



Statement of Mission Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee

Mission

The mission of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee shall be to oversee, in its advisory capacity, the wildlife refuge areas within the Sepulveda Basin, as well as to support policies and programs that ensure their long term preservation and protection.

Goals and Objectives

1. The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee shall provide a forum for participating organizations and members of the public to discuss issues of environmental importance to the Sepulveda Basin.
2. The committee shall advocate and actively pursue a wildlife management master plan for the Sepulveda Basin.
3. The committee shall identify and recommend additional areas for inclusion within the wildlife reserve system within the basin, including for consideration all waterways, areas south of Burbank Boulevard, and remaining agricultural areas. The committee shall recommend restoration projects and pursue grant applications and other funding sources to improve and expand quality habitat in these and other areas.
4. The committee shall review and comment on all proposed projects and actions within the existing designated wildlife areas. It shall also recommend additional restoration and enhancement programs on remaining undeveloped lands within the basin.
5. The committee shall review, comment on and recommend changes to agricultural uses and practices within the basin toward the goals of providing forage for resident and migratory wildlife and avoiding negative impacts on adjacent habitat. This will include working towards future agricultural leases being consistent with this goal and towards avoidance of the use of fertilizers and pesticides that may be harmful to wildlife and habitat.
6. The committee shall review, comment on, and recommend changes to management practices that affect wildlife use of the basin. This would include actions of all agencies having jurisdiction within the basin.
7. The committee shall bring to park management's attention user conflicts and recreational activities that negatively impact wildlife and riparian areas within the basin. The committee shall carefully review proposed additional recreational development to minimize and to recommend mitigation for negative impact on wildlife areas or values.
8. The committee shall investigate inclusion of the Sepulveda Basin within the National Wildlife Reserve System, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other long term protection strategies.
9. The committee advocates a fully open and public participatory planning process, including public hearings and public planning workshops prior to any additional projects within the basin.
10. The committee shall promote public environmental education and awareness of wildlife values throughout the basin.
11. The committee shall be advised about and review all mitigation monitoring plans implemented within the basin.

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