

**Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee**  
**Meeting July 28, 2015 - Approved**

The meeting was called to order by Steve Hartman, Chair at 6:35. Attending were additional voting members Bill Bowling, Terrie Brady, Bob Munsey, and Joe Phillips. FoLAR is now a voting member, represented by Bill Bowling. Glenn Bailey and Muriel Kotin arrived around 6:40. Terrie took minutes until around 6:45. Non-voting members attending were Jesse Casillas, Debra George. Alternates and guests were Matti Asgarian, Pat Bates, Bill Carrier, Carrie Carrier, Stephen Frantz, Fernando Gomez, Rose Leibowitz, Robert McBroom, Bill Neill, and Chris Trent. Minutes of the May meeting were not reviewed tonight.

Muriel Kotin announced that Heal the Bay is applying for permits to do cleanups on Sept. 19 at Lake Balboa and Haskell Creek in the Wildlife Reserve, as part of their Coastal Cleanup Day. Comments from the committee: the creek needs cleaning.

Presentation on Draft Ordinance on Illegal Behaviors in the Wildlife Reserve by John Darnell, District Director of Councilmember Koretz's office, and Strefan Fauble, Deputy City Attorney: City Council adopted the draft motion (Council File 14-0356). Thanks for this committee's help and thanks to Councilmember. It is not a finished product yet. Strefan Fauble recommended placement of better signs about no dogs. More signage is needed. Section 1 Sub 7-B of Sec 63.44 of LAMC had been suspended and is now to be reinstated. They've been coordinating with Officer Solano regarding problems and what needs to be added. Questions and comments from committee members. The changes will apply to all parks, with specific signage, such as staying on paths, differentiating rules pertaining to Wildlife Reserves from regular parks. The LAMC changes are not yet finalized. The city attorney's office hasn't signed off yet. Administrative citations - civil cases are being used.

Drones used to harm wildlife would be illegal under the ordinance's ban on harming wildlife. Additionally Bob Munsey pointed out that the city can petition the FAA to make Sepulveda Basin a No Drone zone at the federal level.

Moved, Seconded and **Passed unanimously**: That the SBWASC supports the draft ordinance as presented tonight.

Glenn asked about the status of Council File 13-0024 regarding reports on the disturbance to the So Reserve in late 2012. John Darnell will get back to us.

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LAPD, Officer Evelyn Solano: They're trying to get more high visibility presence and quality of life issues addressed. Transiency is way up, in the WR and everywhere. She asked committee's support to ban overnight parking on Woodley Ave along Woodley #1; she got it. There will be around 16 new park rangers.

Fernando Gomez from MRCA: He explained MRCA's lease and role along the LAR from west of Balboa Blvd to upstream of the Burbank Blvd. bridge. **MRCA's phone number to report problems: 310.456 -7049.**

Army Corps of Engineers: They did not attend. Pryanka told Steve that they can't present tonight and asked him if there is any time we can meet next week during working hours? Steve suggested they get their documents ready to us to review before a meeting. He is waiting to hear. Glenn suggested offering an August SBWASC meeting.

Bird Fest at King Gillette Ranch 12/5/15: Rose Leibowitz announced plans for the Second Annual Bird Fest, where she hopes to involve residents of the SFV this year. She wants to have a Steering Committee table there to publicize the SBWR. Rose will send Steve an email with more information, which he will forward to the committee members.

Weed Control by Herbicide: Is use of Glyphosate (Roundup) safe? Public Health Policy Specialist Carrie Carrier and biologist Dr. Stephen C. Frantz.

Carrie Carrier: She recommended a new book "Poison Spring." EPA of approval of chemicals is suspect. Glyphosate and Diquat are suspect. IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) classifies Glyphosate as highly suspect of causing cancer in humans. She pointed out risks of combining pesticides. Diquat Dibromide is toxic, even according to the EPA.

Dr. Franz: Handout. Discussed other forms of wildland management. Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Residues. There have been few recent independent herbicides studies. Limitations of understanding. Do no harm.

Steve H invited Carrie and Dr. Franz to tour the WR. Bill Bowling will check their availability and get back to Steve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Steve Hartman is to notify us whether our next meeting will be in September or if we have a special meeting in August to discuss the ACOE's proposal for their South Reserve Management Plan.

Submitted by

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