

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

Present: Muriel Kotin (S.F.V. Audubon), Sandy Wohlgemuth (L.A. Audubon), Stephen C. Moe (L.A. City Recreation & Parks), Steve Hartman (Native Plant Society), David Ecklund (Mountain Restoration Trust), Rosemarie White (Canada Goose Project), Brian Miller (teacher, guest)

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by the present Chair, Sandy Wohlgemuth.

It was noted that the morning after the last meeting (August 26, 1997), White met with David Gonzalez at the Sepulveda Basin Headquarters regarding concerns over the delayed re-seeding of the Canada Goose forage area on the east side of the wildlife lake. He gave his word that it "would be taken care of" and that he would speak with James Ward and Steve Moe. According to Steve Moe, it is still delayed. It was also discussed whether to have a further meeting with Gonzalez and Hartman, Kotin, Wohlgemuth and White would arrange the date later. White will try to speak with James Ward tomorrow morning.

Steve Moe presented the Committee with the "100%" blueprint plans for the wildlife area's extension. There is a problem. Haskell Creek cross-section plans stop at the bridge. We must get approval from the Corps to "soften the grade." More needs to be taken off the west side of the Creek than the east side.

This had been discussed previously and O.K.'d. These plans, Hartman discovered, were reversed, with grading on the east side more than the west. Also, it was found that these plans did not include the "grading" blueprints. Moe said he had them and that he would get them to us. Eric Lesser submitted a memo to Gene Greene on the North Reserve Mitigation area. There was some dismay in the Committee regarding the erroneous plans and the consequent blueprint directive to take out many trees from the east bank of the creek.

Moving on the other agenda items, Kotin noted that the "naturalists" are having their second training session tomorrow. Hartman and Betsy Landis presented last week. Thirty teachers have been chosen. Naturalists are paid \$35.00. Presenters are paid \$75.00.

Kotin spoke of the proposed Barn Owl nesting boxes being a part of the new Science Learning Project (High Schools, Dave Kukla). Discussion centered around whether the boxes would be appropriate or best for the wildlife.

Moe discussed informing RCD that the City is flushing water through the wildlife lake. There is no plankton in the water or rather it is there in small amounts.

Since neither Dave Kukla nor the Eagle Scouts were present, there was no update on their issues. Tabled until next meeting.

Next meeting: October 28, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Rosemarie White