

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 09/28/2009**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:05
- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 09/28/2009:**

Cynthia Mallett	City of Oceanside
David Allen	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
John Beresford	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District
Ron Miller	Fallbrook Community Planning Group
Ruth Harber	Riverwatch
Scott Norris	County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

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

A motion was made by John Beresford, seconded by Ruth Harber, and a vote to approve the August 24th Meeting Minutes, with a few minor grammatical changes, was carried unanimously by the SLR Watershed Council present.

- **(Item 4) Financial Update:**

No change to last month's status as there were no bills/expenses paid out. We have approximately \$400 in the bank; however we will need more than this to cover liability insurance for the Board of Directors.

- **(Item 5) Membership Fees ~ Discussion:**

Most organizations in attendance felt they would not volunteer money to the SLRWC, however if there were a required membership fee put in place, they would most likely be able to cover that. Some groups stated they may also be able to provide some in kind services in addition to the membership fees. Other groups stated that they had no income as a group, and would therefore have no other means of paying a membership fee to the SLRWC, except with in kind services. There is a danger of all groups only contributing in kind services, which would leave us without any funds at all; it was suggested that we set an annual fee now, and only allow groups who could not afford to pay such a fee to contribute with in kind services instead (until the organization has a more reliable source of sustainable funding). When the Board of Directors is elected, they will first set an annual budget, and will then work backwards from that amount to come up with an appropriate membership fee.

There were some other options/opinions suggested as well:

- We could do different tiers of support, so that larger organizations have the option of giving more than smaller/non-profit ones, if they can afford to do so.
- It was suggested that County Supervisor Bill Horn may have some funds he could make available to us; we could send a letter from the SLRWC to Horn requesting a donation.

Other ~ Resources & Ideas to keep in mind:

Scott is checking to see if we can get some example copies of annual operating budgets from other non-profit groups of similar size, which we can use to model our own on. We've done some preliminary budgets (range from \$1000 to \$3000) for the Board of Directors to review, once elected. Also, the University of San Diego (USD) has a Masters/PhD Program that will help non-profit organizations by drafting/reviewing their documents, such as: by-laws, voting manuals, rules of operations, membership operating manuals, etc. This would be a great help for our Board of Directors to work with this Masters/PhD Program on developing our necessary operating manuals.

There is an upcoming Project Planning Workshop (maybe in January?) for Board of Directors, to help them identify goals and issues, as well as the path to achieve those goals. This would be highly beneficial for our Board of Directors to look into going to. The cost will be around \$75; some of the organizations may be able to cover the cost of this through other internal funding sources.

In an effort to get our name out to the public, we may want to consider doing some outreach booths at various community events/fairs/etc. San Diego County often has outreach booths at similar events, and may be able to include some of our information in their booths. Some of the events suggested are: the Avocado Festival or local Earth Day Fairs. It was also suggested that we tap into Service Clubs (ie: Circle K or Kiwanis) to garner local interest and/or obtain volunteer help from high school students.

- **(Item 6) Annual Meeting (Nomination Protocols):**

The council discussed alternates for the Board of Directors' positions; the group felt that it would be acceptable to have an alternate from a different member organization than that elected, as long as that alternate was still within the same category.

The council also discussed the last category: At-Large Member and/or Non-Governmental Organization (NGO's). They felt that this category was really open to any member organization, there are no limits set on the 'at large member' aspect of the category.

- **(Item 7) Establishment of Working Committees:**

The SLR Watershed Council discussed the types of working committees that we would like to recommend the Board of Directors put together, once elected. We also discussed taking our regular monthly meetings and 'highlighting an organization' ~ we can either have 1 meeting where we take a few minutes to highlight each member organization, or else we can do one organization every monthly meeting. This would give the individual representing their organization a chance to talk for a few minutes on why they participate in the SLRWC and what interests they have in the watershed.

- **Meeting Programs (speakers/presentations):** We would like to have at least 6-9 of our 12 monthly meetings have speakers and/or presentations; this helps increase the number of organizations who are interested in attending. This committee would be responsible for seeking out speakers and working on planning our monthly meetings or scheduling presentations. Some possible future speakers include: George Wilkins who can present on the Poomacha Fire/Flood Early Warning System. We can also ask Ann Fagey from San Diego County for some speaker/presentation ideas, as the Biodiversity Council she works on has had some very interesting people come give presentations to her group.

- Membership / Recruitment: This committee can identify new groups/organizations that we can contact and share information about joining the SLRWC. We can also make it standard protocol to ask newly joining membership organization what committee they would like to join.
- Technical Committee: This committee would be responsible for exploring water quality and quantity issues on the watershed in greater depth; they could possibly obtain some data from groups such as: San Diego Stream Team, the Golden State Flycatchers, MWD's, etc. They would also need to help the council come up with future project plans for upcoming grant proposals.
- Website Committee: We would like to develop our own SLRWC Website, where we can upload our by-laws, monthly meeting minutes, ongoing activities and other applicable information on our watershed. We really need a committee to look into the design plan of the website ~ exactly what information we want on the site, how we want it to look like, how we want to upload information/data and maintain the site.
- Education / Outreach: This committee would focus on outreach to the local watershed in order to get our name out there, as well as increase local knowledge on watershed issues. We have discussed doing some form of a newsletter (ie: monthly or bi-weekly; email form with links to websites). They should look into a quick, easy and efficient way to disseminate information and update our watershed council members.
- Grants / Funding: This organization needs to obtain a more reliable source of funding (ie: grants), if they are ever going to be able to hire a watershed coordinator to oversee the council. This committee would be responsible for identifying potential grants or other funding sources and possibly in developing the grant proposals themselves (with help from the technical committee).

- **(Item 8) News & Reports From Attendee's:**

David Allen ~ Fallbrook Land Conservancy (FLC):

Fallbrook Land Conservancy just held their annual Stagecoach Event at the Palomares House, which included such activities as: garden tours, bands, raffles, horse rides, and stagecoach rides. This event was funded by San Diego County Supervisor Bill Horn, who supports the FLC. This event had a really good attendance this year.

David reported that he talked to Bud Swanson (Rainbow Planning Group) who looked into exactly who was being impacted by the Pala Raceway, and it's only Rainbow Residents.

Ruth Harber ~ Riverwatch:

Ruth brought in an article to share with the SLRWC: Gary Arant, *Local View: Steelhead Trout in Area Rivers Laughable Idea~Planet of the Fish?* The North County Times, September 6,2009. This article references the latest National Marine Fisheries Service *Draft Southern California Steelhead Plan*, and questions the practicality of reintroducing a fish into this watershed during an already overtaxed San Diego County in this time of drought.

Riverwatch was approached for some help with local information on the topic of Liberty Quarry. The public comment period for the Liberty Quarry EIR ends November 26th. Ruth stated that she feels that Liberty Quarry has many, many opponents.

NRDC has joined the fight against the Gregory Canyon Landfill, bringing all their legal and scientific expertise to the table. There are some issues with the National Permit from the Army Corps which Gregory Canyon Limited Incorporated is currently trying to obtain for their bridge. More information will be brought to the council at a later meeting.

Scott Norris ~ County of San Diego:

Nothing new to report

Cynthia Mallett ~ City of Oceanside:

Oceanside has sent a letter of opposition in for public comment on the National Marine Fisheries Service's Steelhead Plan; they brought up concerns that there are no assurances outlined in the plan that the water use needed for steelhead re-introduction would not impact water quantity and water resources to this watershed.

Heidi Brow ~ Pala Band of Mission Indians:

Pala held a tire collection event, which was open to the entire county—not just tribal members, on August 24-29. This event was made possible by funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and collected almost 1500 tires. Pala will be holding more of these tire collection events, so check back for more information.

John Beresford ~ La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians:

The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians has been working to expand their Recycling Center by obtaining certification as a Recycler/Collection Point. They are only open to local residents now, but may open it up to the general population at a later time. They are currently located at the La Jolla Tribal Center; open Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Tuesday.

La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians has just finished and received approval (from the Bureau of Reclamation) for their Drought Contingency Plan. There have been some drought issues on the Reservation and the water level is dropping in some areas. They are beginning to hold meetings to implement the plan, and are working on water conservation brochures.

Ron Miller ~ Fallbrook Community Planning Group (FCPG):

The Fallbrook Community Planning Group has been working to oppose the proposed Liberty Quarry, and has sent in an opposition letter. This project is mostly in Riverside County, but a small portion of it falls within San Diego County. The FCPG has suggested that the entrance/exit to the site be enlarged, if the project does go through.

The FCPG is working on comments for 3 different Draft EIR's for the 3 P's Project in the corner of 15&76 (Meadowood, Pardee, and Palomar College). They have some unanswered questions about where the source of water for these sites is going to come from. It should be noted that schools do not need to go through the local planning groups; they do however submit their plans for review to the State & County planning departments. La Jolla Band of Mission Indians has been meeting with Palomar College & Meadowood/Pardee to review the preservation of all cultural artifacts found onsite.

Vic Pankey ~ San Luis Rey Municipal Water District (SLRMWD):

The SLRMWD submitted a public comment letter against the Steelhead re-introduction into the SLR Watershed.

The SLRMWD has been reviewing Meadowood & Pardee's EIR's, as it affects water use for the surrounding areas. Their water will probably come from Rainbow MWD (they might require a net zero impact to have this passed), but it is still a question as to where they will get the water from. The EIR does not specify the planned water source for the projects or what the sewer/sewage plans are.

Paul Dorey ~ Vista Irrigation District:

Paul attended the 8/25 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Meeting in Carlsbad, on the draft *Southern California Steelhead Recovery Plan* that NMFS just put out for public review. NMFS just extended the public comment period to November 19th, due to overwhelming requests by the public for an extension. The Upper San Luis Rey Watershed Authority, by consensus agreement, has decided to join the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority's argument against introducing steelhead into the San Luis Rey Watershed; they will be combining efforts by utilizing the same attorneys/scientists. It was strongly recommended by NMFS to identify all impacts (including economic impacts, amount of water use, well sites, etc) to water users if this plan goes in without any changes, in public comments. This type of information might help NMFS change SLR Watershed from Priority #1 to #2.

Paul will be attending the Biannual Groundwater Conference in Sacramento next week.

• **(Item 9) Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

2009 Meetings:

October 26, 2009 ~ Annual Meeting!!

November 23, 2009

December 28, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for Distribution,

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Heidi Brow
Secretary, San Luis Rey Watershed Council

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Chairperson
San Luis Rey Watershed Council