

# San Luis Rey Watershed Council

## *Meeting Minutes*

**May 19, 2003**

Fallbrook Public Utility District Conference Room  
990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

### **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

The City of Oceanside announced that some of its staff would be meeting with the Regional Water Quality control Board to discuss water quality related issues relevant to the proposed Gregory Canyon landfill.

Gregory Canyon Limited filed a "Complain for Declaratory Relief" from the Superior Court of San Diego. This declaratory relief action is to determine the validity of a final environmental impact report for the landfill certified as adequate and complete by the County of San Diego.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 28 meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Paul Davy, Supervising Agricultural Inspector with the County of San Diego Agriculture, Weights and measures gave a presentation on The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) and its relation to the agriculture industry. He and his partner, David Fritz, conduct agriculture site inspections to determine if the operation is working in compliance with the new NPDES permit. The power point presentation shown today was developed as a tool to train other inspectors and targets nurseries, greenhouses and expansive turf operations such as golf courses and cemeteries.

The basic philosophy of the NPDES permit is to control contaminants from entering nearby waterways including from agriculture operations such as those previously listed. While inspecting a property Paul and David will inform the property manager/owner of correctly installed Best Management Practices (BMPs) and areas of the operation that need to be addressed because of the potential for contaminated runoff. The NPDES permit does not allow water to runoff nurseries and greenhouse operations without treatment and the manager/owner will need to assess the cost-effectiveness of installing these types of systems to meet new regulation requirements.

There are some simple things that agriculture operations can do to control contaminants from entering waterways. Properly storing fertilizers and hazardous materials by covering them and raising them off the ground by using pallets or specially designed platforms will reduce rainwater from washing material away. Adjusting sprinkler times during rain events will also reduce runoff from the property.

There are other more complicated BMPs that can be installed to control potential contaminants. Tail water recovery systems have been installed at some nursery operations to collect irrigation runoff but these systems can cost millions of dollars depending on the size of the operation.

Paul Davy provides information to these managers/owners to assist them in complying with new regulations. There are other groups such as the San Diego County Farm Bureau, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Resource Conservation Districts that can provide technical expertise to assist them in complying with runoff regulations.

## **UPDATES, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Announce new voting delegates* - Voting delegate letters were received from the following organizations, designating a voting member and alternates to the San Luis Rey Watershed Council: Rincon Luiseño Indian Nation appointed Sam Kolb as the voting delegate, the Los Coyotes Band of Indians appointed Melody Sees as first delegate and Sandra Stoneburner as second delegate and Rainbow Municipal Water District appointed Paul Christensen as first voting delegate and Greg Ensminger as second voting delegate.

*Technical Advisory Team (TAT) update* – The TAT met to discuss the format of a water quality monitoring program on the San Luis Rey River. This information would be used to submit for funding opportunities.

*Pepper Tree Day at Mission San Luis Rey* – Cynthia Mallett staffed a booth on behalf of the Watershed Council at this event held on April 27. The custom watershed model was used to educate people about the San Luis Rey Watershed and how the local rivers, creeks and streams can become dirty from polluted runoff. Informational materials were distributed to children and adults including the “Living in the San Luis Rey Watershed” booklets.

*Community Water Festival* - The Community Water Festival is scheduled for May 3, 2003 at the Promenade Mall in Temecula. There will be fun events for children and adults including hands-on activities, plays and demonstrations related to water quality and conservation.

## **GRANTS**

### **Grants Submitted**

Paul Davy submitted a grant to the California Department of Food and Agriculture to develop and implement a self-monitoring water quality program. The goal of the program is to foster awareness to agricultural operators and owners by monitoring waterways near the operations.

### **Upcoming Grant Opportunities**

*State Water Resources Control Board 205(j) and 319(h) grants* - The consolidated Request for Proposals for funding from the State Water Resources Control Board is due May 9, 2003. The Technical Advisory Team suggested that the San Luis Rey River water quality monitoring program be submitted under this grant opportunity. The monitoring program would be designed as a source identification program to help identify where pollutants are entering the San Luis Rey River. It was suggested that the program incorporate a safe harbor agreement so that property owners who are identified as contributing to water degradation have an opportunity to address the runoff problem prior to any enforcement.

Also Cynthia Mallett is planning to submit a grant for the implementation of an education/training program titled Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials. This program would educate planning officials and citizen planning group volunteers about how their land use decisions affect water quality and natural resources in their community.

*California Integrated Waste Management Board, Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Trash Abatement Program* - A grant will be submitted on behalf of the San Luis Rey Watershed Council to remove trash accumulated along Lilac Road between Valley Center and the Pala Indian Reservation. The grant application was released earlier this month so Cynthia Mallett will begin completing required application documents.

## **OTHER NEWS TO REPORT**

*General Plan 2020* - The County of San Diego Board of Supervisors will be discussing General Plan 2020 on May 21, 2003. The public is invited to attend and provide comment. GP2020 has been approved by the County of San Diego Planning Commissioners.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2003 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Fallbrook Public Utility District Board room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

- Christine Brochard.....County of San Diego, Multiple Habitat Conservation Plan Irrigation District
- Leslie Cleveland.....US Bureau of Reclamation
- Sue Collins .....Yuima Water District
- Paul Davy.....County of San Diego, Agriculture, Weights and Measures
- David Fritz .....County of San Diego Agriculture, Weights and Measures
- Rick Gundry.....Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Jesse Hutchings.....Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District
- Sam Kolb .....Rincon Indian Reservation
- Elizabeth Kolb .....Rincon Indian Reservation
- Mo Lahsaie.....City of Oceanside
- Kimberly Lamke .....North County Times
- Mike McGrath.....City of Oceanside
- Vic Pankey .....San Luis Rey Municipal Water District
- Sandra Stoneburner.....Los Coyotes Band of Indians
- Oggie Watson.....Pauma Valley Community Services District