

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, March 18 2013
Board of Directors' Minutes

1. Call to order at 7:00

Present: Alta Tura, Bill Templin, Bonnie Ross, Mayer. ARC student: Oscar Paz

2. Minutes from February 15 meeting approved

3. Treasurer's report – No report. Chad is out of town.

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

- a) Creek Week Splash Off work party April 3 at Hamilton Street. 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.
- b) Creek Week site leaders needed – Steve confirmed he will be McClellan site leader as Fern Matin is no longer with McClellan. Bonnie will check with soil Born Farms for possible Rancho Cordova site leader at Dawes canal. Bill will check with Water Board employees.
- c) Hydromodification Plan for Sacramento Region update – The new plan has been circulated by the Water Board. Steve will check with the Water Board for more information on procedures for making comments at board hearings. So far we have made several comments at stakeholder meetings, commented by email and phone to staff.
- d) South Sacramento HCP update – Nothing new to report.
- e) 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.
- f) Urban Streams Alliance update – Eric. Eric not here to report.
- g) Friends of Dry Creek Parkway – Formal Adopt A Creek procedures and forms were developed by Alta using Roseville Adopt-A-Creek as a model. Alta met with Fof DCP 2-14. They wish to be a pilot Adopt-A-Creek group (starting with red sesbania removal) for SACC and are willing to sign the draft agreement presented to them on 2-14. The board made some suggestions which will be incorporated in the forms for F of DCP. Alta will continue the process with them.
- h) Sacramento County Creek Map update – No progress to report.
- i) Del Paso Regional Park – Alta toured the natural area with Tim Vendlinski, Aimee Rutledge and Mary de Beauvieres. Management alternatives for the area were discussed. City Parks is unable to protect the area and do more than minimal management. All agree the natural area will most likely be lost to development if it stays under City ownership and management. Sac Valley Conservancy does not have the resources to take over management of the area. It is a very difficult site to manage. An endowment fund would need to be raised in order to attract a conservancy to manage the area.
- j) Antelope restoration area on Sierra Creek – Trees need watering. Gregg Bates will try to get a water truck out there for April 13. He is coordinating with Katie Cantrell, Antelope teacher who will provide the student volunteers.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Monitoring – Nothing to report
- Web site – Peter & Alta. Nothing to report.
- Adopt-A-Creek – Alta will finalize the forms and follow-up with Friends of Dry Creek Parkway.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) Establishment of Adopt A Creek Program – Done
- b) Jo smith Bridge – Negative Declaration from the County. Unanimous vote in favor of supporting the project.
- c) ECOS donation – Unanimous vote to send ECOS a donation of up to \$500

6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, April 15 2013 at 6:30.

7. Adjournment 8:10