

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 04/23/2007**

- **Call to Order:** 1:00 pm by George Wilkins.
- **List of Attendees present on 4/23/07:**

Anne Burdick	Mission Resource Conservation District
Paul Campo	Vista Irrigation District
Leslie Cleveland	US Bureau of Reclamation
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Greg Krzys	US Bureau of Reclamation
Cynthia Mallett	City of Oceanside; Bonsall Sponsor Group
Vic Smothers	USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS

- **(Item 3) Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from 02/26/07 and the minutes from 03/23/07 were both approved, without any requested changes.

- **(Item 4) Attendee Reports & News:**

Leslie Cleveland (US Bureau of Reclamation): On 05/05/07, Temecula will hold their 5th annual Community Water Festival at Diamond Valley Reservoir. On 5/12/07, the Splash Festival will be held in Corona. These events focus on water conservation, with a water education/outreach component.

Greg Krzys (US Bureau of Reclamation): Greg is the new Water Resources Director for the US Bureau of Reclamation. He has worked for the City of San Diego & the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve in the past.

Cynthia Mallett (City of Oceanside, Bonsall Community Sponsor Group): The Bonsall Community Sponsor Group has been working on the proposed Hwy 76 Expansion; the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project is due out in May 2007, and will be available for public comment. The City of Oceanside was recommended for a Source Bacteria ID Grant for the mouth of the San Luis Rey River (total: \$650,000). This grant would attempt to identify the source (ie: birds, mammals, humans) of the bacteria at the mouth of the SLR River, through the use of DNA.

Heidi Brow (Pala Band of Mission Indians—EPA): Pala Band of Mission Indians is planning on building a transfer station on the Reservation by the end of the year. This transfer station (tentatively) will be open to the public/surrounding community (for a fee), 7 days a week, and will accept recycling, household hazardous waste and other trash. More information will follow at a later date.

Anne Burdick (Mission RCD; Keep Fallbrook Clean): Mission RCD has been working on Arundo (invasive plant species) Removal, and other watershed preservation projects. 'Keep Fallbrook Clean' has installed several battery recycling drop-off points (ie: Fallbrook Library, Joe's Hardware & Major Market); these drop-off containers will accept regular & 9 volt batteries, and cell phones. Additionally, Keep Fallbrook Clean has received a \$15,000 grant to offer vouchers for old fridges/couches/etc.; they are also looking into starting a fluorescent bulb recycling program.

Vic Smothers (NRCS): The NRCS has been offering a lot of cultural training for their employees lately. There is also a push to preserve ag. lands, and an increase in funding opportunities for the Farm/Ranch Land Protection Program, which sets land aside for conservation easements (ie: Tierra Miguel in Pauma). Some requirements to obtain this funding are: class 1/2/3 land & land should be close to the river bottom; additional information is available @ <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp.html>

Jack Griffiths (Rainbow MWD): Rainbow MWD has been working on comments to the 'Master Plan for Water & Wastewater & Recycled Water—Draft PEIR for the San Luis Rey Municipal Water District' (came out 03/2007; comments due 04/30/2007). There were many issues that Rainbow MWD had with this plan.

George Wilkins (Pacific REMS): There is a stakeholder meeting 4/26/07 on the Executive Order, passed by the RWQCB, regarding the newly required 12-14 months of intensive monitoring of San Diego county lagoons. The RWQCB will use the data gathered from these required, non-county funded, monitoring programs to develop TMDL models for all San Diego Watersheds (these will lead to violations, if areas do not meet the water quality standards in San Diego's Basin Plan).

For those who want to be considered for Prop 50 & 84 grant funding, there is a final call for projects by 5/9/07; to be considered for this funding, your organization's project must be incorporated into the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)—a county-wide approach to managing water resources. Project ideas for the SLR Watershed Council to put in: to monitor water quality in SLR River & develop a baseline database (maybe we could get future grant matches from the US Bureau of Reclamation.

- **(Item 5) SLRWC Nonprofit Formation – Discussion and Planning Session:**

Leslie Cleveland (US Bureau of Reclamation) recommended that the SLR WC get in touch with Pat Boldt (coordinator of San Jacinto Watershed Council--SJWC) regarding this topic; she received a \$500,000 grant from Prop 50 funds to set up the SJ Watershed Council as a non-profit group. She could help walk us through the process/necessary forms/by-law construction/etc.

The SLR Watershed Council members present voted on a timeline to start developing the necessary paperwork, by-laws, mission statement, etc. to become a non-profit group. A motion to pass this timeline was made by Anne Burdick, and seconded by Paul Dorey, and was unanimously passed by all present.

TIMELINE:

- **May 18, 2007:** a small workgroup/steering committee meeting will be held, in order to put together a draft by-laws/mission statement for the approval/disapproval (vote) of the entire SLR Watershed Council at the June 25th meeting.
- **June 6, 2007:** Draft by-laws will be emailed out to all SLR Watershed Council members, for their comments.
- **June 15, 2007:** All Comments on the draft by-laws are due & should be sent to either Cynthia Mallett or George Wilkins
- **June 25, 2007:** June's SLR Watershed Council Meeting----a vote will be taken regarding acceptance/disapproval of these new non-profit by-laws (with new comments incorporated) at this meeting.

- **(Item 6) Upcoming Meeting Dates/Facilitators:**

May 18, 2007: (small workgroup) Steering Committee meeting to draft SLRWC 501(c)3 by-laws, etc.

May 28, 2007: no SLR WC Meeting –due to Memorial Day Holiday

June 25, 2007: George Wilkins or Cynthia Mallett will facilitate

July 23, 2007: someone from US Bureau of Reclamation (maybe Bill Steel) will facilitate