

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, September 17, 2012
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:45, introductions, reviewed agenda & minutes.

Present: Steve Mayer, Chad Rinde, Sarah Ross, Bill Templin, Peter Tucker, Alta Tura.

Guests: Audrey Mathews and Ashley Rashedi from Mira Loma High School seniors doing outreach for Arcade Creek Project. Ashley works on elementary school and community outreach. Audrey has worked on grants.

2. Approved minutes from June 18 meeting & Sarah Ross assigned as secretary for tonight.

3. Treasurer's report – Chad reports a current balance of \$38,263.51. A recent \$25 donation will be reflected on the next report. Minimal activity is normal for this time of year. Clarified California Electronic Asset Recovery check for \$130 was payment to SACC for the e-waste collected at the Creek Week Celebration.

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

- a) Newsletter – Lia will continue as newsletter editor for the fall/winter issue to go out US mail late November/early December. By next year, we anticipate just the summer paper issue to report on Creek Week and everything else electronic. Lia is a good editor, but if we need someone local, Christy Probst may be able to recommend someone. Audrey and Ashley will see if any MLHS students are interested in copy writing or editing our newsletter. Alta will send them the summer newsletter in Microsoft Publisher. We will consult with Maureen at Constant Contact as needed for the e-newsletter which should be sent about every two months. Positive feedback on the e-newsletter sent 9-12. We are above the non-profit standard on opens and clicks. Alta will clean up the email addresses for the bounced emails. Some need corrections and others should be deleted. Please submit newsletter items to Alta by October 31. Submit e-newsletter items to Alta by November 16. (Bill will write an article about 6-30 Natomas Main Drain clean-up.)

- b) Creek Week – First planning committee meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 am. The flier and announcement for the Artwork for 2013 Art/Science mentoring grant was emailed to most Sacramento area school districts on August 14. One application has been received so far. <http://saccreeks.org/education/mini-grants/> Reminder that the art selection will not be a contest. The reward is up front with the grant for creek study and art supplies. Natomas School district received the grant flier a month late, so their application deadline is extended by one month.
We are considering tire recycling through Bridgestone for 2013. Alta is researching to find out what is the fate of the tires pulled out of the creeks. Each jurisdiction handles the tires differently. We want the tires to be handled responsibly and recycled in the US. We have not kept track of the total number of tires hauled out of the creeks each year. Alta estimates no more than 200 from the approximately 60 clean-up sites. Some jurisdictions, such as County Water Resources, are not interested in our help with tire recycling. Others, such as RD 1000, have expressed interest.

- c) Report on Sac Regional County Sanitation District/Sac Area Sewer District Rate & Fee Study – Alta reports the Technical Review Committee will meet Oct. 2. Alta is the sole environmental representative on this committee. Some activists in ECOS want a more assertive voice. Alta is working with them and the Sac Regional County Sanitation District and the Sac Area Sewer district to better bring their concerns into the process.

- d) Exhibit – Alta, Ed Clark and Bill will man our exhibit at the Nature Fest at Effie Yeaw Nature Center on Sunday, October 7. Sarah Ross may be able to help. The event is from 10 until 3. Mira Loma will be there. Perhaps they can set up next to us? Sarah Somers has purchased a new aquarium and some extra trash items for the fishing game. She is working on a creek bottom.
- e) South Sacramento HCP update – Progress is being made with the agencies. Recent discussions have been about creek buffers and vernal pool preserve buffers.
- f) Dry Creek tributary in Antelope (Sierra Creek) – The plan was approved by the County Board of Supervisors. Antelope HS students will conduct the tree planting grant-funded by USFWS on Friday, November 2 from 9:30 until noon. Dry Creek Conservancy is the lead. USFWS will be there to help. Sacramento Tree Foundation is providing a water tank. SACC has been a partner in the planning, but is not an “official” grant partner. We have been instrumental, however, in making the project a reality. SACC board members are invited to participate on November 2.
- g) Report on June 30 Natomas Main Drain clean-up at Orchard Park – Bill Templin participated. He reports the event was well attended and well organized. Lots of trash was pulled from the creek. RD 1000 removed a rusting drum and other debris too large for the volunteers to manage. Bill will write an article that we will run by Tanja Guerrero, the main neighborhood organizer. SACC cosponsored the clean-up. Alta attended an RD 1000 board meeting and made a brief presentation before getting their approval. The neighbors will participate in the Creek Week clean-up and hope to do fall clean-ups.
- h) Report on the new Urban Creeks Coalition of California – Eric will report in October
- i) Report on Low Impact Development strategy being developed as required by the Sacramento County MS4 permit. – Alta, Barbara Washburn of Laguna Creek Watershed Council and Gregg Bates of Dry Creek Conservancy met with the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership regarding Low Impact Development standards they are developing. A letter was written with our reaction and concerns. We gave positive feedback on the proposed strategy and expressed some specific concerns. The proposed strategy would require every development of 1 acre impervious surface to attain 100 points through project design and regional features that reduce, capture or reuse stormwater runoff. We will continue participation in this process. It is important that the credits given for the various measures accurately reflect how they contribute to mimicking pre-development hydrology. One of our concerns is that credit for landscaped areas is too high because soil compaction and grading lessen permeability and direct stormwater to the street.
- j) Roseville Road bridge replacement – Over 330 trees will be removed from this rich riparian area. Fish & Game seems ready to approve mitigation at the Sacramento River Ranch on the Feather River. Bill would like to be involved with SACC participation. Sarah suggests many of the trees may be along the road, not on creek banks. Alta reports that the environmental document spoke only to the possible removal of less than 10 heritage oaks. All mitigation was to be on-site or adjacent. Since learning of the increased scope of the project impact and off site mitigation, Alta has expressed concern to Fish & Game and the City. Tim Vendlinski has also voiced objections. The massive tree removal and new mitigation plan being considered by Fish & game does not match with the

environmental document. The staff report is such a big file, it can't be accessed from the City's agenda.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill reports Sacramento County has a web site with monitoring locations. Interest in identifying monitoring sites is building. Portals – Water Safe, Regional Water Quality Report, CDEN, SWAMP. Bill would like robust data reporting on the Mira Loma HS Arcade Creek Project web site that we could show a link to. Other board members agree. We have suggested this before. Alta to contact Molly Enloe to establish a link for water quality data from McClellan's creeks on saccreeks.org.
- McClellan Creeks – Steve Mayer reports on the clean-up of 3,300 feet of Magpie Creek. Vandals deflated a coffer dam and flooded the site. The water was confined to the site by a downstream dam.
- Web site – Peter has resumed contact with contractor about content management for the creekweek.net web site. Ruben has been brought in to help. Should be ready in a few weeks. Peter reports our web site hosted by GoDaddy was down one afternoon. They have refunded one month's fee for the inconvenience caused. Alta reports that she is making updates to saccreeks.org and the Facebook page.
- Adopt-A-Creek – Bonnie, committee chair, is absent. Steve reports the committee has not met recently. He is reviewing mailing list information that Alta provided to help target a pilot area. Alta suggests Del Paso Regional Park is in dire need of adopting. City Parks is unable to maintain Renfree Field because of the continual vandalism to restrooms, power and lighting. Mira Loma has a presence here already with studies and now the native plantings scheduled for Norris Swale.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) Request for donation to Laguna Creek Watershed Council. Dry Creek Conservancy is donating \$300. The filing fee is \$800. – Motion by Sarah (Bill seconds) to donate \$400 to help pay for refiling for non-profit status. Approved 5-0 with Alta abstaining.
 - b) SACC co-sponsor Cruise the Creek bike tour of Laguna Creek – Motion by Steve (Chad seconds) SACC to be a partner with LCWC for this event. Approved 6-0. The bike tour will be Sunday, October 21 from 10 until noon. Alta has helped to plan the tour and will serve as a docent at some of the stops. See draft flier.
- Mira Loma High School fall restoration planting near Arcade Creek at Norris Swale – Students and other volunteers removed invasive plants here for Creek Week 2012. Field meeting Thursday, September 27 at 3:15 at the Norris Swale near the overlook for the stormwater treatment wetland (Norris Ave. and Auburn Blvd. intersection. The actual restoration event (date TBD for October). Tim Vendlinski will be joined by Dr. Robert Leidy from US EPA. Cindy Suchanek is inviting a plant expert from Cornflower Farms. Prior to meeting at the creek, Dr. Leidy and Tim will meet with the students and teachers on the campus at MLHS from 2:00 - 3:00.

6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:30.

7. Adjournment (8:00)

e-newsletter 48 hour report

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Bounces	255
Spam	3
Opt Out	7
Opens	498
Clicks	109
Forwards	0
Social Shares	0