

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, January 27, 2014
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Alta at 6:40

Board members present: Alta Tura, Bill Templin, Chad Rinde, Peter Tucker, Steve Mayer
Guest: Gregg Bates

2. Minutes for December 16, 2013 were approved

3. Treasurer's report – Chad reviewed the report. More PayPal donations are coming in. On a \$3,500 donation, \$77.30 was lost to the PayPal fee. We may want to encourage larger donors to write checks.

4. Old Business & Committee Reports 7:15 – 7:30

- a. Creek Week Report. Next planning meeting is February 20. Sponsor commitments for almost \$35,000 so far. Steve and Bill will be site leaders. Chad will be out of town on the day of the clean-up.
- b. Hydromodification Plan for Sacramento Region – No updates. Alta needs to call Gen!
- c. South Sacramento HCP update – Agencies and environmental reps continue to meet.
- d. Friends of Dry Creek Parkway update – Community meeting was held in January with about 25 attending to see a power point of nature photos by Sharon King.
- e. Citrus Heights Creek Corridor Trail Project – Alta & Gregg attended Community Workshop January 14. Alta will attend final Advisory Group meeting Wednesday, Jan 29 from 6 to 8. See <http://www.citrusheights.net/home/index.asp?page=1570>
- f. Antelope Sierra Creek restoration area update – Gregg reports that the trees seem to be doing well. He will check to see if they need water.
- g. Exhibit – No interest in Girl Scout Community Expo in Elk Grove on Saturday, March 29 from 11:20 to 3:00. Walk on the Wild side is Saturday, May 17 from 9:30 to 4. Alta could use help manning the exhibit that day.
- h. Plan for recruiting new SACC president – Targeted search for new board members with a strategic message will be used by board members throughout the year. We need to review & prioritize our scope of work and consider what work might be jettisoned.
- i. Adopt-A-Creek – A regional Adopt-a-Creek program is the initial program of the regional collaborative being organized. Citrus Heights is proposed as a pilot for the Sacramento County portion of the region. Alta took John and Gregg on a creek tour of Citrus Heights to assess possible areas for adoption by local groups. Alta & Gregg attended the January 14 Citrus Heights public outreach workshop on the Creek Trails Project and spoke with Dave Mitchell of Sunrise P&R and Chris Fallbeck, City Engineer, about possible partnership on creek restoration. We are working to set up meetings with both. DCC has hired John Williams to coordinate Adopt-A-Creek in the region. In addition to Citrus Heights, Rocklin, Loomis and Lincoln are interested in Adopt A Creek. An administrative process is being worked out that will probably go through the cities. The Cities will put Adopt A Creek on their websites. John will offer to help recruit

adopters. John also has the field knowledge to put projects together. It is hoped that related activities can be provided – free for now – but will need to charge if the Cities want continued service. A regional adopt a creek web page will be needed soon.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill is checking into what is needed to get Kohl's grant. He needs to start with finding 6 Kohl's employee volunteers. Cardno Entrix employees will do some water sampling and monitoring as part of the Creek Week field trip at Arcade Creek, April 5. Lee Ann Salerno from Girl Scouts will assign Creek Week volunteers to water quality monitoring sites for April 12 upon request.
- Web site – Peter reports some testing for EventBrite volunteer registration. On track.
- Regional Watershed Collaborative – Discussion item. Gregg reports: SACC, Dry Creek Conservancy and LCWC will be the initial organizations of the new collaborative. Gregg asks for feedback on the Power Point outline he has put together. The idea is to present to groups at informal lunches to introduce the idea of this regional collaborative and ask for support as clients or partners. Gregg says the planning committee (Gregg, John Williams, David Baker, Chris Bowles, and Kevin Mather) will continue to meet and coordinate with the regional partners to refine the plan. We need to select a name for the group and work out a memo of understanding between our organizations.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) Board election - Board Slate approved 8-0 (Bonnie, Sarah and Ed by proxy, Chad non-voting)
- b) Budget – Chad prepared a draft budget based on the previous year and budget decisions the group has made for the next year. The budget was approved with a \$1,000.00 increase in the budgeted T-shirt expenses.
- c) Adopt-A-Creek – Citrus Heights proposed as a pilot. Upcoming creek tour with John Williams to help him get familiar with the CH creek system. John will attend the January 14 Citrus Heights public outreach workshop on the Creek Trails Project. John & Alta will make follow-up meetings with CH engineers, Sunrise Rec & Park District to float the Adopt A Creek concept.
We will explore tapping into local businesses for volunteers. Bill will contact Kohls, Ed will contact National Guard.

6. Next Board Meeting Date – February 24, 2014

7. Adjournment (7:50)