

**Sacramento Area Creeks Council**  
**June 17, 2013**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

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**1. Call to order 6:45**

Minutes from May 20 meeting not approved because there was no quorum

**2. Present:** Alta Tura, Bill Templin, Chad Rinde, Peter Tucker.

**3. Treasurer's report** – No report this month. Little activity. At least 2 Creek Week sponsor donations to come in soon. City of Sacramento confirms it will send \$2,500, SMUD will send \$750.

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

- a. Creek Week Report. Results report and photo summary are on creekweek.net website. Creek Week photos are available in albums on our Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/CreekWeek.Sac](http://www.facebook.com/CreekWeek.Sac) Alta will put together a scope of work for Creek Week planning.
- b. Hydromodification Plan for Sacramento Region update – SACC, Laguna Creek Watershed Council and Dry Creek Conservancy representatives will meet with Regional Board staff and permittee representatives on Thursday regarding the plan deficiencies.
- c. South Sacramento HCP update – New project manager, Bill Ziebron, is pushing on the accelerated schedule, mindful of urgency and deadlines. This is a good development.
- d. Friends of Dry Creek Parkway update – Alta. We now have a signed Adopt-A-Creek agreement. Sacramento County Parks has issued an encroachment permit to SACC to cover the group's activities in the Dry Creek Corridor. The leaders have been trained on red sesbania removal. Their first work session will be 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 23 at Hayer Park.
- e. Citrus Heights Creek Corridor Trail Project – See [www.facebook.com/CreekWeek.Sac](http://www.facebook.com/CreekWeek.Sac) album entitled Citrus Height Creek Corridor Trail Project for photos Alta took on the Field Trip Saturday, May 28.
- f. Antelope Sierra Creek restoration area update – Ed
- g. Cruise the Creek report - Saturday, June 2 from 10 to 12. 16 people attended. Alta & Bonnie helped. SACC, as a partner, provided liability coverage and refreshments. The outing was similar to last year's with Bonnie doing wetland invertebrate sampling and identification again. Because there was more water in the creek this time, she collected fewer animals. (They weren't all concentrated as in the fall.) Steve Scott from the Bufferlands did a talk on turtles and Mark Doty provided information on Elk Grove trails.
- h. Plan for recruiting new SACC president –Alta will send a Constant Contact newsletter inviting all on our mailing list to become more involved in SACC. Mailing list must be updated before the email newsletter goes out. Review & prioritize our scope of work and consider what work might be jettisoned. Board members additional duties. Consider hiring an executive director. Gregg Bates will be invited to a board meeting to discuss his idea of an umbrella watershed organization for all watershed groups in the region.

**Sub-committee reports:**

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill reports Holly Canada and Jenna VanPerys are doing outreach for WQ monitoring.
- Web site – Peter will explore streamlining the Creek Week volunteer process. He will start with an assessment of EventBrite.
- Adopt-A-Creek – Alta. No report this month.

**5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00**

- a) Lower Morrison Creek clean-up Saturday, September 21. The Delta Conservancy is organizing a clean-up as part of the Coastal Clean-up. They are partnering with Sacramento County parks and the Regional Plant. They can use up to 100 volunteers and would like our help recruiting. The group agreed that SACC can cover the cost for a port-a-potty. Since the Rose Foundation grant money was to be used for Creek Week expansion mostly in the Delta, SACC can help cover costs and loan equipment for fall clean-ups being run by Delta Conservancy and Laguna Creek watershed council.
- b) Board member resignation – Eric Berntsen is moving to eastern Washington state and has resigned from the board. We wish him all the best in his new position – stream restoration for a Native American (Kalispel?) tribe.

**6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, July 22****7. Adjournment (8:00)**