

**Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee**  
**Meeting November 26, 2013 - Approved Minutes**

Glenn Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in Tom Rice's trailer. A quorum was established. Attending were voting members Glenn Bailey, Terrie Brady, Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, Bob Munsey and Joe Philips. Non-voting members and guests were Debra George, Tom Rice, Evelyn Solano and Chris Trent. After self introductions, minutes of the September 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

Pending WASC Membership Request: The Canada Goose Project has not yet submitted a letter appointing a representative. No objections were made to their voting status being in abeyance until a letter is submitted.

LAPD: Evelyn Solano, Senior Lead Officer for Sep Basin reported that in addition to regular patrols, there have been dedicated patrols on weekends for the past 2 or 3 months, which are ongoing. A LAMC does not specifically address dogs within WR; one is needed. They have moved from educational phase to enforcement. Citations have been issued for illegal fishing, parking, driving off-road, drinking, dogs off leash, etc. The phone number we should use is **213-978-4670** (or 1-800-ASKLAPD). Future signs should show that number, **213-978-4670**.

Signage: The sign Ranger Torres has proposed to provide that reads "do not go off trail" does not seem to be appropriate for the location south of the Wildlife Lake where there is an apparent trail, although in fact nobody should enter there. The apparent trail is an undesirable social trail. Steve said social trails are at their worst because of 2 years of drought. Fences are inappropriate. Plantings would not work; people would walk around them. A sign reading "AREA CLOSED" and "Sensitive Habitat" (in English and Spanish) might be best. Tom will get some made up. Councilmember Koretz's office was working on a simple LAMC addition for keeping out dogs of WR. Debra will follow up with Koretz's office.

**Tom Rice will ask for posts and a chain and sign at both ends of the "trail" along the east side of the lake.**

**It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that we recommend that Los Angeles Municipal Code applicable to wildlife preserves be amended to protect birds and other wildlife.**

City Councilmember Paul Koretz's office is again working on this update.

There has been recent discussion of the possibility of Park Rangers returning to regional parks, maybe even to smaller ones.

What is physical address for the SBWR? 5600 Woodley was assigned recently, which would be at the intersection of Woodley and Burbank. Tillman Plant is 6100 Woodley. RAP website shows 6350 Woodley. It should be updated on the city website to 5600. Ideally the address would be closer to 6100, reflecting where the main entry is. Tom will discuss with Barbara Pleasant or Ramon Barajas.

Coming events: There will be a Persian Festival in April. Evelyn will continue to suggest that the Steering Committee be invited to event planning meetings.

Army Corps of Engineers: there's been no communication since the Regional Water Board threatened to sue. On 12/13/13 State Senator Fran Pavley will hold an LA River hearing at Woodland Hills Kaiser.

Recreation and Parks: Tom Rice said there is no word on Commemorative Grove. He will follow up with Barbara Pleasant and will also follow up about Woodcrete fencing. They cleaned up viewing areas in North Reserve, some trash on trail, and did light trimming on west side.

Balboa Sports Center: Debra reported Army Corps has approved the barn owl boxes and will contact Tom for a walkthrough in Dec.

After discussion about abandoned pets, it was agreed that signs to not abandon pets would not be appropriate.

Chair of Committee: Terrie Brady will be chair for 2014 as rep of the Sierra Club SFV Group, with Glenn as her advisor. Muriel will stay as minute taker.

**It was moved, seconded and passed that we move these meetings back to the conference room.** Tom will ask Barbara Pleasant.

Juan Villasenor will take over as Park Maintenance Supervisor, as Tom is retiring on December 12. [Juan.villasenor@lacity.org](mailto:Juan.villasenor@lacity.org). Same tel. no. as Tom: 818.756-7667.

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Consortium: The consensus was to pay Riparian Repairs (Bill Neill) invoice for \$1013, which is \$13 over the \$1000 previously approved.

Announcements and Reports:

California Native Plant Society's Native Plant Symposium will take place 4/19/14. Los Angeles Audubon's future meeting place is up in the air, as Plummer Park may not be changed dramatically.

Sierra Club Angeles Chapter (Joe) will be celebrating 50th anniversary of Wilderness Act. He will lead a hike in the SBWR 12/30 and recently led a hike for youngsters.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday January 28, 2014. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

Submitted by

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