

San Luis Rey Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes for
March 28, 2005

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

Introduction of New Member: Ruth Harber introduced Dana Andrews as the new Vice President of RiverWatch. Mr. Andrews will replace Joyce Ward as a voting member of RiverWatch on the San Luis Rey Watershed Council.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Paul Campo, seconded by John Beresford the minutes of the February 28th meeting were approved.

New Business:

James Tudor presented The Fallbrook Fair Plan's position on the development of the Pala Mesa Valley at the I-15 and Highway 76. Fallbrook Fair Plan is not a "no growth" entity, Mr. Tudor stressed, but rather its goal is to support the right of the landowners to develop their lands according to the 1984 General Plan and zoning ordinances. Fallbrook Fair Plan is against any "up zoning" that is in the proposed 20/20 General Plan Amendment. The land in question is owned by three different entities; Pasarelle LLC, Pardee Homes, and John Pappas. An example of a 160-acre parcel was used to illustrate the differences between the existing zoning ordinances and the proposed zoning ordinances. The existing 1984 General Plan would allow for approximately 46 housing units to be built on 160 acres parcel, while the proposed General Plan amendment would allow between 1,400 to 2,200 housing units on the same area of land. Ultimately, the proposed 20/20 Plan would allow approximately 2,500 housing units to be built on the land at the I-15 and Highway 76. Pardee has stated that it would like to have houses for sale in 2009. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors will vote on the up zoning issues in May 2005 and the Fallbrook Fair Plan urged interested people to join its efforts or contact the Board of Supervisors to make their opinions known.

Keith Lewinger, General Manager of the Fallbrook Public Utility District and a Director on the San Diego County Water Authority Board, discussed the Water Authority's position on the Gregory Canyon landfill. Officially, the Water Authority Board has no position, but Mr. Lewinger and other Directors oppose it. Gregory Canyon, Ltd. must file an encroachment permit application to the Water Authority, as the Water Authority has 5 water pipelines (aqueducts) running through the southwestern portion of the proposed landfill site. The soil from this portion of the site will be "borrowed" to cover the landfill on a regular basis. The aqueduct would be exposed. The WA has sole discretion on the easements for the pipelines. Once Gregory Canyon, Ltd. applies for an encroachment permit, most of the Board of Directors plan on insisting that the pipelines must be relocated to preserve the aqueducts' integrity. Gregory Canyon, Ltd. would be responsible for the cost of relocating the pipelines as well as acquiring the land

on which to move them. Gregory Canyon, Ltd. would also need to purchase land for a 6th pipeline, as one is already in the works. Barry Martin, an Oceanside Director on the WA Board, brought up the issue that Oceanside was looking at areas west of the I-15 as possible places to store water. These reservoirs would be very close to the Gregory Canyon landfill and could be contaminated if/when the landfill liners ever failed.

A tangent discussion ensued of a proposed desalinization plant on the coast and the costs and benefits of the plant versus building another pipeline. The desalinization plant may be approved by the end of the year. The 6th pipeline, which is already under construction, will be necessary in the future, but could be forgone for a few years, as the desalinization plant, which would have an unlimited supply of water (sea water) to desalinize, could provide water to the area.

Old Business:

1. Watershed Priorities Update: Margarette Morgan was not present at this meeting and it was agreed that she will present her report on Watershed Priorities and any changes in the priorities at the next meeting she attends.

2. Council discussion on North County Rural Trash Plan:

- a) A set of addresses and phone numbers should be included in the outreach material for 3c (communication).
- b) Local haulers (such as the Fallbrook Refuse Service, Inc.) may agree to distribute public outreach materials.
- c) The possibility of local tire shops becoming more involved with tire recycling was discussed.

Reports and announcements:

Ruth Harber asked if there had been a response from Supervisor Horn's office regarding the letter the Council sent requesting funds for a watershed coordinator position. Scott Murray said that the Council was still working on building a profile with the Supervisor's office.

The next meeting date was set for April 25, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.