

**Sacramento Area Creeks Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 15, 2010**

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**1. Call to order at 6:47**

Present: Alta Tura, Peter Tucker, Lia Robertson, Bill Templin, Eric Berntsen, Steve Mayer, Bonnie Ross, Jane Steel, Betty Cooper  
Review agenda & minutes: Approved with corrections

**2. Treasurer's report** – Chad wasn't present but Alta reported that he is working on the issues previously stated at the last meeting and may have to go back to 2009. Current balance is \$9,498.03. In response to a question from Steve, Alta stated that Creek Week funds are mingled with other SACC monies to use as we see fit. There is still money in the UCC account for the projects run by Eva Butler and Frank Wallace, and once they are finished the account will be closed. Jane said she and Chad have spent a lot of time doing forms for IRS.

**3. Old Business 6:51 – 6:55**

- a) Newsletter – Lia asked if we would like to list volunteer tasks in the next newsletter, but Jane and Bonnie stated that we aren't ready yet. The next newsletter will be out before Creek Week so it can contain the Creek Week brochure. Steve will write a short article about what we are working on for the current newsletter. There may be a request for emails to be sent in to the UCC email account. As soon as Lia has Steve's article she can send the newsletter to the printer.

Lia has the expense graphic from Chad but it is for 2009 so it may appear to be old. However, that is the only complete and precise information we have available for now. A bit of explanation will be provided and we can do 2010 later next year.

- b) SRCSD permit renewal – No comment letter sent to Water Board from SACC
- c) Creek Week – Second planning meeting is November 18, 7:30 am
- d) Sub-committee reports:
- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill: Mary Tappel has been working on a graphic for display of the monitoring points. Mary will work on trying to get the data coordinated with other agencies.
  - Web site – Peter: We have a web designer who will work on our website and when she gets going we will be able to accept emails through the website. The new person, Janette Bowker, is a very accomplished photo journalist and has a great portfolio. A meeting with people from ARC has been scheduled for 9:30 Thursday morning, where Peter will outline the project, Janette and Roman Ambroselli (CMS expert) will be there as well as the advisor and they will work on ideas.
  - Arcade Creek Invasive Plant Removal Grant – Frank: not present due to fatigue from arundo removal project today. Alta said they will be working on red sesbania next and the work will be done by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**5. New Business 6:55 – 7:24**

- a) Schedule meeting to Review Sacramento Hydromodification Management Plan: The planners (from participating cities) would like to brief us and get feedback on what they are planning before the other public meetings. Eric is working with the group and gave us

a synopsis on how they are hoping to preserve stream channels using numerous methods. Eric, Bill, Alta, Steve (tentative), Jane and Bonnie will meet with them at the ACPR office on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. Working Session 7:24 to 8:17**

Review Adopt-A-Creek model from our *Dipping Into Creeks Curriculum* – Jane couldn't find our old materials but Alta came up with some information from other creek organizations' websites. None of them are run by volunteer organizations and one is strictly cleanup. Some do native plant restoration and water quality monitoring, signage, tool lending, etc. Alta noted that there is a Girl Scout badge, Stream Walker, for related activities and we could use those activities as a model for our program.

Identify existing SACC efforts that fit within the Adopt-A-Creek model: Jane will scan the Dipping into Creeks curriculum so it can be posted on our website for use with this program.

Identify existing volunteer partnerships (Scouts, Mira Loma HS, etc) and if/how they fit: Eric feels that the Girl Scout landscaping project would be a good match for the creek friendly gardening project.

Identify and prioritize the missing pieces: Jane suggested we form a subcommittee to create different activities that can be selected from by each adopting group. Bonnie felt that there needs to be education regarding the value and interconnectedness of riparian habitats. Steve suggested we use the newsletter mail list to link people with creek areas and request captains for specific creeks. Alta suggested our goal be to offer a stewardship opportunity to people who have already shown an interest in working on the creeks.

Jane suggested those who are interested gather more materials, work on them and discuss more at next meeting. Alta said the Girl Scout materials are available online. Steve suggested we set a timeline and try to roll something out by next newsletter, and that we each focus on the aspect that we are most interested in and then come back with a plan on how we can implement it. Steve said he would work on the organizational structure. Darlene wasn't present but has expressed an interest in volunteer organizing. Bonnie is interested in educating about riparian ecology. Bill is interested in water quality monitoring. Jane suggested that active stewardship like clean up and plant removal might be separate from educational activities like water monitoring and more formal studies. Here are the categories the group came up with:

Trash removal

Habitat restoration

Education

Creek studies: water monitoring, bioassessment

Special projects such as bank stabilization, streambed restoration (would have to follow as a result of creek studies)

This work will continue at the next meeting.

**6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, December 20, 6:30.**

**7. Adjournment 8:17**

**Respectfully submitted by Betty Cooper, 11/15/2010**