

**Sacramento Area Creeks Council**  
**Monday, January 28, 2013**  
**Board of Directors' Minutes**

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**1. Call to order at 6:35**

Present: Alta Tura, Bill Templin, Bonnie Ross, Ed Clark, Eric Berntsen, Peter Tucker, Steve Mayer. Mira Loma students: Ashley Rashedi, Jenner Wells.

**2. Minutes from November 19 meeting approved**

**3. Treasurer's report - Chad is absent, but provides a report. Available cash balance of \$56,999.51.**

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

- a) Newsletter – December newsletter sent US mail. Out of 2,550 sent, 125 address corrections - will be processed by Delta Conservancy intern. E-newsletter follow up to be sent as soon as Creek Week website is adequately updated with 2013 basic info. Will notify that Creek Week registration begins in March.
- b) Creek Week – Next planning committee meeting will be Thursday, February 14 at 7:30 am. Grant of \$3,000 received from Rose Foundation to pay for CW expansion into the Delta. Thanks to Susan Roberts for putting the grant application together.
- c) Report on Hydromodification Plan for Sacramento Region – Alta & Eric. The plan has not yet been presented to the Regional Water Board for approval. Gen Sparks is the new staff person assigned. She is working to get it before the board in April. She is interviewing stakeholders to try to get up to speed and prioritize stakeholder issues. She has spoken with Alta, Barbara Washburn of Laguna Creek Watershed Council and Gregg Bates of Dry Creek Conservancy. She has also spoken to Eric in his capacity at the State Water Board. The plan has many flaws. We have prioritized our concerns to the exemption of projects 20 acres or less and to the lack of effectiveness monitoring. Eric reports that the plan is very flawed and there may be more effective strategies we could employ to get HMP policies and practices in place. There may be an opportunity with the MS4 permit renewal process that will be starting up later this year with the new permit to go into effect 2013 through 2018. Interested SACC board members are invited to attend a strategy session sometime in February.
- d) American River Parkway Foundation Master Calendar – Alta, Bonnie and Peter report that the meetings have been very helpful, especially the networking with similar organizations and the Social Media workshops focusing on Facebook effectiveness. Stacy of ARPF arranged the meetings through an REI grant. The grant has ended and Stacy is no long with ARPF, so it is doubtful we will continue.
- e) South Sacramento HCP update – Progress is being made with the agencies. Foot-dragging seems to be coming from a couple of the applicants.
- f) Exhibit – Alta & Ed will man the exhibit for Girl Scout Volunteer Fair on March 2 from 10 until 1. We should have Creek Week brochures by then.
- g) Report on the new Urban Creeks Coalition of California – Eric reports. The group decided on calling itself Urban Streams Alliance. 501c3 status through Earth Island Institute. Logo and mission statement are being developed. The core group met in December. The focus will be proactive on statewide issues and promote legislation. Dennis Bowker is leading the group for now. Ann Riley held a December fund-raiser. They are currently based in the Bay Area, but may end up in Sacramento. Eric represents us and will continue to report back to us.
- h) Friends of Dry Creek Parkway – Report on this group's first meeting, future plans and how we will collaborate with and support this new effort. Alta reports the group's first event will be a red sesbania workshop and removal effort on April 13. Gregg Bates is

also participating. We will provide liability protection and support the group as needed. Next meeting will be 2-14 at noon at Rio Linda/Elverta Rec & Park District office.

- i) Arcade Creek pipe bridge replacement – Ed & Alta. The grant application has been submitted and can be viewed at [www.acrpd.com](http://www.acrpd.com) under Grants/Project Updates in the left hand column on home page. The proposed bridge is about 200 feet long and 10 feet wide. Location behind American River College between Garfield and Winding Way.
- j) Sacramento County Creek Map update – Steve & Peter. Steve has been working with Lance Ablang (base maps) of Sacramento County Water Resources and Sue Boelke (GIS) at McClellan to create maps that show the creeks with a ZIP code overlay. The Delta was not included. Focus on north of Elk Grove Blvd. The idea is that we can work from the mailing list to sort possible Adopt-a-Creek participants by their zip code and match them up with local creeks in that zip code. We can also work this with the County's Stormwater channel maintenance efforts so we cover needed areas of creeks and avoid areas adequately addressed by the Counties routine efforts. We can zoom in for greater detail as needed. As we assign teams to cover specific stretches of the creeks, we can add shading to reflect sections that are covered and remaining to be covered by Adopt-a-Creek teams. This will allow visitors to our site to see where we have need of new Adopt-a-Creek teams. Tasks assigned: Peter will meet Sue Boelke at McClellan to exchange information and brainstorm mapping needs and possibilities. Steve will invite Lance in the County stormwater group to attend our next board meeting. Alta will send waiver to adapt for Adopt A Creek volunteers. Bill volunteers to be a team leader for Arcade Creek between Garfield and Winding Way. The sub-group will hold a meeting to work on procedures and forms to be presented to the board at our next meeting.

#### **Sub-committee reports:**

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill suggests we show monitoring sites on the creek map being developed for Adopt A Creek. Gages also.
- Web site – Peter is updating Creek Week site. Will be ready soon. Waiting for some final info.
- Adopt-A-Creek – Bonnie & Steve. See item j above.

#### **5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00**

- a) Present Slate for 2013 Board. Approved 8-0. (Steve 1, Peter 2)
- b) Approve organizational budget. Approved 8-0 (Ed 1, Bonnie 2) – Discussion included the need for a budget with grant applications. Living document. Future discussions: ECOS donation, how to better deal with confusion caused by Creek Week budget and time overlaps.
- c) Should SACC become an ECOS member? – Will discuss in February.
- d) SAFCA/Southgate Rec & Park grant request for Florin Creek Multi-Use Basin – Alta reports on the grant application and our letter of support. Alta will send the project info to Bonnie.

#### **6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:30.**

#### **7. Adjournment 8:10**