

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 9/22/2008**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:05 pm

- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 09/22/08:**

Aaron Francis	California Department of Fish & Game/PSMFC
Alison Witheridge	City of Oceanside
Cynthia Mallett	Bonsall Community Sponsor Group
Dave Kajtaniak	California Department of Fish & Game
David Allan	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
Frank Kawasaki	Trout Unlimited, chapter 920
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS/ALERT Users Group
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Jeff Helsley	San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority
Jim Conrad	San Diego County Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission
John Marshall	Golden State Flycatchers/Trout Unlimited
Joshlynn Tanner	Native American Environmental Protection Coalition
Kathleen Thuner	Mission Resource Conservation District
Laurie Walsh	San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
Michael Pottorff	San Diego Trout
Michelle Mattson	US Army Core of Engineers
Oggie Watson	Pauma Valley CSD
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District, BOD
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Indians
Ron Barbinell	neighbor
Sandi Jacobson	Golden State Flycatchers/Trout Unlimited
Scott Norris	County of San Diego
Todd Snyder	County of San Diego, Dept. of Planning
Tom Bond	Sierra Club

(Item 3) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from 05/22/2008 and 6/23/2008 were both approved with a few minor typographical changes. Jack Griffith motioned to accept both minutes with the changes; Rob Roy seconded the motion; the motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Minutes from 8/22/2008 will be distributed to the council for approval at the next meeting.

(Item 4) PRESENTATION: Steelhead Assessment Report (Dave Kajtaniak, CaDFG):

Dave Kajtaniak (Ca DFG) gave a quick overview of the upcoming CDFG Steelhead Assessment Report, which will be ready for public comment in October/November 2008; the final draft is tentatively set for December 2008. The DFG website will note when the report is ready for public comment; see link: <http://coastalwatersheds.ca.gov/>

Presentation link:

http://ftp.dfg.ca.gov/Public/R1_NR/CWPAP/SanLuisRyWatershedAssessment_Sept08.ppt

The presentation slides & notes from this presentation will be made available at the October 2008 SLR Watershed Council Meeting.

Presentation Synopsis:

Recommendations from the DFG:

- COMPLETE LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PRIORITIZED (Final Draft)
- Flow & Water Quality Improvement: proper seasonal flow releases are a must, b/t the Lake Henshaw Dam & the Escondido Diversion. Flushing Flows would allow the natural processes of the SLR River to improve instream/river habitat for fish use.
- Fish Passages: there are a number of areas (on public & private lands) that will need them
- Riparian/Instream Habitat: remove Arundo/Tamarisk; restore flushing flows; prioritize locations with estuaries
- Erosion/Sediment Delivery Reduction: BMP's for nutrient/pesticide reduction
- Education/Research on water quality, instream/fish inventories.

Public Questions & Statements:

- From La Jolla to the I-15, the SLR River is devoid of canopy; the area would need flushing flows and to be re-vegetated.
- (comment) 'Interesting study, but where's the incentives/leverage to make changes?' Since the DFG has limiting enforcement power (ie: for water releases, etc), it will take a lot of all stakeholders working together
- Would the water table be drawn down & water levels be affected by new wells? Yes, new wells can influence the water table, especially shallow wells near the river; there are many, many wells in Pauma Valley (ag/nursery users), which have significantly lowered the water table
- Is there funding for non-native animal species removal? Ask DFG's Mary Lawson. Mission RCD has also done a brochure on the topic, called: 'Don't Stock a Pest!'
- There is a large Black Locust & Tamarisk invasion, in post-fire areas of the Watershed.

(Item 5) SLRWC Nonprofit Formation –

Document Submittal Update: the SLR Watershed Council has sent in a 'name reservation request', to reserve our current name. The Articles of Incorporation will be notarized today (9/22), and then sent to the State for the State Seal. After The Articles of Incorporation has been sent back to the Council, we will then send the State copies of our approved by-laws, and tax-exemption information.

(Item 6) Attendee's News:

Cynthia Mallett: A new bridge was just built at the Pacific Street Bridge in Oceanside, replacing the existing arizona crossing at the mouth of the SLR River. The new bridge just opened a few weeks ago & the hardscape from the arizona crossing is being removed. It would be some time before any restoration projects could be done here, as the harbor prohibits a full restoration; however, some off-channel habitat restoration may be possible. Additionally, the bacteria source study that is currently being done on the Oceanside Harbor, should be completed by January 2010.

David Allan: Excessive dust from the Rosemary's Quarry/Hwy 76 Widening Project closed down the subcontractor for a while (due to the excessive dust). The project has now re-opened.

Jim Conrad: There is funding available in June and December, which comes from Ca Dept. Fish & Game Violations. Link for Grants: <http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/awm/fwac.html#grants>
Link: http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/reusable_components/images/awm/Docs/fwac_grantapp0809.pdf

George Wilkins: Announcement~ There is a Flood Warning Conference coming up at Vail, Colorado in May 2009, sponsored by the USGS & the National Hydrologic Warning Council. For additional info, see link: http://www.hydrologicwarning.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=617218&module_id=31016

Additionally, the DOI has awarded Pacific REMS to put together an early warning system for the upper SLR Watershed area, to be operational by November 2008. There will be stream/flow gages installed along the SLR River (in Pala, Pauma, Rincon and La Jolla). If interested, contact the County of San Diego Watershed Protection Unit for more information; general public can access the information through: National Weather Service, Flash Flood Warning System, or the County Office of Emergency Services.
Link:

Oggie Watson: There is a real-time stream gage and 24-hour camera on the SLR River, at Cole Grade Road; this information is provided by the USGS, online at the link below.
Link: <http://ca.water.usgs.gov/webcams/colegrade/>
Link: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?11036700>

Kathleen Thuner: Gave out brochures that Mission RCD has done for community, on: "Don't Stock A Pest (non-native animals are taking control of coastal California streams with negative impacts to steelhead trout and other aquatic species)"

(Item 7) Upcoming Meeting Dates/Facilitators:

October 27, 2008 ~ Guest Speaker from Rosemary's Mountain Quarry/Granite Construction
November 24, 2008
December 22, 2008