

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES: 06/25/2007**

- **Call to Order:** 1:00 pm
- **List of Attendees present on 6/25/07:**

Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Anne Burdick	Mission Resource Conservation District
Paul Campo	Vista Irrigation District
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Ruth Harber	Riverwatch
Cynthia Mallett	City of Oceanside; Bonsall Sponsor Group
Vic Pankey	San Luis Rey Municipal Water District
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Todd Snyder	County of San Diego, Dept. Planning/Land Use
Dave Vornberger	individual from Bonsall

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

The minutes from 04/23/07 were approved, without any requested changes. [motion to approve by Paul Campo; seconded by Jack Griffiths; approved unanimously]

- **(Item 4) Steelhead Assessment on the San Luis Rey River—Update**

The California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG) (contact: Holly Sheridan) is doing a Steelhead Assessment on the San Luis Rey River, in order to determine the feasibility of re-introducing Steelhead in this watershed. Currently, CDFG is doing field studies and walking the river in order to: identify any Steelhead living in the River, identify possible threats to & appropriate habitat for the Steelhead. On 5/2/07, a Steelhead was observed by the CDFG in the River. The final report should be out by late 2007/early 2008.

NOAA is currently working on developing a Recovery Plan for the Southern California Steelhead, for each Watershed. These Recovery Plans will be guides (not regulatory documents) that will identify the possible threats to the Steelhead, for each watershed, as well as designate Recovery Actions to help booster the Steelhead Population. They have been holding a series of meetings, open to the public, where they have designated all threats and the related recovery actions. The third and last set of meetings will be held in August sometime (check the website for the date: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/> --just follow the Steelhead links for updates); the Draft Recovery Plan will be available for public comment sometime in September 2007.

- **(Item 5) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)—Update**

Prop 50 was passed & project proposal submittals were due mid-June for Water and Wetland Projects. The Draft IRWMP is available for review & there was a public workshop on 6/29/2007. Public comments were due July 13<sup>th</sup>; for more information & project lists see: <http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/sdirwm.html> For future meeting times/places and other updates see: <http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/sdirwm-participation.html#Newsletters>

- **(Item 6) Gregory Canyon Landfill—Update**

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (Gary Erbeck) certified Gregory Canyon Landfill's Revised Final EIR on 5/31/2007. Now Gregory Canyon Landfill must apply for certain permits (for a complete list of the required permits: <http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/deh/chd/gcpermits.html> ) before they can build anything. The Court will have to review the EIR & make sure all of the Court's questions were adequately answered, before proceeding with the permits; however, it was reported that: Gary Erbeck can override the court decision, based on the 'need' for the landfill in San Diego County. Another little fact

is: the proposed double-lining for the landfill that Gregory Canyon is planning on using is a new brand new technology & has not yet been tested out at another (in-use) landfill.

- **(Item 7) SLRWC Nonprofit Formation – Review/Discuss Drafts:**

A small workgroup has been meeting, to develop draft by-laws to present to the SLR Watershed Council. A copy of the Draft Mission Statement & Draft (6) Goals was handed out and discussed at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Here is an overview of the comments made:

**Draft Mission Statement:** *the primary purpose, goals & objectives of the SLRWC shall be:* **Foster diverse stakeholder cooperation in order to preserve and enhance the environmental, cultural and economic resources of the San Luis Rey Watershed.**

**COMMENTS:** There were no comments or changes requested to the mission statement; everyone seemed to approve the language.

**Draft Goals:**

- (1) **To write & submit grant proposals to support the SLRWC Mission Statement.**
- (2) **To develop and implement watershed-wide water quality & quantity monitoring network.**
- (3) **To guide watershed-related policy and decision makers.**
- (4) **To promote sustainable agriculture within the watershed.**
- (5) **To foster information sharing between stakeholders.**
- (6) **To promote social justice & historic cultural values within the watershed.**

**COMMENTS:** The only goal that was commented upon was Goal #6: the term ‘social justice’ seemed too controversial. Here were the suggested changes:

--change ‘promote’ to ‘foster’

--change ‘social justice’ to ‘environmental justice’

--change the phrase to: ‘to foster social & historic cultural values.....’ (drop ‘justice’)

- **(Item 8) Attendee Reports & News:**

***Cynthia Mallett (City of Oceanside, Bonsall Community Sponsor Group):*** The Bonsall Community Sponser Group had no new news. The RWQCB will hold an Ag Workshop (covering waivers & run-off issues) this fall. More information on this workshop will follow.

***Anne Burdick (Mission RCD; Keep Fallbrook Clean):*** There are new pamphlets available (which were handed out at the Council Meeting) on: Homeowner’s Guide for Fire Protection, Erosion, Flood, Debris Control; Invasives—Don’t Plant a Pest; Invasives—Don’t Stock a Pest. Additionally, there is a new director for Mission RCD: Cathleen Thuner.

***Jack Griffiths (Rainbow MWD):*** Rainbow MWD is close to getting a General Manager; they have 8 candidates, and will be interviewing in August. Rainbow MWD will be doing a UV Treatment on their 4 long-term open reservoirs. Fallbrook Public Utility Department is currently doing a similar UV Treatment.

***Vic Pankey (San Luis Rey MWD):*** The SLR MWD Programmatic EIR is close to being published, and there will be a public hearing on the EIR within the next month; after the public hearing there will be a chance for public comments at the public meeting in August. Also, the SLR MWD has implemented water quality testing at 2 wells (one using Gregory Canyon’s well, and another to the west at the narrows). They did a complete analysis on both wells, which turned up no ‘high’ levels for anything. They will be doing quarterly testing now, for certain contaminants, in order to build a baseline. They are using Babcock (consulting firm) to do the sampling; Vic stated that the data will be legally defensible, which would mean there is a QAPP (quality assurance project plan) which defines the QA/QC (quality assurance/quality control) for the sampling project.

***Todd Snyder (SD Co., Dept. of Planning):*** Eric Gibson has been appointed the interim replacement director for now, at the Planning Department (CEQA/Regs.).

***Rob Roy (La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians):*** The La Jolla Tribe is opening a Transfer Station/CRV Facility that is state certified, where you will be able to get money for your cans. The Tribe has also been working to close & properly abandon some of their old wells (they’ve done 4 and they have 2 more to go).

***Ruth Harber (Riverwatch):*** There is a general Riverwatch Meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>

- **(Item 9) Other:**

ARUNDO IN THE CREEKS: Dave Vornberger (an individual landowner from Bonsall) attended this month's meeting, and asked about the possible removal of non-native species (arundo/giant reed) from the north bank of Moosa Canyon Creek. He reported that the arundo in this area is very, very thick. He was given information about the Santa Margarita San Luis Rey Weed Management Area & Mission RCD, which have been working together to remove all arundo from the San Luis Rey River & tributaries.

MARINES PRACTISING AT GREGORY CANYON/OLD DAIRY OFF HWY 76: It was brought up at the SLR Watershed Council that the FBI & Marines are planning on using the old abandoned Dairy (now owned by Gregory Canyon) as a practice ground for their training exercises. The Marine's use of this property was supposed to be kept confidential; however the information was leaked out. At that point, the County of San Diego, Environmental Health Dept. approved the use of this property for the Marines' practice, despite environmental concerns (ie: some of the land is designated as Arroyo Toad Habitat; some of the land is in the riverbed; they'll be using some live rounds so there could be metals debris leftover afterward, etc). There was some discussion about whether or not the Marines would actually use this property for training, now that the dates and place have been published in the North County Times, and the SD Union Tribune.

- **(Item 10) Upcoming Meeting Dates/Facilitators:**

July 13 & 20, 2007: (small workgroup) Steering Committee meeting to draft SLRWC 501(c)3 by-laws, etc.

**July 23, 2007—SLR Watershed Council Meeting:** Jack Griffiths or someone from US Bureau of Reclamation (maybe Bill Steel) will facilitate

**August 27, 2007—SLR Watershed Council Meeting:** Jack Griffiths

**September 24, 2007—SLR Watershed Council Meeting:** Jack Griffiths

**October 22, 2007—SLR Watershed Council Meeting:** Facilitator Needed