SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES -- July 28, 1998

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. after a park ranger let committee members in to the meeting place. No representative of the city attended. Attending were Chairman Glenn Bailey, Terrie Brady (Board Member of SFV Audubon), Steve Hartman, Muriei Kotin, Eric Lesser, Gene Schwartz (a naturalist for RCD-SMM and Cold Creek Docents), Rosemarie White, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved after Sandy's name was removed from the list of attendees. Steve Hartman will be committee Chair starting August.

Signage: We need a report from Recreation and Parks on signage: what is planned and where for both educational and rule signs. A frequent visitor to the Wildlife Area phoned Muriel before the meeting to suggest signs about no dogs and no fishing in English and Spanish.

The committee instructed Muriel to write a letter to James Ward requesting the report and a fencing estimate for the dam near the overlook. She will fax Steve H. a draft first. (Muriel explained about the V-shaped road-drainage trench south of Burbank Blvd., west of Haskell Creek, as no R & P representative could make the department's report..)

Sandy suggested signs for the Wildlife Reserve wherever there are signs for the Japanese Gardens. Steve and Rosemarie said James Ward had indicated that we need to design signs and get the design to him. Muriel should ask James in the letter (see above) for the logo and style that will be used for the wildlife area as part of the construction project. The Committee suggests that we develop a signage theme, style and logo.

Miscellaneous: Rosemarie described her traffic jam experiences at Beilenson Park on July 4th, as did Muriel.

Hummingbird Hill: Muriel reported that Camille Kustin, a senior at Notre Dame Hi, has been weeding along the fence and that some students from Granada Hills Hi are inquiring. Steve indicated that Jake Robbins, a volunteer from UCLA has been weeding also.

Education Programs: SFVAS plans to lead birdwalks for beginners and families in the reserve 10/98 through 3/99 on second Saturdays. Regarding the field trip program for LA Unified classes, the fee the schools are charged for low-cost buses by the Mountains Recreation Authority has gone up \$25 to \$100.

Consortium Projects: Muriel continues to look for more materials on proposed Consortium projects from way back.

Brochure Committee: Rosemarie is putting together materials to work from with Eric and Muriel. Rosemarie suggested that we may also need a brochure for kids. Steve H. suggested the committee develop an outline of brochure goals and uses. Glenn suggested that the brochure be very low budget to print and that it emphasize involvement opportunities.

Lung Association Event: The American Lung Association will have a "Breath Walk" in Woodley Park on Saturday 11/7/98. SFV Audubon will lead participants on tours of the Wildlife Reserve.

Woodley Park Native Plant Pilot Project: Steve is planning a proposal from CNPS to the City that all new plantings in Woodley Park including its expansion area be native plants (other than turf). This would be a pilot for the rest of Sepulveda Basin and other LA city parks.

Next Meeting: We will meet Tuesday, 9/22/98.

Muriel Shoot

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