

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 11/27/2006**

- **Call to Order:** 1:05 pm by Cynthia Mallett.

- **List of Attendees present on 11/27/06:**

Anne Burdick	Mission Resource Conservation District
Paul Campo	Vista Irrigation District
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Cynthia Mallett	Bonsall Community Sponsor Group
Lynn Schwaebe	City of Oceanside
Vic Smothers	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
John Beresford	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Karen Tucker	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
Wallace Tucker	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS

- **Approval of Minutes:**

--The minutes of October 23, 2006 were approved; the motion was put forward by Paul Campo, and seconded by Jack Griffiths.

- **Attendee's News:**

Jack Griffiths:

-- Rainbow Municipal Water District will be coming forward with litigation that cannot be formally discussed at this time. Also, two potential board members include George McMannigle and Roy Petty. Jack will also serve as the Liaison to LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission).

Paul Campo:

-- Board member Linden Brazell retired from the VID Board. There is an upcoming conference in Georgia for hydrologic and flood monitoring.

Anne Burdick:

--An Agriculture Waiver Workshop is scheduled for January 2007 in Oceanside. This workshop will gather reps from the State Water Resources Control Board and the agriculture community to discuss what can be done to reduce pollutants coming from agricultural operations. Vic Smothers will serve as the liaison from the Watershed Council to keep the group apprised of discussion and decisions.

--Illegal dumping continues along Via Puerto Del Sol; Mallett will send a link to the CIWMB that provides funding to remove illegally dumped debris from agriculturally zoned properties.

Vic Smothers:

--The Natural Resources Conservation Service assists growers and animal operations in implementing BMP's to address runoff issues. There is a planned staff cutback in the future for the NRCS.

George Wilkins:

--The National Weather Service will hold winter weather workshops for agencies associated with flooding. An overview of the current NOAA forecast will be held on December 12 at 9:00 AM at the San Diego County Emergency Operation Center.

Lynn Schwaebe:

--The Army Corps of Engineers is planning a San Luis Rey River cleanup project. A public meeting on this topic is scheduled for November 30, 2006 at the Oceanside public library. The first phase of this project is scheduled to begin in September 2007.

Rob Roy:

A wetlands program manager has been hired, Valerie Ackley. The tribe is starting a waste tire cleanup project with funding from the CA Integrated Waste Management Board. There will also be a three week period for residents to drop off electronic waste such as computers, TV's and VCR's. A hazardous waste cleanup event will be coordinated in the near future as well as a community cleanup event. The California Bioassessment Workgroup will be holding a workshop in Davis on November 28 and 29 at UC Davis.

Wallace Tucker:

--The Fallbrook Land Conservancy has two projects in the works. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is coordinating the removal of invasive plant species on the Engel Preserve and the Bonsall Preserve. Both areas will be rehabilitated with native plants.

- **Grant Opportunities**

--Proposition 84: This ballot initiative passed in November 2006 with approximately \$23 million targeted for San Diego County.

- **California Department of Fish and Game Watershed Tour**

--The goal of this tour was to conduct an initial assessment on the feasibility of re-introducing steelhead trout to the San Luis Rey River. The San Luis Rey Watershed is more rural and could be a viable restoration project for the trout. DFG is also looking at San Mateo Creek located at the border of Orange and San Diego counties.

Four representatives with the CA DFG as well as seven others from the Watershed Council started the tour in Oceanside and traveled east to Lake Henshaw. One of the main concerns is the lack of enough water flow between Gregory Canyon and Pauma Valley caused by dry spells and water diversion. DFG has addressed the "lack of water flow" issue in the past by purchasing water rights and allowing the water to flow into the stream. Also, as the agricultural community begins to implement BMP's to address runoff issues, there will be less water input from these land uses.

The DFG was also looking for obstructions such as dense plant growth/vegetation and the need to have 50-60 gallons/min within the channelized areas of the river. The fish start migrating upstream in Dec/Jan/Feb. Other concerns are the possibility of water contamination and what restrictions could be placed on property owners and their current uses if a fish restoration project is implemented. Also stream flow and hydrology could be a limiting factor and the water rights on the river are very contentious right now.

There are native trout populations in Pauma Creek that are genetically related to ocean steelhead trout, not the fish that have been historically stocked on Palomar Mountain. There is no more fish stocking in Doan Pond on Palomar Mountain. Paul Campo stated that there has been fish stocking in the main stem of the river below Lake Henshaw. There may be a need for a fish ladder in the Pauma Creek area to assist fish to migrate upstream.

DFG will review the information gathered during the tour and give a presentation to the Watershed Council of their assessment in 2007.

- **Facilitator assignments for 2007**

--George Wilkins is willing to facilitate for the first quarter in 2007. Jack Griffiths has volunteered for the 2nd Quarter and Anne Burdick has volunteered for the 3rd quarter.

- **Future Speakers**

--San Luis Rey River Park: Cynthia will identify potential speaker

--Lagoon Monitoring : Lynn Schwaebe will identify a speaker for this topic, possibly Cynthia Gorham --Test from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- **Development in watershed**

--There is approximately 11,000 residential homes proposed between Interstate 15 and the Pala Indian Reservation. One limitation is the need for a water district to provide water to these homes.

- **Non-profit formation**

--It was suggested that the members in attendance at the meeting conduct an informal vote to see if there is interest in forming a non-profit organization that addresses the issues of concern for the San Luis Rey Watershed. This organization would then be able to directly apply for grants instead of using one of the member agencies, as it has in the past. All in attendance voted yes. John Beresford stated he would be willing get an outline regarding non-profit formation.

- **Meeting Length**

--There has been a concern that the Watershed Council meetings take too long. The Fallbrook Revitalization group limits their meetings to one hour. It was suggested the Watershed Council limit the meeting to 1.5 hours, because reducing from two hours to just one hour may not be feasible right away. The agenda could become an itemized minute agenda.

- **Water Quality Data Sharing**

--There is significant water quality data that is collected regularly and historically within the SLR watershed. Agencies that collect this data are concerned about sharing the data because of possible retribution and consequences. It was stated that the Watershed Council may want to develop their own monitoring plan in order to gather baseline data. With all of the land use development projects proposed in the watershed it is vital that there be baseline data to determine any future contamination problems.

- **NEXT MEETING---January 22, 2007 at 1:00.**
--December 25 meeting cancelled