

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee
Meeting May 28, 2024 -- Approved Minutes

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. It was held at the Balboa Sports Center. Meeting is being recorded. Introductions. Quorum established. Attending in person were Voting Members Theresa Brady, Dan Cooper, Kevin Jauregui, Nurit Katz, Muriel Kotin, Joe Phillips and Greg Stewart; Non-voting Member Pat Bates. On Zoom: Glenn Bailey, Myrna Ezquivel for Supervisor Lindsey Horwath, Officer Mike Terrasas, Hanna Weyland (ACOE), Melanie Winter, Miriam Preissel. Minutes approved. Nobody from RAP or Rangers attended.

Governmental Organizations:

LAPD, Officer Terrasas. There were 3 cleanups last week and 5 vehicles towed. The shooting at dog park reported last month turned out to be self-inflicted. Problems in N end of WR are primarily Park Rangers responsibility, but he'll put out word to his officers to try to pay some attention to WR. If we report anything, use GPS coordinates or What 3 Words. Discussion of encampment near Orange Line bridge in the LAR.

Suggestion made for the committee to create a spreadsheet of incidents and their resolution.

Hanna Weyland about the music festival. Myrna Ezquivel of Lindsey Horwath's office. (E-mail CD-6 and RAP about unpermitted events.)

Discussion of unpermitted events, chaos on Wildlife Way from too many cars, and filming on Woodley with drones. Wildlife Reserve bathrooms have been fixed.

Vision Plan to be released soon by the mayor. Olympics planning is separate and not released yet.

Site Visits. One was with staff from Tillman regarding lake level and crumbling viewing structures. Another Dan and Nurit with Lindsay Horwath and members of mayor's office – developing interest in the Wildlife Reserve. Maybe some federal funds. No visit with CD-6 yet.

Member organizations:

SFVAS awards luncheon and habitat program.

Sierra Club Valley Group had a recent luncheon.

Pat will be leaving the ENC. She got some funds to clear street medians near SBWR. CD-4 is helping. Glenn can fill her shoes for representing the ENC.

CNPS and FoLAR doing more planting, including 15 plants last week. Earthday event saw around 400 volunteers weeding.

Angeles Chapter SC had annual awards banquet.

RCD SBWR education program is continuing with SFVAS.

Climate Reality speaker 6/11 about ecocide. Email received: Link to register for the meeting is bit.ly/SFVCR.

Tillman is doing a tremendous renovation. Cost \$700M. Related to advanced water reclamation and ground water recharge.

Committee is concerned that nobody from RAP attended this meeting despite our being advisory to RAP. We need their leadership's involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45. (Chat follows)

Submitted by Muriel S. Kotin, SFVAS Rep to SBWASC

This was the chat:

00:40:32 Miriam Preissel: I don't have an option to raise my hand.

00:41:05 Glenn Bailey: Click on Reactions at the bottom of the screen

00:48:32 Glenn Bailey: I would have asked CD 6 about LA River encampment if they were in attendance....

00:56:36 Miriam Preissel: Also a ranger?

01:17:03 Glenn Bailey: This was the initial Council File (City Council motion): 20-1205

To Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River Committee

Motion (Martinez - O'Farrell) relative to instructing the Department of Recreation and Parks, in coordination with the Army Corp of Engineers and the County of Los Angeles, to report on developing a master plan for the Sepulveda Basin.

01:28:50 Glenn Bailey: What project? Hard to hear

01:29:20 Glenn Bailey: Advanced Water Treatment???

01:31:33 Glenn Bailey: Nurit's video frozen...may wish to turn off

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01:33:57 Glenn Bailey: Not just Recreation and Parks, also Army Corps of Engineers, which is represented tonight