

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE

APRIL 26, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Acting Chairman, Steve Hartman. In Attendance were Sherry Goldsmith, Muriel Kotin, Ron Strong, Jill Swift, James Ward, Rosemarie White, and Sandy Wohigemuth.

Minutes of the March 22, 1994 minutes were approved without change.

James Ward will check to see if the wildlife reserve Saturday employee leaves before 3:30 often, and if so will see about getting someone there until 3:30 on Saturdays.

James Ward reported for Rec and Parks. They are asking for the sod field east of Tillman to be parkland: 450 feet for 2 cricket fields. If that goes forward, 1 cricket field north of the wildlife reserve could become an interpretive center or wildlife reserve. The Committee requested that Rec & Parks inform us of the amount of the cost to the Cricket Association for maintenance for the next meeting. We need to address plans for this area. We are concerned that the area not become a dog use area when it stops being a cricket field. When it's officially wildlife reserve, it will need to be signed as no dogs allowed. It will be 1 1/2 to 2 years before the cricket field moves.

Illegal dumping is a big problem in the Basin. If we see it occur, write down the license number and other identifying information and call the Park Rangers or police. Also neighborhood watches should be alert.

The spraying at Lake Balboa last Thursday was for submerged vegetation with diquat ("Reward"). James said the substance is safe for wildlife and submitted a copy of its instructions.

Sherry asked about the proposal for concessions.

The Rec & Park budget is being reduced \$2.8 million (90 positions.)

The Army Corps of Engineers was not represented. The chair was asked to request that we be notified in advance when the COE will not attend.

Hummingbird Hill: discussion was deferred to next month.

Sandy reported on the Bull Creek arundo removal grant application. He, Melanie Ingalls and Hartmut Walter toured the area. Dr Walter is drawing up plans for the grant application, the deadline being soon. Ted Carr has indicated that no planting will be involved as the COE will be widening Bull Creek to make the sides less steep. Letters of support for the grant have been received from city council members Laura Chick, Marvin Braude and Zev Yaroslavsky, as well as from Congressman Beilenson. L.A. County Flood Control and L.A. City Dept. of Public Works have jurisdiction for maintenance of the creek. We requested that James Ward phone Melanie Ingalls with jurisdictional issues raised by the draft proposal she faxed to Rec & Parks yesterday.

Proposition A Projects: No projects have been funded yet. The city has not asked the COE to cancel the sod farm lease. They are discussing temporary uses of the sod farm. James will ascertain from Frank Catania where plans for the sod farm between Haskell Creek and Woodley will come from.

Document Repository: Jill would like a box of pertinent materials available in this meeting room. James said this was not possible due to lack of space. He will transport the needed stuff here for each meeting from Steve Moe's trailer. Steve is working on a bibliography. We can indicate a list of documents we find necessary for all meetings.

Muriel reported on the cleanup of the wildlife areas 4/23/94. 63 people participated. Lots of trash and noxious weeds were removed.

There will be a walk through the reserve for members of this committee and the Consortium on Sunday, 5/15/94 at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the north end of the wildlife reserve. Bring binoculars.

Status Report/Press Release: Steve will design same with Muriel's help. Rosemarie will provide information on the Canada geese, and James will provide advice and serve as resource person. Recycled paper will be used.

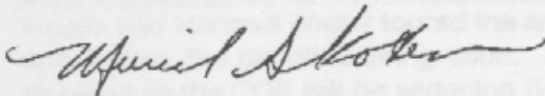
Demonstration Native Plant Garden in the David Lewis Memorial Grove along Haskell Creek: The Consortium will replace PEP for matching funds. Steve will see if CNPS is still willing to pay for half of the project. Then we will decide who is to design it.

New Business: Rosemarie reported on a 2 1/2 acre environmental nature center in Newport. She will invite its director to our next meeting.

We're still waiting for a history of floods in the basin from 1941 from Ted Carr. Is it available now?

There was discussion of concern that we not over build in the wildlife area, even in the area now a cricket field.

Submitted by



Muriel Kotin