

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 04/27/2009**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:00
- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 04/27/2009:**

Cynthia Mallett	City of Oceanside
Tom Rogers	District Director for Senator Hollingsworth
David Allen	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Laurie Walsh	Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
Ruth Harber	Riverwatch
Scott Norris	San Diego County, Department of Public Works
Henry Contreras	San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians
Angela Morrow	Vista Irrigation District (VID)
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District (VID)

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

Minutes were not sent out in time to be approved at this meeting; they will be emailed out and approved at the next SLRWC Meeting.

- **(Item 4) SLRWC Incorporation & Nonprofit Formation Status:**

We are ready to submit the IRS Paperwork, to request nonprofit status from the Federal Government. Cynthia is in the process of obtaining a PO Box and a Bank Account for the SLRWC. We do need to specify who will be authorized signers on the Bank Account, prior to opening the account. Cynthia Mallett is the specified Agent of Service. There is a \$300 dollar fee to submit the IRS Paperwork, and a \$38 dollar fee to open the PO Box. Vista Irrigation District (VID) has promised a donation of \$500, and Cynthia Mallett will check with Rainbow Municipal Water District to see if they are still willing to give the SLRWC a \$500 donation as well. We will need to check to see if we need to file any tax forms for this year (the due date is May 15), or if we can wait until May 2010.

VOTING ITEM (Designate Signers on SLRWC Bank Account):

In order to open a bank account under the name of San Luis Rey Watershed Council, we need to formally designate specific signers to put on the account. The Watershed Council would like to designate the following 2 individuals as signers on the SLRWC Bank Account:

--Cynthia Mallett (Chief Executive Officer)
--David Allen (Chief Financial Officer)

- Rob Roy MOTIONED to accept the designation of Cynthia Mallett (CEO) and David Allen (CFO) as signers on the San Luis Rey Watershed Council's Bank Account.
- Paul Dorey SECONDED the motion
- CALL FOR DISCUSSION: no views were voiced/discussed
- CALL TO VOTE: Motion to accept was passed unanimously with a vote

• **(Item 5) Department of Conservation –Watershed Coordinator Grant:**

<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/Documents/Final%20Released%20Version%20%20Draft%20Guidelines%202-4-09%20Statewide%20WC%20Grants.pdf>

The release date of the DOC Grant has been delayed until further notice; however, the SLRWC should continue working on their grant application to ensure that it is ready when the Grant Proposal comes out. A steering committee met on April 10th to discuss ideas on how to put this grant application together; a set of minutes from the workgroup meeting were made available at the April SLWC Meeting. The workgroup discussed the following items: what we would like to see in a watershed coordinator; grant requirements; how to jointly apply with the Carlsbad Hydrologic Unit for this grant, to increase our chances of receiving grant funding; developing a 5 year strategic plan for the SLRWC; and brainstormed coordinator task and project ideas.

The Escondido Creek Watershed Alliance (Doug Gibson) is planning on submitting their own grant proposal for their portion of the Watershed. Carlsbad Watershed Network (CWN) would be willing to join forces with us & submit 1 grant proposal for both of our groups. The CWN did not get funding for a watershed coordinator from the San Diego Foundation, like they had hoped, and so they are open to working with us. Cynthia Mallett will work as a liaison between our two groups, as we work on this. The CWN wants to establish their group as a Nonprofit Watershed Council, and so their portion of the grant would include capacity building.

There may be some possible issues with having multiple watersheds fall under 1 grant, such as: legal/financial issues later if we get audited; what percent of grant funding or watershed coordinator time each group will get. We should make sure we clearly spell out the percent (ie: funding amount or coordinator time) that each group will get, in our grant application. Additionally, it would help to have an MOU already prepared between our two groups, spelling out how this will work and what the coordinator will & will not do for each group. This MOU could then be submitted as part of the grant proposal.

We should have our next steering committee develop a draft 5 Year Strategic Plan (or 1 year plan) for the SLRWC, to review at our June 22nd meeting. We should notify the SLRWC by email about this, and request that they send ideas or projects they would like to see us include in our 5 Year Strategic Plan. Additionally, we should see if any of the stakeholder groups are interested in participating in advisory committees on various topics (ie: projects/grant committee), or on ideas of match contributions (ie: office space, setting up a website, etc).

If we decide to work on a website, as one of the grant tasks, there were some suggestions of companies who could provide website interfaces (ie: Club Express—a local San Diego Company who provides the interface for the National Hydrologic Warning Council website), or websites with real-time data that we could model ours off of (ie: www.sacflood.org or www.sdstreamteam.org).

- **(Item 6) News and Reports From Attendee's:**

Rob Roy ~ La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians:

La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians hosted an Earth Day Event on the Reservation this past weekend, with over 150 people in attendance. They had booths with the US Fish & Wildlife, Indian Health Service, SDG&E, No Burn, Straw Bale Building Demonstrations, San Diego Wild Animal Park, California Center for Sustainability, and Native American Environmental Protection Coalition to name a few. They also had fundraising, prizes, raffles, tours of their wetlands, kids' activities, and environmental outreach. This is their 3rd year hosting this event; it is open to the public, although not widely advertised.

Heidi Brow ~ Pala Band of Mission Indians:

Pala Band of Mission Indians will be hosting the 35th Annual Cupa Days (the Tribe's annual cultural event). The event is free, open to the public starting Saturday May 2nd through Sunday May 3rd, all day long. There will be Peon Games, Traditional Dancing, and various booths selling traditional cultural items and foods. The Tribe's Environmental Department will also have a booth there.

The Tribe is working with the Tribal Environmental Health Collaborative (TEHC) and the San Diego Foundation to conduct an environmental health survey of the residents living on the Reservation. Many of the other local Tribes are also working with the TEHC to conduct this survey on their lands. This information will help the Tribe's Environmental Departments better serve their communities, by addressing the communities' concerns.

Tom Rogers ~ District Director for Senator Hollingsworth:

Tom had no updates from the Senator's Office; however, he did encourage the SLRWC to contact the Agency (Department of Conservation) in charge of funding the Watershed Coordinator Grant. He said it would be helpful to contact that Agency directly (before the RFP comes out) to discuss some of our ideas for the grant, and see what advice they may have for us, and what they are looking for in grant proposals. This may change how we present our grant application, and give us better insight into what the Agency is really looking to address. Tom also said it would be very important to draft and sign the MOU *before* applying for the grant.

Laurie Walsh ~ San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB):

There are currently no grants available through the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB), as there is a freeze that has been put on this. The State Regional Water Quality Control Board is now facilitating these grants. There is one project (Arundo Removal) within San Luis Rey Watershed that is on the list of possible projects that will get funded. This project ranked highly due to the fact that there's lots left to do and it will create jobs.

Laurie also echoed Tom Roger's sentiments of highly recommending trying to contact the Agency (DOC) who is facilitating the grant, to get more insight on how we want to write our grant proposal. She said it's a great idea to make that connection with the Agency, show our interest in the grant, explain our background and what our intentions may be to the group holding the funding power. Giving a face or a voice to attach with our grant proposal is very helpful to those who decide who is to receive the funding and who does not.

Henry Contreras ~ San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians:

The San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians was involved with this past weekend's Earth Day Events at the local San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside. Additionally, the San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians will be hosting their Annual Pow Wow at the San Luis Rey Mission, during June 13th - 14th. For more information, see: <http://www.slrmissionindians.org/events.html>

Paul Dorey ~ Vista Irrigation District:

Vista Irrigation District (VID) is having a special meeting later this week to discuss moving into Stage 2 of mandatory water conservation. By May, they will have a 3-tiered structure in place to encourage their water users to practice water conservation and reduce their overall water use.

Paul mentioned a recent visit to the Colorado River, to view their infrastructure. He noted that much of this infrastructure (ie: canals, pumps) is really showing it's age, and will most likely have to be replaced in the not to distant future.

David Allen ~ Fallbrook Land Conservancy:

David reported on the dust management at the Rosemary's Mountain Quarry. Tracer Engineering has been pulling PM2 and PM10 samples at 4 stations in and around the Quarry. Granite Quarry is paying for the air monitoring, however, Tracer Engineering is a third party engineering firm decided on by the Quarry and the local community. They will be having their 1st public meeting in May 6th (6:30pm – 8:30pm)(Rancho Monserate Country Clubhouse; 4650 Dulin Road, Fallbrook) to present the air quality monitoring done to date. For more information, see: <http://www.rosemarysquarry.com/communityForums.htm>

George Wilkins ~ Pacific REMS:

The Poomacha Early Warning System is now completely installed and functioning. George's company has obtained grant funding to operate and maintain the system for 1 year, after which the County or Tribes will maintain the gages. There is an upcoming meeting with the County and Tribes to go over how the system has worked over the last year, and the future upcoming year. George would be available to give a power point presentation at an upcoming SLRWC Meeting, if the council wanted; he has already put together a slideshow for an upcoming conference, and could easily do one for us as well. Additionally, George may have some ideas for the upcoming DOC grant of what areas within the watershed we still need water quality data/information for.

Scott Norris ~ County of San Diego:

Scott is still checking with the County's GIS Department (who is pretty back-logged at the moment) on the maps that we requested for our SLRWC Meetings.

Scott wanted to remind everyone to keep their eyes open for the upcoming 2008 303(d) TMDL/Impaired Water Bodies List that will be coming out within the next few months. There are 1200 new listings in Region 9 (Orange County, San Diego County, and Riverside County). The Regional Water Quality Control Board will be asking for 3rd party involvement into TMDL's, which could result in future opportunities to participate in the TMDL Process (ie: help guide the process of setting or not setting TMDL's in your area). If you have any questions regarding the topic, please contact Scott.

• **(Item 7) Additional Items:**

❖ **Gregory Canyon Landfill ~ Upcoming Public Workshop (April 29, Escondido):**

There is an upcoming workshop on the status of a waste discharge permit for the Gregory Canyon Landfill; the workshop is hosted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board on April 29th (2:30pm to 5pm) at the City of Escondido, City Council Chambers (201 North Broadway, Escondido). The meeting will accept public comments, either verbally or in writing, on the topic of waste discharge requirements such as: the types of waste accepted, the discharge of fill material to waters of the State during construction, the use of recycled water, the construction/operation/management of the landfill, the closure and post-closure of the landfill, and monitoring and reporting program.

This will be the first of several public workshops held by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to hear public comments on the landfill. It is very, very important to attend these meetings (the last one will be held August 12, when the public comment period officially closes), or submit written comments, either as an Agency

or as an individual. George Wilkins suggested that we discuss submitting comments as the SLRWC at our next meeting in June.

Ruth Harber had recommended the SLRWC look at the definition of Class 3 Landfills, in the Barkley's Official California Code of Regulations. According to these regulations, the site Gregory Canyon Landfill has chosen to place their landfill is not an appropriate site.

Another related item is the issue of the San Diego Aqueduct, which currently runs through the proposed Gregory Canyon Landfill site. In the original Prop 3, Gregory Canyon promised to safeguard this aqueduct (which provides the majority of San Diego's imported water), and had discussed with the San Diego County Water Authority possibly moving the aqueduct away from the landfill area. It has been reported now that Gregory Canyon is no longer interested in moving the aqueduct to another area, due to the cost. This could endanger much of the County's water supply.

Gregory Canyon still needs to obtain the following permits, prior to opening: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Air Quality, US Army Corps, US Fish & Wildlife, and the Integrated Waste Management Board.

❖ **Highway 76 Realignment:**

Highway 76 (east of I-15) is still in the process of being widened and straightened out. Two of the total 4 lanes are already open and in use, making this portion of the drive (from I-15 to just before Rice Canyon) much smoother.

• **(Item 8) Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

2009 Meetings:

No Meeting in May, due to Memorial Day

June 22nd, 2009

July 27, 2009