

**Sacramento Area Creeks Council**  
**Monday, June 18, 2012**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

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**1. Call to order, Review agenda & minutes (6:40)**

Present: Steve Mayer, Bonnie Ross, Bill Templin, Alta Tura. Guest: Sarah Somers

**2. Approve minutes:** Secretary is absent. No minutes from May 21 to approve.

**3. Treasurer's report:** Chad is absent. No treasurer's report.

**4. Old Business & Committee Reports 7:15– 8:00**

- a) Newsletter – Lia is finishing up. Mailing party most likely in early July. Alta has about 500 addresses to add to the list.
- b) Creek Week – Artwork for 2013 Art/Science mentoring grant. See draft flier and application. Comments needed asap, please. 20% of sponsor thank you letters have been emailed so far.
- c) Report on Sac Regional County Sanitation District/Sac Area Sewer District Rate & Fee Study – Alta reports that the Technical Review Committee last met in January. Meetings will resume in the fall. The SRCSD and SASD boards voted in March to continue development of rate and fee methodologies that will be fair and cover the cost of the new treatment plant. Alta has been representing the environmental community on the TRC. It will meet one more time in the fall. The TAC will be reconvened for Phase II after studies are completed. The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations on the methodology to be used to set rate and fees that are fair and reflect the cost of providing the service.
- d) Exhibit – Talk of coming up with another activity that is simple and portable – matching tracks to the animal? The group decided to work on updating the fishing game. Sarah Somers took the game and will shop for a new aquarium and other game pieces to update it. Thank you, Sarah!
- e) South Sacramento HCP update – Progress continues to be made. Most discussions are among the agencies and applicants at this point.
- f) Dry Creek tributary in Antelope – Alta reports on plans for the Tree planting site for Antelope HS. Partners include Dry Creek Conservancy and Tree Foundation. Final approvals being obtained for FWS grant and for County permission to do a fall planting.
- g) Rose Foundation Grant for environmental activities that benefit Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta & its watershed (from citizens' lawsuit settlement over SASD sewer overflows) – the grant pool is now shown on the Rose Foundation web site. We will not apply for a grant at this time. The money in this fund is finite, so we may miss the opportunity entirely by not acting now.

**Sub-committee reports:**

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill reports he has been in contact with Ann Littlejohn of DWR to get CEDEN, DWR and other data sources to show county-wide monitoring and clean-ups.
- Web site – Alta reports that Peter is working with Melissa on reengineering creekweek.net for Drupal. The process is more complicated than we expected but doable.

- Adopt-A-Creek – Steve and Bonnie will work on a plan. Neighborhood cleanup of Natomas Main Drain for Saturday, June 30 is on track. Bill will try to participate. Alta will send links for Adopt-A-Creek programs to Sarah S. and Bill.

#### **5. New Business**

- a) Aerojet Citizens Advisory Committee – FYI report on concerns about agency investigation and risk assessment of mutagens and carcinogens in soil, groundwater and volatile organic compounds in the air. How to best avoid risk to future construction workers, dwelling occupants, school children. Contaminants include TCE; 1, 4-dioxane; lead, chromium 6, and NDMA. Alta will forward the letter of concern to Steve, Bill & Bonnie.
- b) Constant Contact Consultant needed – Motion to approve spending up to \$300.00/year at \$40/hour or \$25 for 30 minute consultations as needed. Bill (1) Steve (2) Approved 4-0.

#### **6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, September 17, 2012 at 6:30.**

#### **7. Adjournment (8:00)**