

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - MARCH 26, 2002**

Attending: Steve Hartman (Current Revolving Chair), Sandy Wohlgenuth, Joyce MacKinnon, Rosemarie White, Gene Greene, Nancy Helsley, and James Ward

Correction to the prior meeting minutes: Page 2, Paragraph 5, "phyto" instead of "pyto"

Steve Hartman, as current revolving chair, referenced a comment by Muriel Kotin via a letter regarding "large groups" holding weekend events. She is outraged. James Ward said that Recreation and Parks is encouraging any and all events, and that is also the position/decision coming from the City Council. Steve's opinion is that this really needs to be a User's group issue not a Wildlife Areas Committee issue and that the discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Weed Eradication Issue: Bill Neill of Riparian Repairs, will take care of getting rid of the Arundo.

Tour of area for new R & P Commissioners: Steve Hartman, with the help of Rosemarie White, will put together a packet of information on the Wildlife Areas.

James Ward Report: Steve Moe is now taking care of the entire Maintenance District as well as the Wildlife Area. Laura Bauernfeind will be taking care of West Valley Maintenance. The park maintenance staff is now down to 32 in number. To see the nesting birds on the golf course, call Steve Moe who will call David Slavik to give a tour.

Gene Greene Report: "Event in the Garden" will occur in April. Docent training is going very well. The native plant berm is flowering and looking great. Steve passed out a plant list of recent plantings for the berm.

Committee Reports:

L.A. Audubon (Sandy Wohlgenuth): After the last meeting, Glenn Bailey sent a petition to the Steering Committee members who voted "for" the Sanitation Bureau Filtration Project. The petition is in support of the project. Committee members who received the petition were Sandy Wohlgenuth, Muriel Kotin, and presumably Eric Lesser. Sandy received a call from Jill Swift, who said that \$3,817 was donated to the Consortium from the Coalition to Save Sepulveda Basin-Dave Lewis' organization.

Canada Goose Project (Rosemarie White): Rosemarie spoke about a meeting that morning with Adele Hagekhalil, the Project Manager for the filtration project. They discussed the feasibility of the project providing recycled water to the three Wildlife Areas to provide habitat enhancement, given that the water will be coming from the Tillman Plant to the south of Burbank site anyway, should the project go forward. A suggestion of an on-site meeting with Sanitation on April 19th was tabled.

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San Fernando Valley Audubon (Joyce MacKinnon): Earth Day clean up on April 13th at Haskell Creek and Hummingbird Hill.

Resource Conservation District (Nancy Helsley): James Ward asked about their Prop 40 money. They are having a big issue in Topanga Canyon where the residents do not wish any pesticides to be used. Even herbicides are controversial. The educational issues need to be addressed.

California Native Plant Society: Steve Hartman gave out a list of plant species from Monica DeAngelis (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) for the Bull Creek Area.

Submitted by: Rosemarie White, acting in Muriel Kotin's stead

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California Coastal Project (Rosemarie White): Rosemarie spoke about a meeting that morning with John Haskell, the Project Manager for the Filtration project. They discussed the feasibility of the project providing recycled water to the three Wildlife Areas to provide natural water, given that the water will be coming from the Tuleman Plant to the south of Hartank site anyway, should the project go forward. A suggestion of an on-site meeting with Ben Fisher on April 19th was made.