

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- JUNE 28, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Glenn Bailey. In attendance were Carvel Bass, Fred Heath, Peter Ireland, Muriel Kotin, Debbie Lamb, Ron Strong, Jill Swift, James N. Ward, Rosemarie White, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Carvel Bass and Debbie Lamb spoke for the Army Corps of Engineers in reminding the committee that the COE needs to review proposed projects such as Hummingbird Hill before any work or plantings begin. Accordingly, minutes of the May 24, 1994 minutes were approved with page 2 changed to read as follows:

Second full paragraph: Steve Hartman reviewed changes made by the Consortium in the Hummingbird Hill proposal. Moved, seconded and passed to recommend to the city that the new proposal be approved. Steve H. will send a letter to the city with the details.

Fifth full paragraph: insert the word "proposed" before the word "project."

James Ward for Department of Recreation and Parks: Proposition A projects are moving very slowly.

Use of reclaimed water is being expanded within the Sepulveda Basin. If we want to recharge additional tributaries of the L.A. River in the basin with reclaimed river, we may run into obstacles. Griffith Park is experiencing a problem with biting flies related to the large amount of (reclaimed) water now flowing down the L.A. River. Rec and Parks is looking at "BT" types of remedies.

Regarding the East Valley Water Reclamation Project, the Tillman Plant has expansion plans that conflict with our proposal to alter the proposed routing of outfall on its way to the settling ponds near Hansen Dam. Sending the outfall to the north side of the plant instead of routing it along the south side of the TWRP will conflict with TWRP expansion. However, the expansion will not occur for 20-25 years, so Rec & Parks still plans to move the cricket fields as discussed at recent meetings. The appropriate forum for discussion of alternatives and mitigation for the East Valley Water Reclamation Project will be the Environmental Impact Statement. Glenn Bailey and Muriel Kotin are to write a letter to the COE and Rec & Parks to please be certain that these are covered by the EIS.

James has not yet checked with Frank Catania whether Proposition A funds are being kept in a segregated account.

Debbie Lamb distributed copies of the Chambers Report which is hot off the presses for the COE. She announced that there will be a public workshop on the future of the wildlife area all day on 7/30/94. She hopes we will get the area east of Woodley and north of Burbank as a buffer zone. The meeting will also discuss areas throughout the basin that need improvement. (The COE is applying for funds to improve Bull Creek.) They're looking at the possibility of a visitors' center. They've committed to putting in restrooms. Perhaps an education center, small office and storage area could be built in a fairly upland area, but all would have to be capable of withstanding flooding. The facilities should be above the 50-year flood line. Also more parking. We could use the Chambers Report as a base and improve and/or change it if we wish. Jill will send

Debbie a copy of last year's workshop attendees. This will be a chance to treat the basin as an ecosystem. The COE has won an award for the wildlife lake and Lake Balboa. There will be a walkthrough of the basin on Saturday, July 23.

Arts Park people submitted a "final" plan recently. Public review is needed and there are still problems with the plan. Arts Park is still iffy.

The workshop on 7/30 will explain about how the masterplan for the basin can be amended. The COE has \$2 million dollars and the city \$1.8M to spend in the wildlife area. The public workshop will help to determine the future boundaries of the wildlife area.

Debbie will ask Ruth Villalobos about working out a mechanism for interest received on federal funds that are allocated to the basin to go to the basin.

The Chambers Report should be taken with a grain of salt; treat it as a rough outline.

The area north of the recreation lake and north of part of the Woodley Golf Course will get turf, restrooms, children's playground and trees soon. There will be a buffer between the new planting and Bull Creek, and the COE will study what is needed in that regard. They also need to study possible creek restoration techniques.

Carvel brought plans for shoals removal and mitigation banking for Steve Moe to make available to interested committee members. Sepulveda Basin is probably not a possible location for mitigation banking as it's federal land.

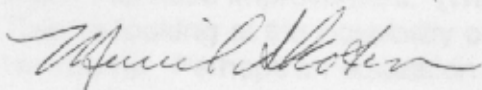
Bull Creek: Debbie reported that Colleen Culver, a student assisting her, is writing her masters degree dissertation on Bull Creek. Colleen is studying Environmental Studies at Cal State Fullerton. She may contact us for information. Her study may be very useful to us. It will start in the fall and will last around two years. The workshop on 7/30 will be a good venue to discuss our ideas on Bull Creek.

Peter Ireland is interested in a palette of bird species associated with plants proposed for the wildlife reserve. Kimball Garrett or Hartmut Walter should be able to provide this.

James Ward has forwarded Steve Hartman's letter of 6/17 on Hummingbird Hill to Bob Fawcett. James does not yet have a reaction from Bob Fawcett.

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 1994.

Submitted by



Muriel Kotin