

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 11/26/2007**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:05 pm
- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 11/26/07:**

John Beresford	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Henry Contreras	San Luis Rey Band of Indians
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Ruth Harber	River Watch
Cynthia Mallett	Bonsall Sponsor Group
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Todd Snyder	County of San Diego, Dept. Planning/Land Use

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

The minutes from 08/27/07 & 9/24/07 were approved with a few minor spelling changes. [Cynthia motioned; Ruth seconded; and it was approved unanimously]

- **(Item 4) Presentation—CA Dept. Fish & Game: Steelhead Watershed Assessment Report**

- This presentation has been postponed until the 01/28/2008 SLR Watershed Council Meeting.

- **(Item 5) SLRWC Nonprofit Formation: Draft By-Laws - Review/Discuss/Vote:**

Membership & Voting Structure:

- It had been discussed that despite the Council Voting to pass Option #1 (one-class membership structure) at the 8/27/07 Meeting, there was some confusion as to whether the articles underneath each column. The Watershed Council discussed at length the structure that would work the best for them, choosing items from both sides of the list. An update of this list (**see attached document: Membership & Voting Structure**), based on the discussion from 11/26/07, will be sent out to the entire council, to be discussed and voted on at the December 17th meeting. Based on this pending structure, a draft set of By-Laws will also be presented to the entire council for discussion and or vote at the December 17th meeting.
- There should also be some further discussion on procedures for Membership to over-ride Board decisions, in an effort to have a checks and balancing system in place. For instance: all Board decisions should be noticed in the meeting minutes; if membership wishes to over-ride the decision, then it must be done by the next board meeting.

Draft By-Laws

- An updated version of the Draft By-Laws will be sent out for review by the Watershed Council to be discussed and a possible voting item at the December 17 meeting. These By-Laws will be updated to reflect the changes made to the membership & voting structure.

General Concerns:

- Some current members will not want to or be able to pay a Membership Fee (applies to other nonprofit members or smaller organizations). It was also brought up that In Kind Services would be accepted in lieu of monetary payment.
- The number of Board Directors (9) is sometimes larger than the amount of people currently attending the SLR Watershed Council Meetings: will we be able to fill all of these slots? It is the Watershed Council's hope to bring up meeting attendance once nonprofit status has been obtained, and we are able to go after grant funding (projects) directly (possibly hiring a Watershed Coordinator to facilitate the organization). Once the nonprofit papers have been filed, the Council would like to see more presentations that would be pertinent to Watershed Members.

- There was discussion on having a larger stakeholder group meeting to discuss the nonprofit membership, voting rights and general by-laws....in order to obtain a better idea of what all of the watershed council members would like to see happen. However, it was also brought up that many items on the topic have been sent out for review & comment, with no responses from any members (outside of the general meetings). **These items (Nonprofit Status, By-Laws, Membership and Voting Rights) will be discussed and voted on at the December 17th Meeting—so if you have any comments/questions/input, please attend the meeting.**

Board Member nominating process – *this discussion is postponed until 12/17/07*

Nonprofit paperwork submittal plan/timeline – *this discussion is postponed until 12/17/07*

Additional Information: Attorney to Represent Group under Nonprofit Papers:

Jack Griffiths found an attorney who would be willing to represent the group if need be. In order to obtain approval for the Nonprofit Status, we must have an attorney sign the Statement for Information document/section in the By-Laws. Cynthia took the attorney's contact information; she will follow-up with the attorney on the matter.

• **(Item 6) Attendee Reports & News:**

- There were no formal attendee reports this month; the Watershed Council informally discussed how each group made it through the wildfires last month.

• **(Item 7) Upcoming Meeting Dates/Facilitators:**

December 17, 2008—SLR Watershed Council Meeting: Facilitator Needed

January 28, 2008—SLR Watershed Council Meeting: Facilitator Needed

February 25, 2008—SLR Watershed Council Meeting: Facilitator Needed

March 24, 2008—SLR Watershed Council Meeting: Facilitator Needed