

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 1993

PRESENT:

Meeting was called to order by Sandy W., Chairperson. Joan Thompson gave the Flood Protection Report. The pipeline continues to be installed; the tunnel is completed, sod farm west of Woodley is completed; retaining wall west of plant continues to be constructed; the sewage line south of the flight field continues to be constructed. Mr. Thompson then answered questions:

Muriel Kotin: Will contractors complete excavation before November?

Thompson: Sod area northwest of Woodley is next (April). Is the contractor depositing matter on south side of Burbank, west of Hjelte?

Thompson: No.-Vandals are illegally dumping.

Swift: There should be a sign posted and a hotline set up to report dumping.

Wolgemuth: What about the sod field west of Haskell?

Thompson: This will not be touched until after April. The migrating geese were not mentioned in the E.I.R. so they are not mentioned in this contract.

It was announced that Felicia Marcus has taken a position with E.P.A.

Agenda Item #1 tabled. Item #2: Ted Carr announced that Sandy (Real Estate) will set up an appointment with Tapia regarding the fields and the crops.

Agenda Item #5: Steve Moe announced he has not found any duck carcasses and no ducks appear to be sick.

Agenda Item #1: After discussion, it was decided that the date for the wildlife meetings will be the fourth Tuesday of each month. (First Tuesdays was second choice).

Agenda Item #4: Hummingbird Hill. The chair explained the possibility of moving some money to revegetate, and not waiting for the Chambers Report. Ted Carr explained that the City will pay for this when the Chambers Report is ready. Jill Swift commented that the Consortium cannot go forward without the permission of the Army Corps since it is Corps land.

Projects I and II are separate and distinct (regarding oak trees). Dick Ginevan will arrange the planting of the oak trees with Ted Carr.

Agenda Item #7: Grants. General discussion of how to apply for grants. Jill Swift asked how we can get some of the federal monies talked about by Carol Browner. Also suggests checking out "Green Cities" grants. Dick Ginevan will check with E.A.D. There is a City committee which coordinates grants writing. He says that the Wildlife Steering Areas Committee (WSAC) as an advisory committee, may apply for grants. Ginevan will call Peter Ireland with this information on the Grants Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item #8: Sewage treatment lines. A general discussion ensued. Dick Ginevan said that the Department of Recreation and Parks are interested in knowing the final conclusion of the entry and exit to the freeway from dump area. He commented that the City should only be thinking of San Fernando Valley Sewage, just north of the Santa Monica Mountains. Jill Swift noted that the EAD has enforcement powers regarding solid waste dumping. This should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #?: Ducks testing for virus. Melanie Ingals commented that ducks cannot be tested and that the tests that are run are not accurate. Dick Ginevan said we are not allowed by law to capture wild ducks.

Rosemarie White reported on the Canada Goose project documentary showings at EAD in City Hall. Next premiers are October 2 at L.A. Reservoir Filtration Plant, and October 14 at the L.A. Zoo Glaza Building.

Jill Swift discussed the issue of potable water and that someone should study the effect of reclaimed water on native birds and wildlife.

Melanie Ingals presented information on the "Discovery Program", National Audubon. At 8:55 pm, the Wildlife Steering Committee adjourned and the Wildlife Consortium Committee convened.

Jill Swift moved to support the Los Angeles Audubon Outdoor Discovery Program. Muriel seconded. All agreed. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosmarie White