

## **San Luis Rey Watershed Council**

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**June 14, 2004**

City of Oceanside, Council Chambers  
300 N. Hill St.  
Oceanside, CA 92054

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the April 26 meeting minutes was tabled until the July 2004 meeting. The draft of the May meeting minutes was moved and seconded for approval as written. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mayor Terry Johnson, City of Oceanside welcomed the attendees of the San Luis Rey Watershed Council to the City of Oceanside. He stated that there was an urgency and serious threat before the citizens of Oceanside and others in the region – the proposed Gregory Canyon Landfill. Oceanside has been opposed to the development of this landfill since the beginning. In 1990, 1994 and 1999 there were opposition votes by the Oceanside City Council. And most recently, the current Oceanside City Council voted 5–0 to oppose the development of the Gregory Canyon Landfill. 12% of Oceanside’s drinking water comes from local sources including the water in the San Luis Rey River and the City is planning to increase local resources to 25%. The development of this landfill could seriously impair this local water source as well as historical and cultural resources. The more we stand together the better chances we have to oppose and stop the development of this landfill. Mayor Johnson encouraged the Watershed council to formally oppose the development of the landfill.

Linda Isakson, City of Oceanside, added additional comments to the Mayor’s presentation. Science today cannot predict what will happen 50 -100 years in the future. The landfill is located six miles from an active earthquake fault line (Elsinore Fault). State law does not allow landfills within five miles of active fault lines. There will be an average of 2000 trash trucks per day or 2400 passenger car equivalents from the I-15 and Highway 76 corridor to the landfill entrance. The Environmental Impact Report stated that monitoring will continue 50 years after the landfill is full. But, what is the plan for cleanup if those monitoring locations show contamination?

It was suggested that the Watershed Council learn which agencies have permitting authority and write letters to those agencies addressing specific issues of concern about the landfill. The Regional Water Quality Control Board will, at some point and time, hold formal public hearings at which the public can express their concerns. The Permitting Committee of the California integrated Waste Management Board will be meeting on July 5, 2004 to discuss the Gregory Canyon landfill. But, there is no need to wait until there is some type of public hearing by any agency to express your concerns. The more comments made during the permitting process, the more opportunity for permitting agencies to learn the concerns of the community.

It was decided that the Watershed Council develop a resolution and vote on it during this meeting, taking a formal position regarding the landfill. After discussion, the following resolution language was drafted:

The San Luis Rey Watershed Council opposes the proposed Gregory Canyon Landfill and supports the initiative to rescind November 1994 Proposition C titled "Gregory Canyon Landfill and Recycling Collection Center Ordinance".

The San Luis Rey Watershed Council believes the proposed Gregory Canyon Landfill will cause significant and irreversible damage to the San Diego County public drinking water supply, and surface and ground water resources.

RESOLVED, this 14th day of June, 2004, in Oceanside, California, by a majority of San Luis Rey Watershed Council voting members.

A motion was made by Ruth Harber, North County Coalition and seconded by Linden Borzell, Yuima Water District to approve the resolution.

VOTES:

Ayes: Eight (8)

Nays: Zero (0)

Abstentions: One (1)

#### **UPDATES, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Scott Murray, Mission Resource Conservation District stated that his agency is willing to host and facilitate the Watershed Council meetings. He encouraged Watershed Council members to return completed questionnaires that were recently distributed to Watershed Council members.

Mo Lahaisaie stated that the Regional Water Quality Control Board will eventually be designing discharge permits on a watershed basis. This is an opportune time for the Watershed Council to work together and be involved in water quality issues as the Watershed Council is representative of the entire watershed.

Eleanora Robbins with San Diego State University proposed to assist in the coordination of a San Luis Rey Watershed Science and Culture Day. She would like to see an entire watershed event with activities at different sites throughout the watershed. She distributed a proposal flier that listed several possible activities:

Beach cleanup, wetland walk, water collection and analysis demonstrations, tour of agriculture sites, tour of the Palomar Observatory, etc. and a pot luck to celebrate. For more information she can be contacted at 619-303-9095 or by email at [norrieroobbins@cox.net](mailto:norrieroobbins@cox.net).

George Wilkins suggested that the Technical Advisory committee meet monthly to discuss issues of concern, specifically the Gregory Canyon landfill. He is willing to coordinate the meetings.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2004 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Fallbrook Public Utility District conference room at 990 E. Mission Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Items to add to the July agenda include:

- Updates and additional issues regarding the Gregory Canyon Landfill
- Open Trench Mining proposal near Lake Henshaw

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

## **MEETING ATTENDEES**

Linden Borzell..... Yuima Water District  
Ruth Harber..... North County Coalition  
Jerry Hittleman..... City of Oceanside  
Linda Isakson..... City of Oceanside  
Terry Johnson..... Mayor, City of Oceanside  
Mo Lahasaie..... City of Oceanside  
Cynthia Mallett..... San Luis Rey Watershed Coordinator  
Mike McGrath..... City of Oceanside  
Jon McPhee..... EPA, Pala Band of Mission Indians  
Scott Murray..... Mission Resource Conservation District  
Jack Orr..... Political Consultant  
Vic Pankey..... San Luis Rey Municipal Water District  
Bruce Posthumous..... Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Sam Powvall..... La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians  
Eleanora Robbins..... San Diego State University  
Vic Smothers..... Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Sandra Stoneburner..... Los Coyotes Band of Indians  
Lenore Volturmo..... EPA, Pala Band of Mission Indians  
Joyce Ward..... RiverWatch  
George Wilkins..... La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians