

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES: 01/26/2009**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:05

- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 01/26/2009:**

Angela Morrow	Vista Irrigation District
Bob Hillestad	Local Resident
Cynthia Mallett	Bonsall Community Sponsor Group
David Allen	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Henry Contreras	San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Joshlynn Tanner	Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC)
Ron Miller	Fallbrook Community Planning Group
Ruth Harber	Riverwatch
Scott Norris	San Diego County, Department of Public Works
Tom Bond	Sierra Club--San Geronio Chapter

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

David Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/22/2008; Tom Bond seconded the motion. The motion to approve was passed unanimously by the SLR Watershed Council.

- **(Item 4) Nonprofit Paperwork Status:**

The San Luis Rey Watershed Council was originally founded in 1998. Up to now, the SLR Watershed Council has not been able to apply directly for grants, and any decision made by the council required 100% agreement among the group (difficult to obtain). We are now in the process of obtaining Non-Profit Status; by changing our status to a non-profit corporation, we will be able to directly apply for grant funding, instead of being beholden to other stakeholders for funding. We have also developed a new set of by-laws where we have designated consensus to be a simple majority (not 100%), in order to facilitate an easier decision-making process for the SLRWC.

Our first step to becoming a Non-Profit Organization was to complete our Articles of Incorporation. We mailed a copy of our Articles up to the Secretary of State on 12/2008, and are currently waiting for them to be certified. (*NOTE: Since our January Meeting was held, this paperwork has come back to us certified, from the Secretary of State.*) Our next step is to file paperwork with the federal and state governments to change our status to a non-profit corporation.

The council discussed the need to have a work-group meeting in order to discuss the following:

- The Formation of the Board ~ Discussion on how the Council will carry it out.
- Updating the SLRWC Contact Information (spreadsheet)—get past info from Cynthia, Judy/MRCD, and George might have a hard copy list.
- Need to notify stakeholders on our list to get updated contact information, delegates, and voting status for each group. Might send a template letter out, for groups to use.
- Brainstorm/Identify new groups/stakeholders that may want to join the SLRWC

• **(Item 5) San Diego Foundation 2009 Grant Cycle:**

Currently, the SD Foundation has a ‘Clean Environments, Healthy Communities Initiative’ grant that fits our needs. This grant is technically only open to a non-profit corporation, and the due date is 2/9/2009. SD Foundation grants are available every year, so we would be able to apply FY2010 grant year. A SLRWC Workgroup will meet 2/6/2009 to discuss various grant projects that we would like to begin developing for future grant opportunities. These grants tend to be very competitive, and the Foundation is looking for innovative/unique projects that benefit under-represented areas; collaboration with disadvantaged groups (ie: Tribes, rural areas) would be looked be best. For more info on the SD Foundation grant: <http://www.sdfoundation.org/communityimpact/cycle2009.htm>

It was noted that the SLRWC should have an ongoing workgroup who identifies potential grants & project proposals, gathers baseline (existing) data, identifies other stakeholder partners for projects (drafts MOU’s), to help the SLRWC be prepared when grant opportunities present themselves.

***Potential Grant Project Ideas (as discussed during the SLRWC Meeting):***

- Hiring a Watershed Coordinator for the SLRWC
- SLRWC Website: data portal (real-time & archived local data); identifies current land use/projects/and planning. This website should also give access to past SLRWC Meeting Minutes/agenda; current grant & monitoring projects going on; maps/stakeholders; past/future trainings & watershed events.
- There’s a huge gap in data from Oceanside to I-15, in terms of flood control, stream/rain gages. The DOI-BAER team just added 8 new stream gages & 7 rain gages in the upper watershed (SD County has a total of 85 ALERT Flood gages throughout the county); we could continue this effort further west, down the watershed as a grant project.
- Watershed Assessment (what would be an impact on the watershed): continuous water quality monitoring, data sondes, stream/rain gages.
- Integrated Monitoring Programs, making data public & available online

• **(Item 6) News and Reports From Attendee’s:**

***Bob Hillestad ~ San Diego Stream Team / Resident:***

Bob attended the American Meteorological Society Annual Conference in Phoenix, and found 2 articles that might interest our Watershed Stakeholders:

- *The Dramatic Effect of Tornadic Severe Weather on a Rapidly Growing Urban Interface.* By Ivory J. Small, Ted Mackechnie, and Steven Vanderburg; NOAA/NWS, San Diego, CA. This article discusses the similarity in tornado frequency between the Central US and Riverside County. <http://ams.confex.com/ams/pdfpapers/144420.pdf>
- *Experiencing the Weather: Public Perceptions of Changes in Local Weather Patterns.* By Hank Jenkins-Smith, et al; University of Oklahoma.

The Community Collaborative Rain Hail & Snow Program (CoCoRaHS) is a grassroots/volunteer program that helps local community members set up rain gages, read the gages daily, & report the data online, making the data available to everyone. The individual buys the rain gage (\$23) & must read the gage at the same time every day. For more information, see: <http://www.cocorahs.org/County.aspx?fips=18127>

Tom Bond ~ Sierra Club/ San Gorgonio Chapter:

Sierra Club is hosting a meeting 2/17/2009 (7-9pm)(Rancho Water Building, Temecula) where Bill Powers do a presentation on roof top solar. Bill Powers is the author of *Smart Energy 20/20 Plan*. They will also be discussing the power line route from Baja to L.A.; Tom will keep the SLRWC up to date on this topic.

Tom will be lobbying LAFCO on the Liberty Quarry (Temecula) issue next week. There is a poll currently being done by Senator Dennis Hollingsworth on the subject of the Liberty Quarry, to ascertain the public sentiment in favor or against the quarry going in. If you would like to participate, please go to this link, click on 'select an issue' to pull up 'quarry,' then vote yes or no on the issue: [http://cssrc.us/web/36/contact\\_us.aspx](http://cssrc.us/web/36/contact_us.aspx)

There are currently discussions going on regarding 2 possible routes for the widening & straightening of Highway 76, from South Mission Road to I-15. The northern route would follow the current Highway 76, following the northern border of the San Luis Rey River; the southern route would include 2 new bridges, and parallel the southern edge of the river. For more information, see: <http://www.fixthe76now.com/>

George Wilkins ~ Pacific REMS:

The National Hydrologic Warning Conference will be held in Vail, Colorado on May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. This conference relates to real-time hydrologic (flood) monitoring/warning issues. This is a multi-disciplined look at managing water resources and flooding issues. For more information, see:

[http://www.hydrologicwarning.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=617218&module\\_id=31016](http://www.hydrologicwarning.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=617218&module_id=31016)

George would be available to give a presentation to the SLRWC on the Flood Forecasting Program that his company has installed in the upper watershed. This program and the gages were funded by DOI & the BAER Team in response to the 2007 Poomacha Fires. The upper watershed (Palomar Mountain slope) is bare from the fire, and the recent massive debris flows during the 07/08 year. This area has an increased risk for debris flow and floods over the next 2-4 years, due to the loss of vegetation, if the rains are too heavy. This is the reason why stream/rain gages were placed around the upper watershed, and incorporated into the County's Flood Forecasting Program.

David Allen ~ Fallbrook Land Conservancy:

The National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act Anniversary is coming up. There are new rivers that may potentially be listed. Congressman Darrell Issa is interested in having some of our local rivers designated as wild & scenic, and has been working on this issue.

Ruth Harber ~ Riverwatch:

Olivenhain Municipal Water District had agreed to provide water to Gregory Canyon Landfill for the next 60 years; this would amount to approximately 500 trucks per day. Riverwatch went to court over this issue, but they lost. Riverwatch did win in the Court of Appeals, to dissolve the OMWD & Gregory Canyon Landfill Agreement, because they did not do the necessary CEQA review or hold public hearings on the matter. This means that Gregory Canyon will need to find a new water source, in order to proceed with their plans. It is reported that OMWD does not want to go back to court over this matter. Riverwatch's attorney is requesting that the Court of Appeals publicize the Olivenhain Water Supply decision.

Update on the Riverwatch ~ Gregory Canyon Landfill court case: On the Gregory Canyon Landfill CEQA Case Lawsuit, Riverwatch won 3 items and Gregory Canyon Landfill won 3 items (which Riverwatch is currently appealing).

Jack Griffiths ~ Rainbow Municipal Water District:

Pardee (Meadowood) Development: in the original plans, there were 1400-1500 houses, however it has been reduced to 1200 homes now. Pardee originally wanted Rainbow Municipal Water District to annex them to provide water and sewer, however that deal has fallen through and RMWD will no longer provide them with water/sewer.

Pasarelle Development: this development of 900 homes is currently within RMWD district, and Rainbow MWD will provide them with water. The only restriction is the amount of sewer hookups, because RMWD cannot provide them with enough. There is a deal between Oceanside & RMWD, where Oceanside has agreed to remove 1.5 mgd of wastewater from RMWD/Pasarelle/Palomar CC Extension.

Scott Norris ~ County of San Diego:

The Department of Planning & Land Use has changed their name to: Department of Public Works

Scott is working with the Counties' GIS/GPS Department to make some maps for use at our San Luis Rey Watershed Council Meetings. The SLRWC discussed what they would like on the land use maps:

- Highway, Major Roads (but not streets)
- Lakes, River, Tributaries (at least 1 square mile), Sub-Watersheds
- County Planning Areas
- Major Earthquakes Faults (ie: Elsinore Fault)
- The Base Layer should be an Ortho/Topo & Hill Shade Model (an aerial might be too busy)

We may need separate maps with the Land Use, Tribal Lands, Housing Densities, Areas of Jurisdiction. Scott will take these items back to his office, to finish working on these maps.

• **(7) Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

2009 Meetings:

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009