

SEPULVEDA WILDLIFE RESERVE
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 7/16/91
MINUTES

There was a presentation about the construction of a reclaimed water delivery pipeline by Carl McCulla of the L.A. Bureau of Engineering and Hoover Ng of the L.A. Department of Water and Power. The pipeline will serve the Woodley Lakes, Balboa and Encino Golf Courses, Lake Balboa Park and Lake.

The pipeline will proceed from the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant north along Woodley Avenue to the Woodley Lakes Golf course entrance road. It then turns west to the extension of Hayvenhurst Road running between Woodley Lake Golf Course and Lake Balboa Park. The pipeline will turn south and run in the service road to the L.A. River where it will cross under the river in a 50' wide construction area. It will then proceed into Encino/Balboa Golf Course.

Most of the construction will occur in service areas devoid of ornamental or native landscape. In the areas where ornamental or native vegetation will be damaged, the Department of Water and Power will make repairs and/or restoration. The only area that will impact natural growing vegetation is on the banks of the L.A. River.

Since this area is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, it was suggested to Mr. Ng that he consult with the Corp. for their recommendation. Members of the committee made the following comments and observations:

1. There is a mix of native plants and noxious plants growing on the banks.
2. The north bank at that location is sparse of plant materials with most of the natural growth on the south bank.
3. There might be an opportunity to create a clean belt of native plants that could be expanded upon as resources permitted.
4. Does the mitigation restoration of native planting have to take place in the construction zone or can it take place somewhere else in the basin? Mr. Ng stated that the Department of Water and Power could only do work in the pipeline construction zone.
5. The Tree People expressed interest in getting involved in propagating and planting riparian plants such as creek willow. A follow up meeting will be set-up to discuss details of a program.

6. The committee would like a plant inventory to be conducted. Recreation and Parks will inventory the planting for Water and Power.
7. The committee asked if an environmental document was required for such a project. Mr. McCulla stated that this project is covered under a national utility permit and that a 401 permit is not permitted. The City will put all areas in the construction belt back to original condition. Mr. Ng stated that the Department of Water and Power has been given jurisdiction over the delivery of reclaimed water in the city of L.A. He estimated that it looked like reclaimed water would be available to the golf courses and park area early in 1992. It was also clarified that the reclaimed water pipeline was already in place for the Wildlife Lake and Haskell Creek. The reclaimed water would be available as soon as the permit by the Water Quality Control board has been issued. This is expected to happen in September.
8. The need for an environmental master plan for the basin and especially the riparian ways was thought to be more needed as more projects are proposed for the basin. A question was asked about where the Cultural Foundation was at in releasing their environmental impact report and the proposed lease with the Corp. of Engineers and the City. The Corp. of Engineers is in the process of reviewing the documents and have not released their final recommendations.