

**Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee  
Meeting September 24, 2019 –Approved Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by chair George Waddell at 6:50. Introductions were made and a quorum established. Minutes of July 2019 were approved without change. Attending were voting members Glenn Bailey, Theresa Brady, Muriel Kotin and George Waddell; non-voting members Pat Bates Paola Jaramillo; non-voting alternate Barb Heidemann; and visitors Anne Abramson, Cindy Kurland, Sean McCarthy, Robert Moreno, and David Troy.

Upcoming Events: The Concert in Park previously planned for this Labor Day weekend will be postponed to the Labor Day weekend of 2020. CNPS's native plant sale will be this Oct 12 and 13. Board of RAP Commissioners will meet here October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am. ACOE LA District's Public Lands event will be this Saturday at Whittier Narrows. The Encino NC Homeless Committee meets next Wednesday at 7pm.

WASC Membership: We hope FoLAR will return to the committee as a voting member, but Shelly Backlar is unable to attend tonight.

Army Corps Handshake Grant: It turns out this program is not applicable to the SBWR. The South Reserve might be appropriate for a grant next year, perhaps to replant along Haskell Creek with native trees. Muriel to provide a short synopsis of two ideas to Robert Moreno. If this a major project, it might be possible for ACOE to designate the South Reserve as a project site area.

Projects Committee: George, Muriel, Barb H, and possibly Terrie will form a committee to evaluate possibilities. The committee meetings should be noticed on bulletin board if more than 2 people meet.

Creek Cleanup Report. At least 153 volunteers participated in the cleanup on September 21. Pat thinks most of the 3,350 pounds of trash removed was from the homeless encampments north of the WR.

Habitat Projects:

- November 9 will be a FoLAR-CNPS project to remove huge, mostly-dead mustard from the fields east of the older cricket fields. 9 – noon.
- Xerces Project. 1,600 plants plugs will be delivered Oct 23 – 25. RAP will provide standpipe and hoses. CNPS will drill tiny holes, then water and plant them north of the Wildlife Lake in a currently bare area.

Encampments: There was a massive multi-agency cleanup of encampments along Haskell Creek north of the Wildlife Reserve. Unfortunately this was reported in a press release from Nury Martinez's office as being in the WR, which was geographically inaccurate.

Public Comment:

- Shawn McCarthy reported that he walks near where a homeless guy was burned/murdered. Nobody has cleaned the ashes yet, after a week and a half.
- Pat said there was also another fire.
- Along the LA River there are no trashcans. MRCA doesn't show up. Near Sepulveda Sports Center to LAR has been scraped clean since the fire. Bike path is a mess. Nobody sweeps or cleans up.
- City has scraped an area designated as buffer area between Sep Sports Ctr and LAR since the fire, with no replanting. Glenn says the city should mitigate the destroyed habitat. Pat will try to find out what agencies were responsible and discuss at RAP Commission meeting. To be on our next agenda.

[Muriel to email Robert Moreno a copy of the VMP. He will email George W a real estate map of Wildlife Reserve.]

Adjourned at 8:31.

Submitted by

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