

Sacramento Area Creeks Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 20, 2010

1. **Call to order, (6:35) review agenda:** Present were Alta Tura, Peter Tucker, Chad Rinde, Darlene Eaton, Betty Cooper, Jane Steele, Bill Templin.

2. Minutes from previous meeting: approved with correction.

3. Treasurer's report: Chad – Some expenses due from the Arcade Creek grant for October have been paid but we haven't been reimbursed for them yet. We are expecting revenues from Creek Week soon. Chad's goal for tax returns is to finish them by the end of February. Jane said we have to file a report to the Secretary of State. There was some discussion of how we might streamline paperwork in the future.

3. Old Business

a) Newsletter: Scheduled a mailing party for Jan. 4. Jane, Alta, Del, Darlene maybe, Bill maybe, Sarah. For next newsletter, article deadline is Feb 15. It will be a 4-pager, sent with the Creek Week brochure. Focus will be Creek Week and our new Adopt-a-Creek volunteer program.

b) SRCSD permit renewal: The permit was approved and SRCSD plans to appeal the permit. Alta feels they will figure it out and we needn't get involved, since there is a lot of technology that we don't know about.

e) Next Creek Week meeting will be 1/13 at 7:30 am.

d) Subcommittee reports: In the next few months we need to set up structure for our committees.

-Water quality monitoring: Bill reported that he met with Anne Littlejohn (in charge of database on Central Valley monitoring sites) and Mary Tappel. They have a volunteer from UC Davis for entering more monitoring sites. Mary Tappel is involved with other databases. There are three databases that can be tapped for information about the Central Valley, they all track different things. They hope to combine some of the data for information about specific creeks and to show where monitoring is needed.

-Website: Peter reported that Janette is reviewing the Creek Week website. Peter and Alta worked on a design brief which they have given to Janette to use in deciding what work will need to be done. Peter has also sent her a video that was taken of Mesa Verde High School students at Creek Week.

- Arcade Creek Invasive Plant Removal Grant: Frank has finished the removal and all that is left is a bit of herbicide application. The funding request has been submitted and we are waiting for the money to come in. There was approximately 8 tons of arundo removed by the team.

- South Sac HCP is in limbo and negotiations are going on between land owners and the agencies.

- Habitat 2020 – a subcommittee is being formed on water issues chaired by Janis Heple as a volunteer. Bill is interested in joining the subcommittee if the meeting time doesn't conflict.

- Hydromodification Management Plan – Alta met with the group and made a list of their concerns which they will take to the city and county people a week from tomorrow. They will push to do more for Arcade Creek, especially groundwater recharge function and requirements for redevelopment projects.

No New Business

Working Session: Adopt-a-creek, 7 – 8

Jane has done some work but none of the other folks who said they would do some work were at the meeting. Everyone that read what Jane got from the Oakland chapter thought it was a pretty good model. *Why you should care* was the first thrust of the material, then how *you can get involved*. Darlene met with the volunteer coordinator at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and thinks that once the program is fleshed out a bit, we can decide on specific tasks for volunteers and that will help with recruiting. Alta thinks that Frank can be helpful in deciding which creek sites are most in need and what needs to be done. She also reported for Frank that he thinks that a group who wants to work on a particular creek should have some kind of reporting form to be submitted quarterly. Jane is now taking the lead on this project. Alta would like us to put together a dip kit for the Adopt-a-Creek volunteers, smaller ones for family-sized groups with some guidelines or activities. We have extra pond guides. It would need to be regularly checked and inventoried, etc. We will decide on more details after the rest of the program is developed and would probably best be overseen by Bonnie. We could provide garbage bags and some equipment, and we could have a list or kit for people.

Next meeting will be January 24th. Jane feels that we will be able to continue meeting at the Hamilton St. office.

Adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted by Betty Cooper, Secretary