

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee
Meeting July 26, 2016 – Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7PM at the Balboa Sports Center by Steve Hartman who chaired, subbing for Joe Phillips who just had surgery. The new RAP representative to this committee is Paola Jaramillo who was unable to attend, so former rep Juan Villasenor filled in for her.

A quorum was established. Introductions were made. Voting members attending were: Glenn Bailey, Bill Bowling, Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin, Robert Munsey and David Troy. Non-voting members were Ruth Doxsee, Debra George and Juan Villasenor. Guests and Alternates were Deborah Brown, Kris Ohlenkamp, Lauren Padick (CD-6), Miriam Preissel, Chris Rowe, Marcos Sanchez (CD-6), and Walt Young.

Minutes of 5/24/16 were accepted with one change: Jim Stein will be shown as a guest, as Glenn reported that Linda Gravani advised him that Jim Stein is not representing LBNC.

David Troy is now alternative to Terrie Brady for Sierra Club SFV Group. Glenn wants to be sure the city gets a copy of his appointment.

Ruth Doxsee has been appointed Lake Balboa NC Rep.

Glenn is disappointed that apparently we did not receive a report from the ACOE prior to this meeting. Bill will remind the Corps to please provide a written report when they will not attend a meeting.

Announcements:

- FoLAR (Friends of the LA River) will hold a fishing event 9/3 in Atwater Village.
- RAP Event Calendar that is posted at RAP HQ is last year's, per Glenn. He asked Juan if we can get a current schedule posted there and at Balboa Sports Center.
- Chris Rowe, a visitor, inquired why the agenda doesn't show herbicide use -- that topic is primarily why she is here. She has questions about LA Rio project. Steve said it is not pertinent to this committee.
- Current Water LA will have an event in the Sepulveda Basin.
- FoLAR did a cleanup in April here. Fish study in LAR in Long Beach showed less pollutants than expected. They even found a killifish plus lots of tilapia and some carp.
- SFVAS (San Fernando Valley Audubon) is gearing up for Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program (SBEEP) at the Wildlife Reserve. SFVAS is spending lots of effort on AngelFest.
- LAAS (LA Audubon): Lyme Disease a serious problem.
- RCD-SMM (Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mts.): who they are. Interpretive programs in Basin with SFVAS and elsewhere. Give advice. Commented for environmental review of A/F and Vegetative Management Plan for So. Reserve.

- Sierra Club Valley Group: Roundup dangers. Integrated pest management.
- Encino NC: Air quality will be very bad tomorrow because of the Sand Fire. Coyotes have been a big issue in the hills. Support Animal Services' coyote plan which includes educating the public to not feed.
- MRCA (Walt Young for Mts. Recreation & Conservation Authority): 6th year of kayaking program. Wildly successful. Water quality just barely good enough for this activity (Rec 1 standard).
- Lake Balboa NC: Next meeting 8/1. Emergency Preparedness Fair Oct 1. Jim Stein is starting a new Parks Committee for LBNC.
- Council member Nury Martinez: Lauren Padick reported that community events can be found on their Facebook page. Lauren should replace Lynda Levitan on the minutes and agenda distribution list. (Marcos Sanchez is Dist. Director -- arrived later). They have not taken a position on AngelFest.

Public Comment: What is status of A/F and ACOE? Muriel explained on hold at moment. Steve pointed out that this Steering Committee (SBWASC) is advisory to RAP. Our independent means are only the remaining funds held by the Consortium.

Next meeting: Sept 27 at 6:30! We should have a walk through beforehand. 4PM. Location to be determined.

Adjourned at 7:59 to Consortium.

Consortium Meeting: called to order at 8PM.

- Reimbursement request for Anne Abramson given to Muriel. \$58.95.
- For website hosting to Steve H given to Muriel. \$119.88.
- Go Daddy recommended an SSL certificate (of site security). Steve thinks this is overkill for our purposes. Others think important. **Motion to pay \$69.99/year for SSL Certificate. Seconded. Approved 4 to 2.**

Proposal for IPM for 9/16 - 8/17 submitted by Steve Hartman in writing and orally. He agrees that herbicides should be used only if other methods don't work. Mustard plants are allopathic, sending out substances into the soil that inhibit other species. The hand weeding of mustard has allowed native plants to germinate. (Following earlier herbicide application in previous years.). Needs herbicide as part of his integrated pest management program. Wants to treat the riparian areas -- from east side of path on west side of creek to east side of lake.

Extended discussion ensued. Committee, then audience.

Steve suggested that we postpone voting on this until our next meeting. To have time to read materials David Troy distributed and look for other options. He withdrew his motion. He will

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make a new proposal in September. Glenn would also like to discuss how the remaining funds in the Consortium account will be used.

Adjourned at 8:55.

Submitted by

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