

San Luis Rey Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes for
May 23, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by acting facilitator Scott Murray.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by John Beresford, seconded by Paul Campo the minutes of the April 25th meeting were approved.

New Business:

George McManigle and Jedda Lorek, representatives from Keep Fallbrook Clean and Green, presented a summary of a KFCG meeting that was held on May 11, 2005. The goal of the meeting was to develop a document that focused on the illegal dumping that is occurring in the unincorporated areas of North County, with the ultimate goal of presenting the document to the County Board of Supervisors. Causes of dumping, dumping sites and other illegal dumping issues were discussed at the May 11th meeting. Ruth Harber asked if signs would be a deterrent to dumpers and Lorek explained that sometimes signs helped the situation and sometimes signs exacerbated the dumping situation. McManigle spoke of the problem with people using unlicensed haulers who could be the dumpers. Scott Murray summarized the SLR Watershed Council's suggestions to solve the illegal dumping; 1. there should be mandatory trash pickup, 2. legal dumping fees should be more affordable, 3. there should be more amnesty days in more locations, and 4. positive signage (including information about transfer stations) should be placed at the sites of illegal dumping.

Bethany Brock, assisted by Rob Roy and Ruth Harber, reported on the Regional Water Quality Control Board's public workshop regarding the Gregory Canyon Landfill. The workshop consisted of Gregory Canyon Ltd. giving a presentation on the construction of the landfill, followed by individual presentations by the Pala Band of Indians, the City of Oceanside, the Rainbow Municipal Water District, and RiverWatch. Attendees of the meeting were then allowed to each speak briefly on their feelings/thoughts regarding the Gregory Canyon Landfill. The majority of the individuals who spoke were against the location of the landfill.

Scott Murray briefly reviewed the Council's Operating Rules and asked if there were any amendments to the Rules that the Council wanted made. Paul Campo felt that Operating Rules were fine, but that it should be stated that the Council will not be involved in politics and should only focus on technical aspects of issues. The Council agreed with Campo's assessment and the changes will be made to the Operating Rules.

During the discussion regarding the Operating Rules, Mo Lahsaie suggested that the Council meet jointly with the City of Oceanside (and County of San Diego) as Oceanside fulfills its NPDES permit's requirements of holding stakeholder meetings about stormwater pollution. It was decided that, as Water Quality was

the Council's most important issue, joint meetings with the City of Oceanside would occur quarterly. It was also decided that the Issues of Importance will be used as a guideline for the rest of the San Luis Rey Watershed Council meetings.

Old Business:

1. **Watershed Priorities Update:** The amended Council's Issues of Importance was approved on a motion by Wallace Tucker and seconded by Mo Lahsaie after the topic of water conservation was added to the issue of Water Quantity.

Reports and announcements:

Tom Rogers wanted to make sure that the Council knew that, as 75% of the state budget is not discretionary, money is available in grants. Rogers commented that the best thing to do once a suitable grant has been found, is to call Senator Hollingsworth, or another state elected official, and find out exactly what they would like to see in the grant application and what the funding agency considers to be priorities.

The next meeting date was set for June 27, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.