

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, February 15, 2013
Board of Directors' Minutes

1. Call to order at 6:45

Present: Alta Tura, Bill Templin, Bonnie Ross, Chad Rinde, Ed Clark, Sarah Ross, Steve Mayer.
ARC student: Oscar Paz

2. Minutes from January 28 meeting approved

3. Treasurer's report - Available cash balance of \$58,907.38. Chad advises that we transfer all PayPal money to our checking account in order to better track donations. He will enter the PayPal handling fee for each transaction as individual expenditures on the treasurer's report.

4. Old Business & Committee Reports 7:00 – 7:30

- a) Creek Week – Mailing party March 5 at Hamilton Street or Alta's house. Bookmarks are printed. Sarah will be in charge of checking in site leader boxes at the Celebration. Bonnie will take pictures at creek sites and at the Celebration. \$500 to \$1,000 will be awarded to ARC/ECOS Club for Creek Steward Award. Splash Off will be at Rio Linda community Center.
- b) South Sacramento HCP update – Progress is being made with the agencies. Agency meetings, which were to have concluded in March, are now being proposed to stretch into December.
- c) Exhibit – Ed & Alta will do Girl Scout community service networking event 4-22. No takers for North Laguna Creek Wetlands event on April 27. Bonnie & Sarah will relieve Alta at Walk on the Wildside May 18.
- d) Friends of Dry Creek Parkway – We need to develop a red sesbania removal protocol for the group to follow. Formal Adopt A Creek procedures and forms need to be developed. Next meeting will be 2-14 at noon at Rio Linda/Elverta Rec & Park District office.
- e) Sacramento County Creek Map update – Steve & Peter continue to work on this. Peter met with Sue Boelke at McClellan to exchange information and brainstorm mapping needs and possibilities. She is using Google Earth to see if she can get something workable.
- f) Del Paso Regional Park – Alta will meet with Tim Vendlinski, Aimee Rutledge and Maryde Beauvieres to tour the natural area and discuss management alternatives for the area.
- g) Antelope restoration area on Sierra Creek – Ed reports all is well here. No vandalism & trees seem to be doing fine. He did some minor clean-up after the last big storm.

Sub-committee reports:

- Adopt-A-Creek – Oscar reports on his efforts to clean a section of Arcade Creek. Laptop presentation of photos taken on his most recent visit & clean-up of this 30+ foot stretch near Del Paso Blvd and South Ave (by lite rail station & native garden). Lots of trash under the Lite Rail bridge. Lots of homeless castoffs from the homeless upstream. Oscar knows not to disturb occupied camps. Many thanks to Oscar for tackling this area on his own. He has been going out on Friday or Sunday mornings for one or two hours and hauling away the trash he pulls out. We ask that he not work alone. We will formalize our Adopt A Creek procedures and forms so that Oscar can be an official Adopt A Creek group. SACC will help with notifying the City of Oscar's clean-ups and arrange for hauling of large items pulled from the creek. Oscar will recruit volunteers to help here for the April 13 clean-up. Oscar was loaned one SACC grabber (#6), a water quality kit (#6) and a Creek Clean-Up banner (#2) and given garbage bags. SACC will mail Adopt

A Creek forms to Oscar within 2 weeks. Oscar will call Bonnie at least 24 hours ahead of time when he plans to do clean-up.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) Establishment of Adopt A Creek Program – We will model after the Roseville Adopt A Creek and modify based on our volunteer experiences and the nature of Sacramento County's creek system

6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:30.

7. Adjournment 8:10