

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 1993

1. The January minutes were reviewed and approved with the amendment that Recreation and Parks can ask once-a-year that farm land can be released for recreation development, ask for the land in May, available after September.
2. Ann Kerman, Recreation and Parks, explained a proposal for an off leash dog exercise area in the Sepulveda Basin. She gave the history starting with approvals from the Recreation and Parks Commission, Council Committee and full Council. The group does not like the proposed site and ask for suggestions from committee. Members expressed concern that dogs are presently a problem. Concerns: over crowding, overflow use, encroachment into reserve. Safety concern about children and dogs. Recreation: The Committee generally would not like to see activity east or west adjacent to Woodley.
3. There was discussion about a state ordinance A.B. Sec. 25/89.1 Health and Safety Code. Polluters can be forced to pay for cleanup over the cost of the fine.
4. Cavil Bass distributed an outline of the last meeting. He elaborated on the system of asking questions of the Corp. Cavil reviewed his list, discuss trails. Carvil talked about Tillman outfall project and announced that on Feb. 28th at Prado Reservoir at the corner of 71 Fwy and Euclid he will be conducting a nature interpretive program at 7:00 am.
5. Steve Hartman gave presentation on Tillman Reclamation Project. A negative declaration was made with mitigation made. What was it? Steve reviewed environmental assessment. What 4.5 acres are going to be reforested? Is the 50 ft. wide area going to be left unplanted? How are they going to comply with the temperature, storage of materials from the excavation? Who is going to be Corps of Engineer representative? When is the project to be accomplished? Muriel Kotin announced Great L.A. Cleanup on April 25th. Cleanup of debris from Haskell Creek. The San Fernando Audubon group will conduct bird walks and viewing of micro life with microscopes. We hope to attract volunteers from the general public.
"Rhapsody in Green" was announced in Studio City; Friends of the River following Saturday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm; work clothes, gloves, Dick will provide plastic bags for cleanup; 200,000 federal money was discussed; a committee was formed to come up with a priority list. Propose a sub committee consisting of Muriel, Steve, Dick, Peter.

There was a discussion about Prop A funding for the Sepulveda Basin. Dick stated that 1.8 million was earmarked for habitat restoration. The Planning Director and the General Manager are formulating the Prop A Program for the Department. When they have identified the various projects, the information will be made available to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.