

San Luis Rey Watershed Council

Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2003

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the September 22, 2003 and October 27, 2003 meeting minutes were distributed via email, post mail and available in hard copy at the meeting. It was noted that the October 27, 2003 meeting minutes had the word "watershed" spelled incorrectly in two locations. A motion was made by Ken Peterson and seconded by Scott Murray to approve both sets of meeting minutes, with the typos corrected in the October minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS SPEAKERS

Thomas Porter from the California Department of Forestry was scheduled to speak but was not in attendance due to the demands from the recent fires in San Diego County. Cynthia Mallett will request him to speak at a future meeting.

UPDATES, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

San Luis Rey "State of the Watershed" Tour

The tour was held on November 20, 2003 with 22 people in attendance. Participants commented that the tour was very informative and the tour stops were excellent. More time could have been spent at each of the sites but the Watershed Coordinator kept the group moving in order to stay on time. Lunch was excellent at Pala Terrace Buffet, which was partially underwritten by the Pala Band of Mission Indians, EPA Department.

Cleanup Event on San Luis Rey River – December 6, 2003

The San Luis Rey Watershed Council is sponsoring a cleanup event on Saturday December 6, 2003 from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm in conjunction with the City of Oceanside. Three staging sites are scheduled for the event: Old River Road and Little Gopher Canyon Road, Highway 76 and Holly Lane and Highway 76 and Old 395. Watershed Council members pointed out that there were couches under the Old Bonsall Bridge T-shirts will be provided to all volunteers who participate. The Watershed Council is seeking donations to cover costs of the cleanup, including bags, gloves, refreshments, and t-shirts.

Ruth Harber reported that RiverWatch is trying to develop a coalition of nationally recognized groups to campaign against the Gregory Canyon Landfill. She requested a presentation to the Watershed Council at the December meeting by a Gregory Canyon Landfill opponent and was requesting to get the Watershed Council to take a collective stand against the landfill. Comments were made suggesting that instead of taking a collective stand that watershed council member agencies provide landfill criticism individually. This would provide an opportunity for more individuals to become more informed about the landfill and its affect on the San Luis Rey River. Some member agencies have already sent letters addressing the Environmental Impact Report and the Benefits Analysis Report. Because the December 22, 2003 meeting of the Watershed Council may be cancelled, it was decided that the speaker attend the January 2004 meeting to ensure that more Watershed Council members are present.

SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL BROCHURE

The final printed version of the San Luis Rey Watershed Council brochure was distributed at the meeting and was provided to participants of the watershed tour. More copies are available if members want to distribute them to other watershed stakeholders.

NORTH COUNTY WATERSHED POSTER

The North County Storm Water Agencies worked together, along with the San Luis Rey Watershed Council and the Carlsbad Watershed Network, to produce a poster of northern San Diego County coastal watersheds. The poster is available for purchase for \$10. Contact Cynthia Mallett if you would like to purchase a poster.

GRANTS AWARDED

The Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District was awarded \$96,129 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board through the Farm and Ranch cleanup and Abatement program. This money will be used to remove illegally dumped trash along Lilac Road and install barriers to deter future dumping. Work on the project will begin in 2004.

GRANTS SUBMITTED

Department of Conservation, Watershed Coordinator Grant Program – A grant was submitted to the Department of Conservation to fund the Watershed Coordinator position for three years. The total requested \$188,893. The DOC will provide award notification in February 2004, and if awarded, contract agreements would be completed in April 2004.

OTHER NEWS TO REPORT

Tony Arand with Envirepel, a local company producing environmentally friendly synthetic agricultural and consumer use pesticide products, is seeking political and community support for a renewable energy production facility proposed to be located in the San Luis Rey Watershed. A firm has been hired to complete an engineering study, which is Phase 1 of the project. This study, which is scheduled to be complete in March 2004, will provide an overview of the money needed to build and operate the system, the siting of the facility and the need, if any, for an environmental impact report. Possible sites for the facility are on the south side of Highway 76 and the San Luis Rey River, just east of Pankey Road or behind the Rainbow Municipal Water District office on Old Highway 395. It is estimated that 100 trucks per day would transport “green waste” to the facility.

George Wilkins reported that the Weather Service may be willing to donate telemetry equipment for forecasting but there is a need to install stream gauges. Maintain gauging stations is relatively expensive and costs approximately \$18,000 per year.

CHANGE OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the San Luis Rey Watershed Council is December 22, 2003. It was moved by Jesse Hutchings and seconded by Margarett Morgan to cancel the December meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2004 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Fallbrook Public Utility District Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Tony ArandEnvirepel
Christine BrochardCounty of San Diego, Multiple Species Conservation Program
Paul Christensen.....Rainbow Municipal Water District

Jose Espino.....Pala resident
Ruth Harber.....North County Coalition
Jesse Hutchings.....Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District
Kimberly LamkeNorth County Times
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