

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, October 15, 2012
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting call to order at 6:40

Present: Alta Tura, Ashely Rashedi, Bonnie Ross, Ed Clark, Joshua Abraham, Peter Tucker, Steve Mayer.

2. Approved minutes from September 17 meeting.

3. Treasurer's report \$37,870.37 balance. Alta reports about \$550 in recent checks written that have not yet reflected on our bank statement.

4. Old Business & Committee Reports 6:45 – 7:30

- a) Newsletter –Please submit newsletter items to Alta by October 31. Bonnie to do an insect article, Bill to do Orchard Park clean-up article. Alta will contribute one article about a timely creek issue. Submit e-newsletter items to Alta by November 16. Josh will follow-up to see if any outreach students are interested in writing an article, editing or otherwise helping with the newsletter. E-newsletter goes out every 2 months. Peter suggests an article about MLHS alumni that have gone on to have science careers.
- b) Creek Week – Next planning committee meeting will be Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 am. The first meeting was well-attended. We will investigate the possibility of adding clothing recycling to the e-waste and tire recycling at the Celebration. The Delta Conservancy will join us next year with at least 2 clean-up sites, so Creek Week will cover the Delta for the first time!
- c) Report on Sac Regional County Sanitation District/Sac Area Sewer District Rate & Fee Study – Alta. The Technical Review Committee will not meet for about 18 months as studies are done and smaller groups meet. The Board needs to select one concept alternative at their November meeting, so that staff can efficiently conduct the needed studies.
- d) Exhibit – Alta, Ed Clark, Sarah Ross and Mira Loma students manned our exhibit at the Nature Fest at Effie Yeaw Nature Center. The improved fishing game worked out well. 22 people added to our mailing list. Alta has since purchased additional trash and animals for the fishing game. The group decided to loan the Matching Game to Mira Loma. Josh took the game at the end of the meeting. MLHS will report on its usage.
- e) South Sacramento HCP update – Progress is being made with the agencies. Recent discussions have been about creek buffers and vernal pool preserve buffers.
- f) Dry Creek tributary in Antelope (Sierra Creek) – Reminder that Antelope HS students will conduct the tree planting grant-funded by USFWS and others on Friday, November 2 from 8 until noon. SACC board members are invited to participate on November 2. Ed suggests we notify the Antelope News and North Sac News.
- g) Report on the new Urban Creeks Coalition of California – Eric will attend the November 2 meeting of the group and report back to us in November.
- h) Mira Loma High School fall restoration planting near Arcade Creek at Norris Swale – October 28, 9:00.

- i) Roseville Road bridge replacement – Over 330 trees will be removed from this rich riparian area. Fish & Game seems ready to approve mitigation at the Sacramento River Ranch on the Feather River. No further info at this time.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill is absent
- Web site – Peter & Alta. The Creek Week web site still requires a content management functionality update. Peter has an inquiry in to Uptown Studios. Roman Ambroselli has expressed interest in re-engaging after the election. Peter is exploring other options through GoDaddy.
- Adopt-A-Creek – Bonnie, committee chair, is absent. Steve to report.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) A new concern on Arcade Creek in Del Paso Park – The board discussed the Haggin Oaks Background Report dated October 2009. This recently discovered report reminds us of the fragility of Del Paso Regional Park's natural areas. The board suggests we invite Parks Department rep to one of our board meetings to find out about the department's current plans how we might help.
- b) Cruise the Creek bike tour of Laguna Creek – The board agrees that SACC will provide light refreshments as an event co-sponsor with LCWC. Sunday, October 21 from 10 until noon. Bonnie is available to help with ecology interpretation at one of the stops.

6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:30.

7. Adjournment (8:10)