

San Luis Rey Watershed Council
**Meeting Minutes for
February 28, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by acting facilitator Scott Murray.

Introduction of New Member: Kelly Harper from the County of San Diego Watershed Planning introduced herself as the new representative from that Department replacing Christine Brochard.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Margarett Morgan, seconded by John Beresford the minutes of the January 18th meeting were approved.

New Business:

Mo Lahsaie, the Clean Water Coordinator for the City of Oceanside gave the Council an annual report on the San Luis Rey Watershed Urban Runoff Management Plan (WURMP). The WURMP was created to address the need to manage pollutants entering the River and surrounding water bodies from urban runoff to qualify for a stormwater permit. The management plan identifies tasks related to urban runoff that all jurisdictions in the San Luis Rey Watershed are committed to implementing in order to improve water quality. The WURMP is part of the municipal permit and only focuses on runoff aspects. The City of Oceanside is the lead agency for this plan and the final report was submitted January 30th.

The City of Oceanside teams with the County to formulate this runoff plan. The City of Oceanside is responsible up to the Bonsall Bridge and the County up to Lake Henshaw. The County monitors water quality quarterly and the City of Oceanside monthly. This process will continue for one more year and then an application will be submitted to reissue the permit for another five years. In the future, the Regional Water Quality Control Board is considering issuing permits watershed by watershed. It takes a lot of time and effort to keep up with the permit and most likely the next 5 year permit will be issued on a watershed basis. This permit will likely ask for more watershed work than jurisdictional issues. This will require an emphasis on education throughout the watershed. One of the major issues addressed by the stormwater permit is illegal dumping and trash prevention. Oceanside sponsors river cleanups 4 times a year and the Council should be supporting cleanups all year long. Also, Lahsaie suggested that water quality data can be shared throughout the watershed.

Mo Lahsaie also reported on the pollution caused by erosion during recent rains. FEMA has asked the City of Oceanside to tally damage from what is thought to be a 50 year storm and at least at 25 year storm. It was found that the best management practices for Agriculture failed because in many cases detention basins were undersized and not maintained. A lot of mud made it to the river. Construction activity in Morro Hills also added to the sediment problem because

they were not prepared for the rain and were subsequently fined by the Regional Board.

Scott Murray asked if in the next 5 years there was going to be more emphasis on the watershed approach and less on a jurisdictional approach, what is going to change? Lahsaie said that TMDLs are being proposed for more watersheds and so watersheds are being given 10 years to bring pollutants within prescribed limits. TMDLs, or total maximum daily loads, are being prepared for every pollutant including trash so stakeholders will have to use the best available technology and programs to reduce pollutant levels.

Old Business:

1. Watershed Priorities Update: Margarett Morgan indicated that she still needed time to finish polling voting members and will return results to the next meeting.

2. Council discussion on next step resolution/action regarding actions to inhibit illegal dumping in the SLR Watersheds:

- a) Request the County to help cover insurance for community cleanups in order to encourage more to occur.
- b) Request the County Work with trash haulers to provide some uniformity of services concerning large item disposal (differs by Community)
- c) Work with the County to improve the availability of household Hazardous waste disposal facilities and events.

- d) The Council should help develop and encourage better education on the sources of water pollution.

Reports and announcements:

Margarett Morgan reported on the fire service consolidations for San Diego County. If there is money available for this consolidation, there will still be portions of the county not serviced. North County is looking at their own reorganization and consolidation.

John McPhee reminded the Council that a watershed priority should include monitoring Gregory Canyon. The Council should insist that the MWD aqueduct be relocated before the dump is in service. There are also issues on the affects of changing soil.

Carolyn Major informed the Council that the Passerelle Development on the old Hewlett Packard property could introduce 3000 homes to the watershed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

