

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2013 – Approved Minutes

Recreation and Parks Valley Region Headquarters – Construction Conference Room
6335 Woodley Avenue, Lake Balboa, California

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. and a quorum of five was established. Voting Representatives/Alternates and Ex-Officio Members Present: Glenn Bailey, Theresa Brady, Snowy Dodson, Debra George, Jan Kidwell, Robert Munsey, Kris Ohlenkamp
Alternates Present: Mark Osokow, Dave Weeshoff
Agencies Present: Robert Baker, Deborah Deets, Willie Starks,
Others Present: Sharon Brewer, Karin Flores, Rosemarie White
2. The minutes of February 26, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed 5-0-0.
3. No WASC membership requests were received.
4. Upcoming events were announced:
 - a. Spring clean up of Haskell Creek - Saturday, April 13, 2013
 - b. Native Plant Week Flower Show & Symposium – Saturday, April 20, 2013
 - c. Barn owl boxes are proposed at the north end of Balboa Sport Center (soccer fields)
 - d. Bluebirds starting to nest; 44 fledglings.
5. Department of Recreation and Parks – Robert Baker needs details on proposed Commemorative Grove; there will be a meeting April 1 with Muriel, Steve, Bob and the landscape architect. Woodcrete fencing will be replaced on the north side of the lake in July and August; already finished up along Woodley and Burbank. Graffiti still being removed within 72 hours, using acid.
6. Bureau of Sanitation – Deborah Deets reported on City Council Motion CF 13-0024 which was approved by City Council March 19, 2013 and requires a report back. Additional report items include water supply and vector control; need to go to Public Works.
7. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Willie Starks reported on Sepulveda Basin Vegetative Management Alternative Strategies, including March 20, 2013 stakeholder meeting. Conceptual plan from 1985 will be reintroduced and revisited. Also looking at couple of other alternatives (California Native Plant renewal model). Regarding marsh, no conversations with Water Quality Control Board yet but will have. Kris said he has stack of documents referencing pothole pond, shallow pond, and marshland with overflow into Haskell Creek. Proposed Army Corps removal of all non-native trees and spot herbicide treatment was discussed including impact on birds. Planning review process: Army Corps Environmental Resource Branch; review should take 30 days. MOU – volunteers could do maintenance. Rosemarie: 500-1,000 Canada geese, feed on grass. Intangible benefits of wetlands: costs saved by law enforcement, fire suppression, passive recreation. Furloughs would be implemented end of April if it happens; 20% reduction in time and pay. State Fish and Wildlife contacts recommended. Fall 2013 time frame would be in phases; need to figure out the plan and implementation. Regional Board constraints and potential delay due to any rain event(s).
8. Los Angeles Police Department – no report.

9. Additional Signage Around Wildlife Lake and Reserve – Muriel, Debra, Jan walked around the North Reserve on February 28th; Jan submitted preliminary notes.
10. Bull Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project – Army Corps will have meeting in two weeks.
11. Sepulveda Basin Master Plan: no action.
12. Upcoming Special Events in the Sepulveda Basin – Debra George requested to receive Calendar of Events from RAP.
13. Public comment was made concerning not allowing parking in former corn maze area.
14. Other Agencies and Officials: no reports.
15. Committee Members: Sierra Club, SFV Group – Theresa Brady announced hike.
16. Neighborhood Councils: Encino - Debra George announced ENC Parks Committee meeting April 8th, 7 p.m.
17. Former Committee Members: Friends of the Los Angeles River –Karin Flores announced LA River Cleanup on May 18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Submitted by Glenn Bailey

Approved by WASC: July 23, 2013