

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS  
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 1993

Old business minutes approved.

Conflict with Audubon training and coalition meeting on March 6th. Coalition group will reschedule.

Committee discussion on length of office for officers and agenda items. Agenda items will be called to vice chair by Friday of the week before the next meeting. It was voted and passed that the length of term for Chairperson would be six months and that the chair would rotate alphabetically. Vice chair would be appointed and would be next in line to replace the chair.

Jill Swift requested that the committee be notified well in advance of a pending project in the basin.

Ted Carr stated that in the spirit of cooperation, the corp. would try to notify the committee when he hears of a project. Ted stated that the committee is advisory to the city not to the corp. and that he and Dick Grover are aware of what projects are proposed and they would communicate this information to the committee either through the city or directly, whichever is appropriate. He further stated that their environmentalist write in a straight forward manner in presenting projects.

Peter Ireland asked if there is a list of Capital Projects. Ted will check.

Vice chair will contact the corp. regarding projects.

Ted Carr will supply a revised flood plane plan to Dick Ginevan within the near future.

Ted was requested to see if a chronological history of flooding in the basin is available.

Ted stated that the corp. could not provide this information until after the flood season.

A question was raised as to whether the newspapers should be contacted to write a story on the flooding of the basin. No response.

Ted was asked if the sod farmer chased off geese. Ted stated that the sod farmer does chase off birds and does not target geese, but they do fly away with the other birds.

The issue came up about the corn field at Hjelte fields. It seems that the farmer replants his crop during the growing season quickly and he plowed his crop after the last harvest which did not leave any gleanings for the geese.

The farmers lease cannot be amended until it expires. Possibly the congressman can be approached to assist in creating a compatible use between the farmer and wildlife.

Questions?

Can the corp. provide a list of areas in the basin that are undeveloped?

When are the aerial photos going to be available?

Dick Ginevan will receive the myler and Dennis Shure will do the graphic work.

Ted Carr will approach the Tapia brothers to see if they will volunteer to leave the corn leavings for the geese.

Question - Does the excavation along Woodley stop the clock on the contract with the sod farmer? (No)

Group requested that Public Works make a presentation at the next meeting.

There was a discussion on the use of the \$200,000 federal money and the need for a wildlife study of the entire basin. Bill Principe outlined the geography of the basin.

A sub-committee was formed which includes Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, Peter Ireland and Bill Principe.

Ted and Dick Ginevan will review what the money can be used for.

Mission Statement Committee should review the mission statement for the next meeting.

The issue of Chatsworth Reservoir was discussed. Should the committee support the Save Chatsworth Reservoir group that is trying to create a conservation easement for 15 years.

The committee agreed to the language that the "wildlife area committee" supports the concept of securing a conservation measure to be brought to the vote of the state voters in 1994.

Peter Ireland reviewed the proposed all day environmental meeting at the Sepulveda Garden Center on March 6th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. This date conflicts with National Audubon Teacher Training Day.

Peter will look at alternate dates. Dr. Rose Marie White will discuss the Canada Geese project and the filming. She has arranged for a feature film producer to start shooting this project.

Ted Carr reviewed the county metro link project and stated that the corp. has problems with the south route and has not agreed to give over any corp. land for this project.

The corp. does not object to the Victory line.

The meeting was adjourned.