

Third meeting of the Audubon Sepulveda Wildlife Area Committee  
Sept 16, 1991

Present: Jill Swift, Peter Ireland, Kris Ohlenkamp, Dan Kahane,  
Ken Kendig, Bill Principe, Sandy Wohlgenuth

Guests: Jean Dillingham, Topanga-Las Virgenes Resource Conservation Dist  
Jeff Ford, City of LA Environmental Affairs Department.  
Steve Moe, City Recreation and Parks Dept, Water monitor  
Dick Ginevan, City Rec & Parks, chief of maintenance, Valley  
Carvel Bass, biologist, Corps of Engineers

Jeff Ford, at our request, arranged for Carvel Bass to attend.

Ford is knowledgeable and knows his way around environmental circles.

His department has no money but he will help with contacts & advice

Carvel Bass is new to the Corps. He checked files and brought in documents that show that the southern 48 acres is definitely leased to the City. However, it was reported that the Colonel told Rec & Parks that the Corps would handle the southern wildlife area, but there is no confirmation from him in writing.

The City obtained the \$479,000 from the Wildlife Conservation Board (of State Fish & Game) for the northern area but the Corps contracted out the construction of the 11-acre lake and vegetation. \$82,000 was allotted to planting sage scrub and riparian habitats but no sage scrub has been observed at any time.

The Public Recreational Use Plan for the wildlife lake was signed in 1987 by the Corps, Fish and Game and Rec & Parks. Though it called for an annual review of the area, none has been made. "Other interested parties" were to have been invited to participate. Bill Principe agreed to write to all agencies involved asking for a review within 30 days. (The letter was written and Rec & Parks has scheduled a meeting in Nov.)

Ken Kendig will contact National Resources Defense Council to get their opinion on environmental law in relation to the Basin.

Jean Dillingham said that the Topanga-Las Virgenes RCD is interested in a possible nature education plan for the wildlife area. She estimates a cost of \$15,000 plus materials and training and will investigate grants.

Interest was expressed in how the \$2.5 million from Congress was spent.

Jill Swift suggested "Heal The Basin" as a name for us. (She later called Dorothy Green of "Heal The Bay" who said it was fine with them.)

Bill Principe will stay in touch with Jeff Ford and the Mayor's office.

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NEXT MEETING - Monday, October 21 at 10 am - same conference room at Rec & Parks office

Sandra Mandel, Valley field rep for Congressman Tony Beilenson will be at the meeting.

Mima Parra-Sziii will join us. She was a Corps biologist and worked on the south wildlife area for 7 years. She also will lead a walk in both north and south reserves at 8 am before the 10 am meeting. Those interested will meet at the north entrance to the north reserve at that time.