

**Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee
Meeting October 30, 2018 – Approved Minutes**

A quorum was established. The meeting was chaired by 2018 Chair Terrie Brady. Other voting members attending were Muriel Kotin, and George Waddell. Non-voting members were Pat Bates, Ruth Doxsee and Paola Jaramillo. Alternates not voting were Barb Heidemann and Cindy Kurland. Guests were Allen Aguas, Nick Figueroa, Linda Gravani and Phil Serpa.

Minutes of the September 2018 meeting were approved without change.

Announcements: Opening of the Valley Relics Museum was postponed to Nov 17. Bird Fest will be at King Gillette Ranch on Nov 10. SFVAS-led Nature Walks at SBWR are on second Saturdays at 9AM. Tillman expansion documents are on the [www.SepulvedaBasinWildlife](http://www.SepulvedaBasinWildlife.com) website.

Army Corps: Phil Serpa introduced 2 new park rangers, Nick Figueroa and Allen Aguas. They will be working in several flood control properties in the LA Region. They work Thursday - Monday. They deal with wildlife issues, homeless. They want to know about what the community has planned. We can use Nick's cell phone # to contact them: 626.720-9679. They are not armed, not peace officers. Coordinate with law enforcement. The Corps hopes to get 4, eventually 8 rangers in the region. They're working on behavior signage based on federal regulations. New biologist will be doing vegetation mapping on Tues morning. [Muriel is to ask Kelly to give these rangers scheduled tour dates. Muriel should email them map of Woodley and WR with a note about Woodley IV).]

BAI Festival: Does the committee have concerns? The promoters expect 25,000 people a day, next Labor Day weekend. No decision made by Corps so far. BAI needs decision in Jan or earlier. SFVAS does not oppose the event as described to them.

LA River Maintenance will be done soon in LAR between Balboa Blvd. and the dam soon. In early December they will do vegetation work in VMP area. The Corps will do a walkthrough with committee in November.

Tillman Plant Lease: Terrie is to ask for a 30 day extension of comment period on behalf of the Committee. Deadline for comments is Thurs. Proposed change in south berm a concern: removing mature trees from the current berm. Lease will be converted to easement. Will there be expansion into Haskell Creek? Expansion to east beyond Haskell Creek would expand footprint. Noise?

Recreation and Parks: Parking on the grass in Woodley 3 and 4 continues. Paola is looking into an additional T-gate, but there is a lot of open space. Boulders too? Corps might be able to provide rocks from LA River near Atwater. Sign at Burbank and Balboa is starting to look shabby, falling apart. RAP is trying to decide whether the sign is their responsibility or Golf's.

Vegetation needs to be cut back at more locations in the Wildlife Reserve, especially the northern bridge and the compass rose viewing area at the south end of the Wildlife Lake.

Paola will be getting up new behavior signs in the WR, replacing some of the old ones you can't read.

Linda Gravani, President of Lake Balboa NC, on City Budget: With city giving away billions of dollars to hotel developers, the city should be able to properly fund RAP and Park Rangers.

Native Plants in Sepulveda Basin: It was requested to have the draft letter pointing out that the Sepulveda Basin Master Plan states that native plants should be used throughout Sepulveda Basin with certain exceptions discussed and voted on at the next (November) meeting.

Additional Announcements:

Lake Balboa has a new SLO, Hugo Fuentes.

Encino NC homeless committee's first meeting will be next week.

SBWASC's November meeting will be at a different location: 18118 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335 on November 27 at 6:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by

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