

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES – OCTOBER 24, 1995**

The meeting was chaired by Peter Ireland. In attendance were Glenn Bailey, Ted Carr, Muriel Kotin, Jill Swift, James Ward, Rosemarie White, James Ward, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Minutes of the meeting on 9/26/95 were approved after corrections. Paragraph 3: (1) delete "planing"; (2) insert after the proposed east side roadway "at Haskell for truck access to the septage facility," (3) remove "categorical exclusion." Paragraph 4, second line: replace "planting" with "planning."

Environmental Assessment: Have this committee's priorities been put into the Environmental Assessment? Apparently not. Peter, as Chair, will send a letter to EDAW and the city, with Jill's help.

A federal grant that Melanie Ingalls applied for to help fund the educational program at the Basin was accepted, providing between \$10 and \$15 thousand. Muriel is to phone Melanie to get details before the next meeting. (The RCD of the Sta. Monica Mountains is the conduit for all local grants from this source.) The education program was discussed. Rosemarie asked about the cost of the "Birds of the Sepulveda Basin" and whether it is worthwhile. Melanie and the RCD should discuss this with us for future years.

Widening of the bridge on Balboa over the LA River: No representative from the LA Department of Transportation attended this meeting, but Ron Strong got information from LA DOT. John Koo, Public Works engineer can be reached at 213/847-8965. There are no plans to revegetate the disturbed area.

Bull Creek: Ted is has not found any information on Bull Creek ownership or jurisdiction. The city streets department has jurisdiction of Encino Creek.

Hummingbird Hill: Sandy has been working on a request for proposal. He distributed 6 copies of the plan. Today is the deadline. He received 2 responses and 1 more is to be faxed to Steve H. Another is being worked on. The bids he received were for slightly over \$49,000 and \$56,000. Sandy, Steve H and Bob Fawcett will review the bids. Anyone who wants to review the bids should contact Sandy. It is hoped that planting can begin next month.

The Wildlife Reserve's Concept/Development Plan: Everything is on hold until the Project Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Corps of Engineers for the reserve and Lake Balboa is ratified and approved by the ACOE. EDAW has been told to stop work until such approval.

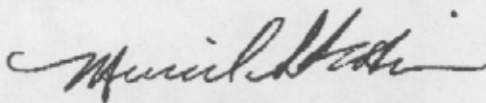
Public Lands Appreciation Day September 30th: Around 100 people participated on this occasion in the Wildlife Reserve. Next year, the LA Times will again sponsor the 3 parks that participated. The chair will thank the LA Times by letter, also asking for more advance planning,

Public Beginners and Family Bird Walks will be led in the reserve by San Fernando Valley Audubon on Saturdays November 4th and December 2nd.

Announcements: On 10/30, there will be a meeting on public facilities and open space in the city's General Plan at the Sherman Oaks Woman's Club at 3 pm, following a 2 pm open house. A Planning and Conservation League meeting will be held November 1st.

The next meeting will be 11/28/95. The deadline for agenda items and the minutes will be 11/14/95.

Submitted by,



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