

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 06/22/2009**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:05
- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 06/22/2009:**

Cynthia Mallett	City of Oceanside
Ron Miller	Fallbrook Community Planning Group
David Allen	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
Bob Hillestad	Individual Stakeholder
Joshlynn Tanner	Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC)
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Angela Morrow	Vista Irrigation District (VID)
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District (VID)

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

The minutes from March 23, 2009 and April 27, 2009 were both up for approval at this meeting. A motion was made by Paul Dorey, seconded by David Allen and a vote to approve the minutes from 3/23/2009 and 4/27/2009 without any changes, was carried unanimously by the SLR Watershed Council present.

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

Cynthia has completed the IRS Paperwork, to request nonprofit status from the Federal Government, and will have it sent in soon. Cynthia has set up a Bank Account for the SLRWC, so that we can now accept donations and other funds. David Allen, CFO, has agreed to give a Monthly Financial Report to the SLRWC, which will be added to upcoming agendas.

- **(Item 5) Letter to RWQCB regarding Gregory Canyon Landfill:**

The Gregory Canyon Landfill is currently trying to obtain permits for waste discharge requirements from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The RWQCB is currently accepting comment letters regarding this permit. Comments will be accepted by the RWQCB until August 12th, however only comments received by July 12th will be responded to by the RWQCB on their August 12th hearing.

The SLRWC reviewed a factsheet and transcript from the April 29th hearing on the matter, and discussed the possibility of sending an opposition letter to the RWQCB asking them to deny a waste discharge permit to Gregory Canyon Ltd. Cynthia has offered to draft a letter, using the bullet points from the fact sheet. We discussed the possibility of adding the following items to the letter: the risk of the landfill liner breaking due to nearby earthquake activity; 2 nearby landfills whose liners have failed (Las Pulgas & Poway); how inappropriate it was for a general public to have changed the land use to a landfill—this is not a matter for the general public to vote on. The Carlsbad Watershed Network sent in a great opposition letter in which they pulled a lot of the technical information out of the report to use in their letter.

<p><u>VOTING ITEM (Sending an Opposition Letter to the RWQCB re Gregory Canyon Landfill):</u></p> <p>The SLRWC should send an opposition letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, asking them to deny the Gregory Canyon Landfill the necessary permits. The SLRWC has agreed to have Cynthia write the letter, using the bullet points from the fact sheet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Paul Dorey <u>MOTIONED</u> to accept the drafting & sending of an opposition letter against the Gregory Canyon Landfill.➤ Ron Miller <u>SECONDED</u> the motion➤ <u>CALL FOR DISCUSSION:</u> no views were voiced/discussed➤ <u>CALL TO VOTE:</u> Motion to accept was passed unanimously.
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- **(Item 6) News and Reports From Attendee's:**

Bob Hillestad ~ individual stakeholder:

San Diego Stream Team will be starting up again this fall. They are currently looking for new water sampling locations. San Diego Stream Team must have permission from the landowner to access any sites. If you know of an appropriate site, please contact San Diego Stream Team.

Heidi Brow ~ Pala Band of Mission Indians:

Pala Band of Mission Indians will be hosting a week long Tire Clean-up at the Pala Transfer Station, August 24 – 29. This Tire Clean-Up program is open to everyone, as funds come from a CIWMB Grant.

Joe Purohit ~ Eco Layers:

Joe runs a company (Eco Layers) that sets up interactive websites with real-time water quality information, which would be great for San Diego Stream Team, or even the SLRWC. Their product is an integrated platform for managing watersheds and water quality data. This allows for an integrated & adaptive watershed management approach where you can overlap various regulations and agencies that pull water quality data. We could set this up through individual stakeholders who enter their own information/data or through an organization (like us) that would have more control over what information goes in and what QA/QC has been done. There are similar websites that have been done for LA/San Gabriel Watershed, Santa Cruz Watershed, and the San Diego River Foundation.

A website is a static thing, relatively simple to do; a data portal is more complicated as it brings together multiple information sources from many different sites, and makes it all available on one site. Data portals pull out data from different agencies (from a pull down menu, you could select what you want to see), and identifies this information on a map by overlaying it onto a shade file.

Joe would be willing to help us with a relatively simple website and data portal. He can do this for less money, because it's a template design where you are just pulling information from different sites, instead of doing a custom website design. This would be a great task for a grant proposal!!

One challenge would be to get stakeholder buy-in and participation, which is where we would be getting some of our data. Also, the issue of QA/QC is an important one to discuss, as it would be our responsibility—not the software companies' responsibility. If we allow all stakeholders to input data, we have no control over the quality of that data. We may decide to limit the number of people who can import data—ie—only the SLRWC decides what quality of data can be imported into the data portal.

- **(Item 7) Additional Items:**

❖ **Draft Steelhead Assessment on the San Luis Rey River is out (DF&G):**

The California Department of Fish & Game has recently issued their Draft Steelhead Assessment on the SLR River; the public comment period is open until June 30, 2009. Various agencies have already sent in opposition letters, including: Oceanside, CWA, Yuima, VID, Pala Band of Mission Indians, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority. The SLRWC discussed the possibility of sending in a letter; however the due date was too close.

The SLRWC discussed how this report, if put in practice, would result in extreme groundwater restrictions in our watershed. The council felt that the Steelhead Assessment needed to take a closer look at economic impacts to the population, if steelhead were re-introduced into this area. The federal report done by NOAA did not consider the SLR Watershed a good site; it does however list the Santa Margarita Watershed as having a high potential for steelhead reintroduction.

❖ **Pala Raceway:**

David Allen brought up complaints that he had heard of regarding noise & dust issues from the Pala Raceway. He said that he's heard of complaints from Valley Center, Pauma Tribe, and Rainbow. He reported that Tom Bond had made some of these complaints to him; David visited Tom's house on a Saturday but the track was not in use, and so he could neither hear the noise nor see the dust. David said that Tom was selling his house because of the noise and dust issues, however, Tom has made attempts to sell house *prior* to the opening of the Raceway. Tom also made a complaint to Bob Kard at the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD). While the San Diego APCD has no jurisdiction on the Reservation (only the US EPA does in this case), they met with Tom on his property on May 1, 2009, which is 2 miles from the Raceway. The APCD Staff noted that the majority of dust being kicked up by the motorcycles immediately returned to the earth and no dust was seen leaving the raceway area. When APCD Staff asked Tom if he had experienced any dust issues on his property from the track, he replied, "no." APCD Staff also reviewed photos that Tom had taken, however the photos were only of limited value and accuracy because they faced into the sun which artificially enhanced the visible dust. The APCD Staff did not see any off-reservation impacts at that time.

David also mentioned that Bud Swanson from the Rainbow Planning Group had sent in a letter to the Chairman complaining about the noise from the Pala Raceway. Bud purchased equipment to read the decibel level at this property; he said it is normally 38 decibels, and is 72 when the track is in use. Bud also said that the noise is unusual in that it depends on the wind, weather (overcast or sunny), and the location (in a canyon, valley floor). The Tribe is aware of these complaints, and has been working closely with Bud Swanson to resolve them.

David suggested that we send a letter to the Tribe from the SLRWC to address these complaints. He wanted to know what noise & dust standards that Pala is subject to, & if they are following those standards. It was suggested that he write the letter as an individual stakeholder first, to keep the proceedings informal. It was also suggested that the SLRWC request a spokesman from the Tribe to come and give a presentation to the SLRWC at a future meeting. David will write a letter to the Tribe to try to get more information.

❖ **EIR – Pankey Project / Meadowood:**

The EIR for the new Meadowood Project (in the NE corner off Highway 76 & I-15) is out. The SLRWC discussed the possible issues with the EIR, including the question of water availability and sewage utilities for the new homes. The Fallbrook Planning Group is holding a meeting tonight that will discuss this project & its EIR. The SLRWC discussed the need to for our own land use & development sub-committee to help keep track of new projects.

❖ **FPUD:**

Gregory Canyon Ltd. is still looking for (recycled) water that they can use onsite, after Olivenhain MWD's recent decision to not provide water to Gregory Canyon Landfill. The Landfill has been seeking out potential water sources, possibly FPUD. It may be a good idea to draft a general comment letter from the SLRWC to local water purveyors, stating that we would be against them providing water to the Gregory Canyon Landfill. We could draft this letter at a future workgroup meeting.

❖ **Future Speakers and/or Topics:**

- George Wilkins ~ Flood Warning Program put in place in upper SLR Watershed
- Enviropel ~ Biomass Waste Station
- Recycled vs. Reclaimed Water ~ What is the difference? (also: what are the standards & potential uses for each? Discussion of the connection between water quality & reclaimed water & water quality downstream)

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

July 27, 2009

August 24, 2009

September 28, 2009