

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 2/25/2008**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:15 pm
- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 01/28/08:**

John Beresford	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Ruth Harber	RiverWatch
Joe Jewell	Vista Irrigation District
Cynthia Mallett	Bonsall Community Sponsor Group [Planning]
Sandra Stoneburner	Los Coyotes Band of Indians
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS

- **(Item 3) Approval of Minutes:**

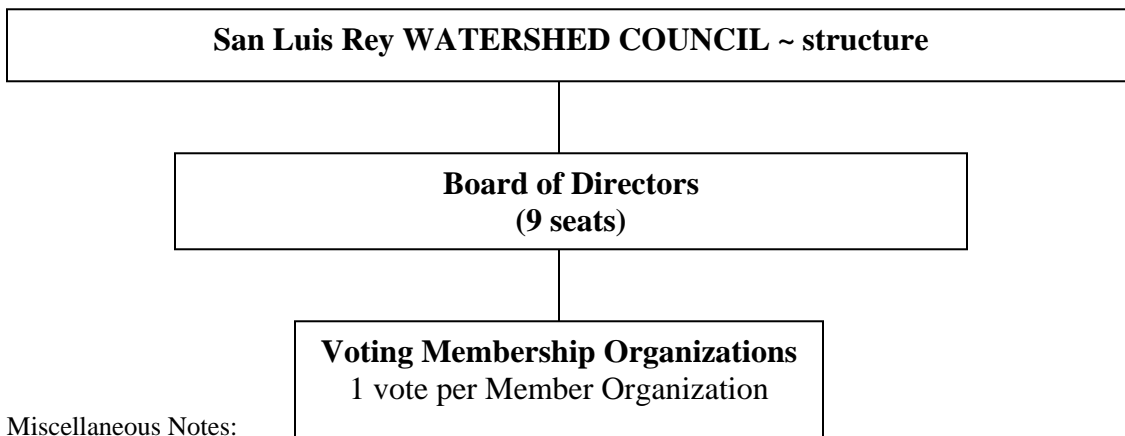
The minutes from 01/28/07 were approved with a correction to Item 6: Lake Henshaw has a total capacity of 50,000acre/feet. [Joe Jewell motioned; Ruth Harber seconded; motion was passed.]

(Item 4) SLRWC Nonprofit Formation – Discussion on Structure of Organization

A new copy of NOLO Laws was obtained & some changes to the by-laws will be required to comply to the laws. The Watershed Council discussed whether they wanted to have a membership or non-membership organization. They also discussed whether the Board should have all of the power, or if they wanted to keep it closer to the SLRWC's current set-up where one person from each member organization would have 1 vote apiece in some decisions.

Non-Membership Organization: this set-up would allow the 9-member Board to vote on all items. It would be considerably less administrative work

Membership Organization: this is closer to the current set-up of the SLRWC & the original creation of this group ~ to be a true stakeholder group. Though the Board would still make the majority of the decisions, this type of formation may give the members the ability to over-turn a Board decision in extreme situations where they did not agree with the Board decision. This would be a great deal of work (ie: having to notify/mail out all voting items to all members, etc), which would have to be shared by Board Members until such time as a Watershed Coordinator could be funded for the group.



Miscellaneous Notes:

--Many of those present agreed that they wanted some kind of a middle ground structure: if there was some way to have the Board handle the majority of the decisions, with the power of the Member Organizations to have some kind of way to overturn a decision by a 2/3 or 3/4 vote, if they were completely unhappy about a Board decision. In the latter scenario there would have to be some items that the Board would have complete authority over (ie: all financial & grant decisions, any decisions with legal ramifications, etc).
--We want to be very careful about the language in our Articles & By-Laws & remove any language about influencing public policy because it is very close to Lobbying, which would complicate matters.
--EPA (which will be a major funding source for us) must see Stakeholder/Citizen Participation in our organization, and maybe government co-operation, in order to fund our projects.

1st: we should file our Articles of Incorporation

After this: we can develop our By-Laws & File for 501c3 status.

• **(Item5) Attendee Reports & News:**

- (reported by Jack Griffiths)The **SLR Municipal Water District** will relinquish their public water system rights & remain a 'private' MWD. The SLRMWD was sued by Rainbow MWD, Pala, & a non-profit group: Endangered Habitats League for an approximate total of \$51,000. Pardee Homes, a large development planned for the NE corner of Highways 15 & 76, has backed out of the decision to obtain water/sewer from SLR MWD; they may attempt to get their water from another local source. SLR MWD has withdrawn their EIR and their Master Plan. The next public SLR MWD meeting will be held at Pala or Pala Mesa in mid-March, where they will finalize their closing. All meetings afterwards will be re-located to somewhere on the Pankey Property.
- (reported by Jack Griffiths) **Rainbow MWD** may have to start rationing water for their Ag Customers, and potentially the public customers by early summer.
- **Gregory Canyon Update** by Ruth Harber: Olivenhain MWD must prove to the Courts that they have enough water for both future water district customers as well as Gregory Canyon, before the Judge will allow them to give water to Gregory Canyon. The SLR Watershed Council raised the question: if Gregory Canyon cannot get their water from Olivenhain, would they then be able to obtain water from private wells within the SLRMWD boundaries.
- **Pala Raceway** was discussed nominally by the group; for more information see website: <http://palaraceway.com/>
- **Pacific REMS** was contracted to help develop a Flood Warning System for Tribal Lands, which will monitor flood impacts in the Palomar/SLR Area, by installing Rain/Stream Gages along the SLR River. Data from these gages will tie in directly into the San Diego Flood Warning System (online). The SLR Watershed Council should help/suggest to the County that they set up a website with public access to the Rain/Stream/Weather Data (& other information from the SD County Flood Control District).
- **Rosemary's Quarry Update:** the Quarry has begun work on the site just off (north) of Highway 76; they are starting to mine the area for materials for the \$26 million dollar road expansion of Hwy 76 between I-15 to Rice Canyon Road. There are articles on the Quarry in the North County Times & the Fallbrook Village News from February 2008.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & TRAININGS:

- (free workshop) **Water Quality Runoff Management & Agricultural Waiver Workshop for Nurseries & Agricultural Businesses**
March 27, 2008; 12:30 to 3 pm (lunch is provided)
San Diego County Farm Bureau: 1670 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92027
RSVP to 760-435-5807 (please RSVP by March 21)
 - Will go over water quality regulations, irrigated agricultural waivers, how to manage runoff & BMP's, storm water quality issues, and federal assistance. This workshop is being hosted by the City of Oceanside.

- (meeting) **State Watershed Program/Planning Forum:
February 28, 2008: 1pm – 4pm**
San Diego Water Department Employee Dvlpt. & Training Center
<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/Pages/Index.aspx>
 - A new statewide watershed program is getting under way. It's an extension of the previous CALFED Bay-Delta Watershed Program, and it's now administered by the Department of Conservation. Its purpose: to advance sustainable watershed-based management of California's natural resources through community based strategies. The program's Advisory Committee, appointed by the governor, is undertaking an aggressive public outreach with John Lowrie of the Department of Conservation will do an overview of the new State Watershed Program, and then the group will discuss the role, function & guiding principles of the State Watershed Program, as it relates to San Diego County--This is San Diego's chance to help shape the state program.

- (meeting) **California Water Plan Update 2009** ~ San Diego/South Coast Region:
March 6, 2008; 10am – 3pm
San Diego Water Authority: 4677 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123
<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?date=mar0608>
 - The Department of Water Resources would really like Regional Input for the update of the California Water Plan 2009; participants at the meeting will go over & discuss a draft of the regional Water Plan Report. There will be another series of workshops held in late spring 2009

• **(Item 6) Upcoming Meeting Dates/Facilitators:**

March 24, 2008—SLR Watershed Council Meeting: Facilitator Needed

April 28, 2008---SLR Watershed Council Meeting: Facilitator Needed

Follow-Up ~ DFG Questions for the SLR Watershed Council (please email Dave Kajtaniak):

- What is the status of Rosemary's Quarry? **Ruth Harber will update Dave on this.**
- What is the status of the SLR River Park? **Cynthia Mallett will update Dave on this.**
- What is the status of Gregory Canyon? **Ruth Harber will update Dave on this.**
- Are there any Wetland Restoration Projects going on (or planned) in the Watershed?
- Are there any existing Wetland Education Programs currently in place within the Watershed?