

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 1996**

Jill Swift chaired the meeting. Others attending were Clyde Ade, Ted Carr, Peter Ireland, Muriel Kotin, Stephen Moe, and Sandy Wohlgemuth.

Minutes of the July 23, 1996 meeting were approved after corrections: In 3rd paragraph headed "Possible Grant for Oak Trees," correct spelling to "discretion." In paragraph "Planting Plan for Balboa Community Center," remove incorrect Latin name shown for the King palm.

Announcements: Steve Moe announced the sentencing of two persons for killing rabbits in the wildlife reserve.

Consortium Treasury Update: Sandy Wohlgemuth indicated that approximately \$29,307 remains in the treasury. The \$700 payment we interpreted last month as for the Basin Wildlife Conference was for the cottonwood trees volunteers planted along Haskell Creek.

PTSA Oaks: Jill spoke to Sandy Lee who received letters of support from many committee members for their organizations. Clyde asked about the *species of oaks that will be planted*. Jill will get the information for him.

Public Works: The department was not represented tonight. Gene Greene will attend our next meeting. They expect to begin planting the berm around the Tillman Plant soon, completing planting in October or November. Repair to the drip irrigation system in the mitigation area is ongoing, with rodents breaking the drip lines almost daily. Gene wants to talk with the committee about *management of the area south of Burbank Blvd.*

Letter to R & P Commission re Partnership for Education Programs: Jill and Muriel are to check past minutes and their notes and finalize the letter.

City's Finalized Project List for Proposition K: Peter requested that before any allocation of funding, the projects go through thorough public discussion. He requested for next month's agenda that a *staff person go over Proposition K projects with us.*

Revised EDAW Palette: Ted reported that they have let a contract to Nuvis to complete the plans that construction on which bids will be based. He knew no details.

Hummingbird Hill: Environmental Interests, the contractor, submitted a letter regarding survival and mortality of what they planted. They claim a mortality rate of 5%, but Sandy thinks it appears to be about 37%. Also, the list is at odds with members' impressions of what they have seen. Sandy will have a walk through with Environmental Interests firm and Steve Hartman to review. R & P is prepared to take over irrigation once they have control of the system. Other members of the committee will be informed before the walk through so they can participate. *A report will be made next month.*

Bull Creek - Lake Balboa: Since neither James Ward nor the map of that area were at the meeting, this topic is postponed to the September meeting. Peter said that a buffer between Bull Creek was established in the environmental assessment for Lake Balboa. Ted said that there is no buffer, the area east of the creek was just left alone in the planting. *We will check documents and discuss next time.*

Arts Park: Ted said the project is alive and well. R & P's Dave Attaway has orders from his department to provide all information needed from R & P on flood levels. R & P seems supportive of the project.

Potential Gift from Environmental Coalition and Consortium Priorities: *these topics were postponed to our next meeting.*

\$3.2 Million Requested by Representative Beilenson: Sandy spoke to Melissa Kukro about what projects are included. She has not got the information for him yet.

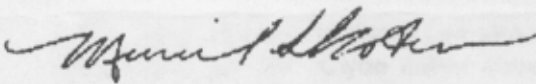
Proposition A II (1996): Glenn was not here to provide information. There was general discussion. *Peter will try to get some analysis of it for next time.*

Municipal Wildlife Management Plans: Steve Moe does not have any information as to R & P's reaction to the idea. Peter would like to see the R & P Commission consider using Sepulveda Basin as the pilot for the concept and to seek grants including this. *This will be postponed for next month when James Ward is present.* Jill mentioned Hazard Park near County General Hospital with its riparian area and proximity to the LAUSD Medical Magnet School as another potential pilot site.

MTA Park-and-Ride: Ted said the COE does not own the site where a park-and-ride lot on Victory, north of the tracks near Balboa is proposed. Steve Moe said that the nearby phase II of Lake Balboa has no formal parking.

Forage Crop Area: Steve Moe questioned whether the committee wishes R & P to plant the forage area east of the wildlife lake again with rye grass. The committee does. He also asked the committee to think about a crop such as vetch that could be planted earlier (in warm weather) in future years.

Submitted by,



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