

## **San Luis Rey Watershed Council**

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**August 25, 2003**

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Copies of the July 28, 2003 meeting minutes were distributed via email, post mail and available in hard copy at the meeting. A motion was made by Paul Campo and seconded by Carolyn Major to approve the July 28 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **UPDATES, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Santa Margarita San Luis Rey Weed Management Area will host a luncheon meeting on September 8, 2003 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm and will be held at the conference room of the Fallbrook Public Utility District offices. This meeting will provide an update on past and future weed eradication projects.

The Santa Margarita Watershed Cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday September 20 from 8:00 am – 1:00 p.m. One site on the San Luis Rey River is scheduled for cleanup. This site is located at the corner of Old River Road and Little Gopher Canyon Road.

#### **WATERSHED FIELD TRIP TOUR**

The Watershed Coordinator, Cynthia Mallett, has begun planning for the watershed bus tour scheduled for October 30, 2003. Some of the stops on the tour will include:

Arundo removal and restoration sites

Tour of the Oceanside desalination plant

Stop to view the Gregory Canyon Landfill and Rosemary Mountain Quarry sites

Demonstration of the La Jolla Band of Mission Indians GIS mapping project

Tour of Lake Henshaw Dam

Cynthia suggested stopping at the roadside vegetable stand to view the landfill site and allow participants to purchase vegetables from the stand. It was mentioned that the best location to see the Landfill site is at Pala del Norte Road. It was suggested that municipal officials be invited and encouraged to attend the tour.

Cynthia mentioned the tour to Bill Horn's Executive Scheduler who said that the Planning Policy Advisor, David Graham, would most likely attend.

#### **WATERSHED COUNCIL SUPPORT LETTER POLICY**

At the July Watershed Council meeting a draft support letter policy was distributed to meeting participants for review. Changes to the text of the draft policy were recommended and these revisions were presented at this Watershed Council meeting. This support letter policy would provide guidelines to organizations requesting a support letter from the San Luis Rey Watershed Council. Additional text changes were recommended and reviewed at the meeting. A motion was made by Carolyn Major and seconded by Wallace Tucker to accept the Support Letter Policy with the recommended changes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SUSTAINABILITY OF WATERSHED COORDINATOR POSITION**

Funding for the Watershed Coordinator position is currently provided through a grant from the Department of Conservation. The funding for this position ends on December 31, 2003 with future funding not becoming available until approximately spring 2004. Meeting participants were asked if there were any recommendations of making the position sustainable through local funding sources instead of solely relying upon grant money to fund the position. One suggestion was to contact the San Diego Economic Development Council who can assist in developing a plan to create sustainability for the position. Cynthia will follow-up on the contact provided for that agency.

## **GRANTS**

### **Grants Submitted**

*California Integrated Waste Management Board, Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Trash Abatement Program* – A grant proposal was submitted by Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District totaling \$97,932 for removal of illegally dumped trash along Lilac Road just north of Valley Center. The grant will also provide funding for installation of barriers to deter future dumping.

### **Upcoming Grant Opportunities**

*Department of Conservation, Watershed Coordinator Grant Program* – The DOC will manage funds from the CalFed Bay Delta Program to fund watershed coordinator positions for a three year time period. The Technical Advisory Committee met to discuss projects for this opportunity which included a confined animal operation education and outreach program, development of a water conservation garden and further research on the feasibility of modifying gray water codes for California. Cynthia will attend a DOC workshop to gather more information about this funding opportunity.

*Patagonia Environmental Action Grant* – Patagonia will accept grant applications through August 31 that involve community action. Cynthia recommended submitting a grant for a horse management education outreach program. The deadline for this grant is within one week and a grant for a similar program has been previously submitted. Minor changes can be made to that grant to fit within the guidelines for Patagonia. It was recommended by the meeting participants to move forward with submitting the grant.

## **OTHER NEWS TO REPORT**

Rainbow Municipal Water District received a grant from Metropolitan Water District to develop a drought tolerant demonstration garden at their offices. Cynthia mentioned that she would be assisting Rainbow with some of their needs regarding this project.

Vista Irrigation District has a brochure that shows drought tolerant plants and also offers lectures for drought tolerant landscaping. Information is available if you call the VID office.

Tony Arand owns a local organic pesticide company that has submitted a proposal to San Diego Gas and Electric (SDGE) for a renewable energy project. The project would develop an energy production plant that would utilize “green waste” (tree trimmings, grass clippings, etc.) and manure to fuel the plant. Tony is seeking the use of property just east of the Passarelle Development project and north of Highway 76. This facility could serve as a substation between the Via Monsearate and Pala substations and could provide power to eastern sections of the San Luis Rey Watershed including Pauma Valley. The facility would have scrubbers to clean exhaust from the production process. The facility could eventually be used for organic pesticide production, food processing and include a farming operation. This type of project could fend off development in agricultural lands in the watershed. Tony will provide a formal presentation to the Watershed Council once a facility plan is drafted.

Meeting participants mentioned that there are some similar projects in place in Japan and in Temescal. Tony was asked if any information was available about these facilities so that the stakeholders could gather more information about these types of energy production projects. He said that there was not any specific information available at this time.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2003 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Fallbrook Public Utility District Board Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

- Julie Ammel .....Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Tony Aranc .....Envirepel
- Christine Brochard .....County of San Diego, Multiple Habitat Conservation Plan
- Paul Campo .....Vista Irrigation District
- Paul Christensen.....Rainbow Municipal Water District
- Jose Espino.....Pala resident
- Ruth Harber.....North County Coalition
- Jesse Hutchings .....Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District
- Carolyn Major .....Fallbrook Planning Group
- Cynthia Mallett .....Mission Resource Conservation District, San Luis Rey Watershed Coordinator
- Ken Peterson .....Bonsall Sponsor Group
- Rob Roy .....La Jolla Indian Reservation
- Don Smith .....Vista Irrigation District
- Karen Tucker .....Fallbrook Land Conservancy
- Wallace Tucker .....Fallbrook Land Conservancy
- Joyce Ward.....RiverWatch