

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, February 27, 2012
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order (6:45): Present – Alta Tura, Chad Rinde, Bill Templin, Steve Mayer, Bonnie Ross, Betty Cooper
2. . Review agenda & minutes (6:45) - Minutes approved with correction to typo on first line.
3. Treasurer's report: Chad reported that we have numerous checks coming in for Creek Week and money for the Steelhead Creek Invasive Plant removal project; Chad is working on the tax returns.

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

- a) Newsletter – Next newsletter will be after Creek Week; possible May deadline; Bill suggested that CardnoEntrix do a report on the survey of Arcade Creek aquatic critters.
- b) Creek Week – Next meeting March 1 at 7:30 am. Links to the brochure, poster and art are on creekweek.net, Activities page. Mailing party is March 5th at 5:30. Site leaders for event day are needed. Clean-Up is Saturday, April 14.
- c) \$2,000 Weed Management Area Steelhead Creek Project & Arundo Removal Project along San Juan Creek – Final report submitted and a \$1992 check was received from the County. All but \$95 of this is due Frank for work already done.
- d) Walk On the Wild Side – We need volunteers to help with our exhibit there on Saturday, May 19 from 9:45 until 4:30. Betty will check on a joint effort with the Nature Center; Bonnie will check with CNPS.
- e) South Sacramento HCP update – Environmentalists are meeting with applicants, FWS, ACOE & EPA to work through vernal pool preservation issues within the Urban Policy Area. Good progress is being made. Although there is much left to do, impending agreement on the UPA preserves will be an important breakthrough. Alta feels that there is promise if FWS will compromise.
- f) Dry Creek tributary in Antelope –Tree planting site for Antelope HS – Sarah & Alta: The county has approved Sara's planting plan in principle, now work needs to be done to establish an MOU and a follow-up maintenance plan. Students will do outreach to neighbors for their approval. A grant may be needed to provide the follow-up maintenance.
- g) Proposed Wind Farm on Sacramento Regional Water Treatment Plant Bufferlands – The project is off the table. Alta represented SACC at the meeting.
- h) Stock Ranch Nature Area along Arcade Creek – Citrus Heights is looking for assistance in setting up a neighborhood group and schedule for stewardship of the area. This could be an opportunity for our Adopt-A-Creek group.
- i) Rose Foundation Grant for environmental activities that benefit Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta & its watershed (from citizens' lawsuit settlement over SASD sewer overflows). Alta could not find any information on their website and suggested others check.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill is working to keep track of what others are tracking and mapping; he will check to see if the Regional Water Board will have a map ready for Creek Week. Monitoring will be done at Creek Week dependent on people who have done it before and instructions that will be provided. Bill was not impressed with the World Water Monitoring kits. But it is mostly educational for the people who want to participate and see what SACC is paying attention to.
- Web site – Peter & Alta – We have a contract with Illumen Site Solutions so that we can get the Creek Week site back up on the website with Drupal, thereby saving our design and allowing Alta to make edits. However there have been a series of setbacks and Peter is working long and hard on trying to get it changed.
- Adopt-A-Creek – Bonnie, committee chair: The committee hasn't met yet. Alta will send contact info for a home school group that wants stewardship opportunities. Bonnie could do a stream survey as an educational activity later down the line. Bonnie and Steve will set up a new meeting date.

5. New Business 7:15 – 8:00

- a) Board of Directors news - Shaun Philippart is unable to serve on the board
- b) Budget - Budget Committee needed; we need a budget in order to apply for a Walmart grant and Alta has spent a lot of time on it already. Chad offered to put something together. After 5 years, we will have to provide budget information to the Secretary of State's office to maintain our non-profit status.
- c) Ann Riley of the Urban Creeks Council in Berkeley called Alta today and they having serious problems; the executive director has replaced the board and decimated the organization. They want to network with us again and do more advocacy. They hope to get Phil Stevens out of the ED position or perhaps start a new organization. They also want us to join them in some advocacy immediately with letter writing or Day at the Capitol events. Alta suggested we don't have a watershed cause to focus on and consider doing this next year. Bill suggested that pyrethroid use in lawn chemicals could be a focus because it affects creeks so much. He offered to make it a project for next year.
- d) Bill asked if folks read the vernal pool article in the Forum section of The Bee last Sunday.

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

7. Adjournment (7:50)