chatsworth Nature Preserve / Reservoir has a growing number. Canada Goose Project did a major presentation / event in the new conference room at the Tillman Plant.

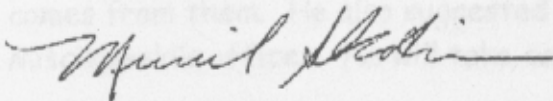
Resource Conservation Report: Glenn reported that the RCD puts out a monthly calendar of all their tours. He will bring some to the next meeting.

US-101 / I-405 Interchange: Muriel described changes proposed at a Caltrans open house she attended earlier this evening and possible impacts on the Basin and the vicinity.

Signs: Steve H hasn't worked on redesigning a sign to go on the Japanese Garden sign. Signs should go in next month's agenda, as well as other signs wherever Japanese Garden signs appear.

Earthday 2000: Rosemarie said that there will be a major event Saturday 4/22/00 at Exposition Park. (CNPS is having their wildflower display that day at Malibu.)

Submitted by



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