

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, December 16, 2013
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Alta at 6:35

Board members present: Alta Tura, Bill Templin, Bonnie Ross, Chad Rinde, Ed Clark, Peter Tucker, Sarah Ross Arrouzet

2. Minutes for October 21, 2013 and November 18 2013 were approved as corrected

3. Treasurer's report – No report for this month.

4. Old Business & Committee Reports 7:15 – 7:30

- a. Creek Week Report. Next planning meeting is December 19. Sponsor commitments for almost \$15,000 so far. Publicity committee will select art Wednesday evening at Carmichael Park. Creek Week 2014 theme will be "Focus on Creeks".
- b. Hydromodification Plan for Sacramento Region – No updates. Alta needs to call Gen!
- c. South Sacramento HCP update – HCP should be published in the Federal Register in May. Scoping meetings for EIR/EIS have begun. NOP is out. Plan is to release the environmental documents concurrently with the HCP in May. Concerns remain regarding the 2,000 acre area south of Elk Grove remaining available as preserve land.
- d. Friends of Dry Creek Parkway update – No update.
- e. Citrus Heights Creek Corridor Trail Project – Draft Feasibility Report is out. Alta commented extensively. Community Workshop January 14 from 6:00 until 8:00 at the Citrus Heights Community Center. Alta will attend. See <http://www.citrusheights.net/home/index.asp?page=1570>
- f. Antelope Sierra Creek restoration area update – To recognize their restoration work, Antelope High School will be the 2014 Creek Steward. Ed reports he estimates 65% of acorns planted are sprouted.
- g. Exhibit – Nothing to report
- h. Plan for recruiting new SACC president – Targeted search for new board members with a strategic message will be developed for use by the nominating committee. We need to review & prioritize our scope of work and consider what work might be jettisoned.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill
- Web site – Peter & Alta
- Regional Watershed Collaborative – Alta. DCC is developing a program. John Williams is under contract with DCC to help develop the collaborative pilot.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) Board Slate was accepted with one change – Chad will be a non-voting board member to avoid any potential conflict with his professional career. Alta and other board members will continue to contact prospective board members using the script as edited. Chad will contact Jenna. Sarah will contact Ruth. Alta will contact Creek Week committee

members plus a few others. Everyone will notify Alta of any communication with potential board members. They are welcome to attend and, if a good fit, can be voted onto the board at any time.

- b) Budget – Needs to be updated. Remove newsletter mailing expenses. Add \$5,000 for social media consultants. Discuss donations to partner local non-profits.
- c) Adopt-A-Creek – Citrus Heights proposed as a pilot. Upcoming creek tour with John Williams to help him get familiar with the CH creek system. John will attend the January 14 Citrus Heights public outreach workshop on the Creek Trails Project. John & Alta will make follow-up meetings with CH engineers, Sunrise Rec & Park District to float the Adopt A Creek concept.
We will explore tapping into local businesses for volunteers. Bill will contact Kohls, Ed will contact National Guard.
- d) SaveMart Cares grant with Delta Conservancy. Sarah 1, Bill 2 Approved 6-0, Chad abstains. SACC will be fiscal agent.
- e) Cornell Douglas Foundation grant with Delta Conservancy. Sarah 1, Bill 2 Approved 6-0, Chad abstains. SACC will be fiscal agent.

6. Next Board Meeting Date – January 27, 2014

7. Adjournment (8:00)