

**San Luis Rey Watershed Council**  
**Meeting Minutes for**  
**June 27, 2005**

**The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by acting facilitator Scott Murray.**

**Introduction of New Attendee:** Mo Lahsaie introduced Hawkeye Sheen, who is a new City of Oceanside's Environmental Specialist.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Paul Campo, seconded by Ruth Harber the minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved. A question of quarterly meetings held jointly with the City of Oceanside was raised and the final decision was that quarterly meetings would most likely be held on the same day and same place as the SLR Watershed Council just at a different time. Basically, the decision to hold jointly meetings would be made in the future.

**New Business:**

Kelly Barker, from the Department of Planning and Land Use for the County of San Diego, assisted by Hawkeye Sheen, an Environmental Specialist from the City of Oceanside, presented a status report on the San Luis Rey River Watershed Urban Runoff Management Plan (WURMP). Barker began the presentation by explaining why WURMPs are important and described the background of pertinent clean water laws and regulations. Her presentation included explanations of clean water regulators and how the Region 9 San Diego NPDES Permit aids in reducing urban runoff pollution. The main goal of the SLR River WURMP Program is "to positively affect the water quality of the San Luis Rey Watershed while balancing economic, social, and environmental constraints." The SLR River WURMP has four primary objectives to identify pollutants or Constituents of Concern (COC), and reduce them while educating the public about watershed issues and pollution prevention.

Three high priority COCs were identified for the SLR River. They are bacteria indicators at the mouth of the SLR, total dissolved solids, and the eutrophication of Guajome Lake. A special project of the WURMP is to coordinate watershed monitoring with the goal of evaluating water quality both spatially and temporally. Mo Lahsaie stated that this was the primary reason for presenting this program to the SLR Watershed Council. He felt that the WC, as it is composed of a very diverse group of entities, could help with the difficult task of gathering and consolidating the water quality monitoring data, which has been collected by different entities, along the entire San Luis Rey River.

A question of the sensitivity of water quality data was raised. This sparked a lively discussion on what would be the best way to convince different groups to release their water quality data without fear of repercussions. Scott Murray suggested that the City of Oceanside write a formal letter requesting water quality data for the three high COCs (bacteria, TDS, and eutrophication) from

members of the SLR Watershed Council. Mo Lahsaie agreed with this suggestion and said that a formal letter would be written and sent to the different WC members in the next few weeks. Murray also suggested that, as the leaders of the different WC entities would need to meet to discuss this request, it would be best to request that the data be sent within 5 weeks of receiving the letter.

**Old Business:**

1. **Watershed Priorities:** The updated and approved San Luis Rey Watershed Council's Issues of Importance will be used as a working document to be the basis of the upcoming year's meetings.

**Reports and announcements:**

1. The distribution of the SLR Information Booklet was discussed. Mission RCD has many copies of the excellent, informational booklet which are going to be outdated. The WC was asked to take as many as they wanted to distribute.
2. Ruth Harber received a proclamation from the County of San Diego acknowledging her years of hard work fighting for environmental issues.
3. An impromptu discussion of what the WC members would like to see in future WC meetings came up. Future meeting suggestions included inviting the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's CEO to brief the WC on the function of the Regional Board and the Regional's future actions. Other suggestions were to invite the SD County Water Authority to address water supply issue for the future and to share its perspective of water storage in the SLR Basin. Inviting the California Department of Forestry to discuss the fire issues of this upcoming fire season was also suggested. The final suggestion was to invite the Ag Commissioner's Office to come and share about the issues of horse waste management and confined animal waste enforcement.

The next meeting date was set for July 25, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.