

MINUTES OF WILDLIFE STEERING COMMITTEE
OF THE SEPULVEDA DAM RECREATION AREA - SEPTEMBER 24, 1995

In Attendance: Peter Ireland (Chairperson), Sandy W., Jill S., Muriel K., Steve Hartman, Clyde Ada, Ron Strong, Ted Carr, Debbie Lamb, Rosemarie White, Ann Yamashiro and Daniel Herman of EDAW.

Chairperson Peter Ireland called the meeting to order. Minutes of the prior Wildlife Areas Steering Committee Meeting were approved, (moved by Muriel K., seconded by Steve H.).

Ted Carr presented a draft mitigation planing plan for the 20 foot mitigation planting corridor parallel to the proposed east side roadway. Steve Hartman has been consulted. Also presented was a categorical exclusion document regarding the realignment of 950 feet of existing bike trail as the bike trail now poses a safety hazard.

There followed an update on the concept development plan for the wildlife areas by Debbie Lamb and the EDAW team. Debbie advised that planting may begin in the next two weeks; construction due to begin in April 1996.

Plans and specs are due by January, February or mid March. There will be a supplemental EA for taking out the vegetation, then a 30 day public review process for comments on the draft EA for the wildlife area.

Jill: "Will it be subcontracted?"

Debbie: "Yes, put out to bid. The construction phase will be one year, April to April - planting in the Fall."

The EDAW team (Ann Yamashiro and Daniel Herman) presented an overview of its plans from the last two meetings with the W.S. Committee.

Re-vegetation Goals: Sustain ability and native plants.

Discussion Re: Public Recreation Use Plan.
Haskell Creek from the road to L.A. Rises is L.A. City's responsibility (Public Works). Steve Moe will maintain Canada Goose Forage Area.

Discussion Re: Structures are important to the project. Set priorities.

Motion: The Steering Committee advised the City that the building be the last priority. Hartman, motion; Kotin, second. Unanimous passed.

Motion: The motion on priorities be put into the EA report, or be affixed to the document. Swift, motion; Hartman, second. Unanimous.

Jill discussed a supplement to the Master Plan. "Land Use Changes at Sepulveda Basin" (supplement #1 to the 1981 master plan). The four major changes need to be identified with wildlife protection.

Agenda Item: Bull Creek. Ownership question; re-easement of Bull Creek. Department of Recreation and Parks has easement.

Ron Strong announced Public Lands Appreciation Day. There will be a clean-up crew and Bird-Walk volunteers by San Fernando Valley Audubon Society.

Los Angeles Audubon and California Native Plant Society have each donated \$5,000 to on-going educational docent-led walks.

Balboa River/L.A. River Expansion Project: Categories excluded are Operation and Maintenance.

Hummingbird Hill: Steve Hartman says he is not responsible; Sandy spoke with James Ward. James conferred with legal staff and Steve can go ahead and solicit bids. Bob Fawcett gave Sandy names and recommendations. We are now waiting for copies of the plans. Sandy will handle bids; would like to get started but City has to approve it according to Bob Fawcett.