

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES: 12/22/2008**

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

- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 12/22/08:**

Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District
Cynthia Mallett	Bonsall Community Sponsor Group
David Allen	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Scott Norris	County of San Diego
Tom Bond	Sierra Club

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

Paul Dorey made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/27/2008 and 11/24/2008 with one minor change; Heidi Brow seconded the motion. The motion to approve was passed unanimously by the SLR Watershed Council.

- **(Item 4) Nonprofit Paperwork Status:**

The SLR Watershed Council workgroup has drafted the San Luis Rey Watershed Council Articles of Incorporation, for approval by the council and submittal to the Secretary of State. Paul Dorey made a motion of approve the Articles of Incorporation, and submit them to the Secretary of State for approval. Rob Roy seconded the motion; the SLR Watershed Council unanimously approved the Articles of Incorporation to be filed.

Cynthia Mallett will send in our Articles of Incorporation (& 3 copies) to the Secretary of State, asking them to file our Articles. There is a \$30 fee, which Cynthia will pay for out of pocket, to be reimbursed by the SLR Watershed Council at a later date. If our Articles of Incorporation are approved of by the Secretary of State, the SLR Watershed Council will receive 2 certified copies of our Articles back within 30 days. This will complete the first step on the road to becoming a non-profit organization, establishing the SLR Watershed Council as a Corporation.

The next step, after the Article of Incorporation has been certified, will be to submit paperwork requesting our organization be given non-profit status. The SLR Watershed Council By-Law Workgroup will meet 1/9/2009 to discuss the next steps in the application process, to fill out the remaining paperwork, and the protocols in how we will be setting up nominations for board members. A full report will be given at the January SLRWC Meeting.

- **(Item 5) News and Reports From Attendee's:**

**Heidi Brow ~ Pala Band of Mission Indians:**

Riparian Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) Assessment Training: Heidi attending this training up in Bishop, CA, along with members of the La Jolla Environmental department. This training was very useful, and the SLR Watershed Council may want to look into hosting a similar training session within

our own watershed. PFC evaluates riparian health through a holistic assessment of the vegetation, water, and landscape/soil of a water body. It utilizes an interdisciplinary team of specialists in local hydrology, biology/botany, and geology, as well as local stakeholders. It helps everyone involved, from local stakeholders to specialists, to share a common goal and a shared vocabulary for the riparian health of their watershed.

PFC is a qualitative method for assessing the condition of riparian-wetland areas. PFC describes both the assessment process and the on-the ground condition of a riparian-wetland area. PFC evaluates how well the physical processes are functioning through use of a checklist. This approach is a component of the Creeks and Communities strategy, which is based on the goal of bringing communities of people together to use a common vocabulary and understanding to evaluate the health and restoration needs of riparian-wetland areas. This is a more holistic approach to assessing riparian health; it does not replace water quality data, however it does complement it.

For more information:

<http://www.mountainvisions.com/Aurora/pfc.html>

<ftp://ftp.blm.gov/pub/nstc/techrefs/Final%20TR%201737-9.pdf>

*Scott Norris ~ County of San Diego:*

Scott has offered to bring in some County maps of the San Luis Rey Watershed in for our meetings, to give us reference points when we discuss our watershed.

Project Clean Water Website ~ the County is currently maintaining this site, although some of the information is slightly out of date. The County is currently working on updating all of the information on the site, including all information from local Watershed Council Meetings (ie: meeting minutes, articles of incorporation, by-laws after they get approved). Scott said the website should be entirely up to date by January 2009.

The US Army Corp is looking to buy Conservation Lands/Easements and other Mitigation Properties that they could use as part of their flood control program in Oceanside. They held an Adaptive Habitat Management Plan (AHMP) to discuss the possibility of finding some land ~ preferably between the Ocean and I-15, but they would be willing to go east of I-15 if need be. Currently, the County and US Army Corp are updating the watershed floodplain maps.

*Rob Roy ~ La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians:*

During the 2007 Poomacha Fire, La Jolla lost 39 homes; as of this meeting, 33 of them have been rebuilt. The BIA and the BAER Team have developed the Poomacha Early Warning System, which consists of a number of new stream and rainfall gages along the upper San Luis Rey Watershed, between La Jolla and Pala. These gages relay data to the San Diego County's Flood Warning System, which is a real-time program that sends out alarms to county emergency personnel when rainfall or stream levels indicate the possibility of flooding.

La Jolla has started an air monitoring program, where they will be monitoring PM2.5 and possibly indoor air radon/mold. Pala Band of Mission Indians has been assisting them with monitoring PM2.5 over the last year, and now La Jolla has received grant funding of their own to begin monitoring.

*Paul Dorey ~ Vista Irrigation District:*

Joe Jewell has left Vista Irrigation District; Vista Irrigation District has set their representatives as Paul Dorey and Angela Morrow.

The County has contacted Don Smith (VID), expressing interest to include Henshaw (river run) in an East-West Corridor for their MSCP (Multiple Species Conservation Plan). They would start around Parker Valley; VID might be able to get a closed pipe water transport through this deal.

The Bureau of Reclamation has contacted VID about the usage of Lake Henshaw for long-term storage of reclaimed water from Temecula, as they move the water out to the desert (Borrego). They need an interim basin to store some of the water, and they cannot send it into the river. This would add 10's of 1000's acre/feet to the lake.

David Allen ~ Fallbrook Land Conservancy:

Rosemary's Mountain Quarry has hired Tracer Engineering to conduct PM2.5 & PM10 air quality monitoring at the site.

Monserate Mountain: this is one of the conservation easements managed by the Fallbrook Land Conservancy. It is located in back of Rosemary's Mountain. The Conservancy has just finished installing fencing around the site.

Tom Bond ~ Sierra Club/ San Gorgonio Chapter: The Sierra Club has filed a letter with the SLR Watershed Council to allow Tom Bond to vote for them during SLRWC Meetings.

Tom reports that Bob Halstead completed a benthic macroinvertebrate study on Pauma Creek, which found the creek to be in excellent condition. Bob also did a study on Valley Center Creek by Weaver Mountain.

The Sunrise Power Link (power lines) has been approved to take the southern route. It will be coming through the I-15 corridor (not Anza), and will have towers approximately 300' high. SDG&E doesn't generate their own energy; instead they obtain energy from other areas/states to sell power here in San Diego. Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) gets shipped to power plants in northern Baja, where this Sunrise Power Link would help link those power plants all the way up to LA.

• **(6) Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

2009 Meetings:

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**General Meeting Discussions and/or Questions:**

- **San Diego County General Plan** ~ is being finalized right now; this plan is updated every 3 years. This plan is currently open to public comment, to be finalized in February 2009. This would be an excellent topic for the SLR Watershed Council to get involved in, by lending their input on plans for this watershed, in the form of comment letters.
- **Discussion: San Luis Rey Watershed Council WEBSITE** ~ the SLR WC discussed the possibility of developing a website for the council. We could begin with a simple site, upon which

we could build over time. It is relatively inexpensive to buy your own website domain (\$30 upfront fee; \$40 fee/year); Rob Roy has volunteered to do a basic website as La Jolla's in kind services to the Watershed Council. Additionally, there are other internet mediums which might be worthwhile to explore (in order to reach a larger audience within the watershed), such as: Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo! Groups.

- **Envirepel Energy Inc. ~ Biomass Incinerating Plant:** Questions have been raised regarding the status of the proposed biomass-incineration plant, Envirepel, which is slated to go on the Pankey land just east of I-15. The facility takes greenwaste, sludges, and plastics to burn them, thus creating electricity. Has anyone heard of any updates, permitting, community meetings regarding the information?  
<http://www.envirepel.com/> (*Envirepel Energy Inc. Company Website*)  
[http://www.zoominfo.com/people/Arand\\_Anthony\\_-543968.aspx](http://www.zoominfo.com/people/Arand_Anthony_-543968.aspx) (*info on Owner*)
- **Proposed Housing along the 15-76 Corridor:** Originally, there were up to 8000 new houses/condos proposed for development along the 15-76 Corridor. Now, that number has dropped down to around 1800 (possibly), although the SLR Watershed Council would like some additional information.
- **Proposed Sub-Committees for SLRWC?** There has been some discussion about setting up some sub-committees on various topics pertinent to our Watershed. We could have some sub-committees whose purpose is to keep up-to-date information on subjects, which they could then report back to the SLR Watershed Council on. Here are some preliminary ideas for topics:
  - Water Budget for the 15-76 Corridor;
  - Development of a position paper asking for the County's position on: Housing Projects; bio-incineration; cumulative effect of various activities/projects on the Watershed.