

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, January 23, 2012
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order, Review agenda & minutes (6:35)

Introductions: Sean Philippart has worked primarily on water quality issues with DWR.

2. Approve minutes from December 19 meeting: approved as submitted

3. Treasurer's report: none submitted, Chad is out of town. In place of treasurer's report, Alta suggested that we create another budget for expenses other than just Creek Week. A draft will be submitted by email; other expenses include newsletter, memberships, website maintenance, office, postage, outreach; income would include grants (mostly for Creek Week) or administrative, donations/memberships. Other grant possibilities were discussed.

4. Old Business & Committee Reports 6:45– 7:15

- a) Newsletter – 64 address corrections have come in from the last newsletter mailing. Constant Contact Report on 12-19 e-mailing: 1,000 electronic newsletters sent successfully, 270 were opened, 44 clicked on it.
- b) Creek Week – Next meeting Thursday, February 2nd at 7:30 am. The Smith family is unable to run Junk & Gunk this year. Other potential people were suggested. The brochure will have a new look!
- c) \$2,000 Weed Management Area Steelhead Creek Project & Arundo Removal Project along San Juan Creek – Frank Wallace: There will be another round of spraying in the spring, but the arundo removal project on San Juan creek probably is not going to happen; one of the biggest clumps was located on the property of the school that was closed. AmeriCorp requires a one year contract.
- d) Mesa Verde High School creek trail – Alta unable to attend last week's community meeting so no update is available on the City's efforts to get the trail through.
- e) South Sacramento HCP update – Enviro are meeting with applicants to identify areas of comfort and to work through issues with the agencies. Applicants are also meeting with the development and agricultural stakeholder representatives. High level meetings will continue in February.
- f) Dry Creek tributary in Antelope –Tree planting site for Antelope HS – Sarah did not report at this time.
- g) Proposed Wind Farm on Sacramento Regional Water Treatment Plant Bufferlands: A group letter was created by the environmental community and a return letter was received by the County. We have not heard when it will go before the board.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill not present.
http://ca.water.usgs.gov/sac_nawqa/Publications/ofr_2000-391/ecostreams.html has some Arcade Creek data collected 1996-98.
- Web site – Peter : last week Roman didn't know if he'll be able to finish the updates for Creek Week but Peter thinks he and Alta can finish and Peter will ask around about a replacement but its late in the game for Creek Week.

- Adopt-A-Creek – Bonnie, committee chair: no meetings have taken place and no comments have been received. She will resend for comments and have another meeting with Steve on February 1st, Wednesday, 6:30.

5. New Business 7:15 – 8:00

- Elect new Board of Directors - Meet Shaun Philippart Jane would like to be an advisor rather than a board member. Full slate is below. Bonnie moved that the slate be approved as presented, Peter seconded, approved.
- Arcade Creek – Randy Smith effort to deal with garbage and problems related to homeless along Arcade creek: Alta told him we had nothing in place to help with this problem. He was invited to meet with Bonnie and, and Randy is making calls to City and County officials.
- Rose Foundation Grant for environmental activities that benefit Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta & its watershed (from citizens' lawsuit settlement over SASD sewer overflows): district will pay \$350K for grants benefitting this watershed. This could help the Adopt-a-Creek program if someone on the committee wants to apply for it by checking on the Rose Foundation website.
- City of Citrus Heights got a grant for Stock Ranch Nature Preserve activities; could check for linkage with our activities/goals.
- Walk on the Wildside, Bonnie: planning kicked off today for May 19th event; they are looking to do something different.
- Bios from board members for website are requested; Alta will send a reminder request.
- Girl Scout event on April 28th, partnership with Eync?

6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30.

7. Adjournment (8:00)

SACRAMENTO AREA CREEKS COUNCIL BOARD SLATE

2012 Officers

President	Alta Tura
Vice President	Bill Templin
Secretary	Betty Cooper
Treasurer	Chad Rinde

2012 Directors

Eric Berntsen
 Steve Mayer
 Bonnie Ross
 Sarah Ross
 Peter Tucker
 Frank Wallace
 Shaun Philippart

Newsletter editor:

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Advisors and active volunteers:

Rick Bettis, P.E. (Water supply, bridges, flood control projects.)
Janis Heple (Toxics)
Dave Tamayo (Stormwater quality, best practices)
Bill Yeates, Esq. (Legal)
Scott Crosier (GIS)
Darlene Eaton (Education)
Christy Probst (Graphic artist)
Donna Davami (Mira Loma HS)
Ed Clark
Jane Steele (Past President)

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BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

*Attendance at monthly board meetings

*Participation in at least one existing program:

- Creek Week planning and execution
- Education/Outreach, i.e. Exhibit, Dipping Into Creeks in the Classroom
- Quarterly newsletter
- Commenting on development issues
- Watershed group participation and/or

*Participation in the planning and development of one new project or program:

- Adopt-a-Creek to facilitate regular volunteer cleanups of local waterways
- Stream restoration
- Fund raising
- Other

The purpose of the Sacramento Area Creeks Council is to encourage the preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance of natural streams in urban environments.