

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES: 02/23/2009**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:05
  
- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 02/23/2009:**

Angela Morrow	Vista Irrigation District
Cynthia Mallett	City of Oceanside
David Allen	Fallbrook Land Conservancy
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS
Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Henry Contreras	San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians
Joshlynn Tanner	Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC)
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Ron Miller	Fallbrook Community Planning Group
Sandra Stoneburner	Los Coyotes Band of Indians
Scott Norris	County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

- **(Item 3) Approval of Minutes:**  
The January Meeting Minutes were not finished; they will be sent out for review along with the February Meeting Minutes, and up for approval at the March Meeting.

- **(Item 4) SLRWC Incorporation & Nonprofit Formation Status:**

The San Luis Rey Watershed Council filed our Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, who finally returned an endorsed/certified copy of the paperwork. The next step in becoming a 501(c)(3) Corporation, is to fill out the necessary Tax Exemption Forms from the Federal and State Government. A small workgroup will meet 3/6/2009 to fill out the forms.

Additionally, the Secretary of State has requested that we complete and return by 4/5/2009, the “Statement of Information” form, which identifies the Agent for Service, and 3 positions (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary). The **Agent of Service** is typically (but not always) an attorney; they only need to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> party individual. We have 2 different options to identify the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and Secretary (Sec):**

- ✓ **Option 1:** Can fill an interim board of all 7 members, 3 of which would be the CEO, CFO, and Sec. This would require a major push to update contact information, re-instate past members, develop a nomination process, and hold elections.
- ✓ **Option 2:** Can fill the 3 positions as **interim positions**, which would then be replaced as soon as we held formal elections later this summer/fall. This would let us complete the Secretary of States’ request, while taking more time to properly set up the election process, nominations and voting, and ultimately allow us to gather nomination from a larger group of members. The group discussed the two options, and felt that option 2 was the best course of action.

The SLRWC Workgroup Meeting will outline the Nominating and Formal Board Election Procedures, which we will present at an upcoming watershed council meeting. We will have to follow Robert’s Rules of Order (as specified in our By-Laws, section 4.13), and incorporate wording in our Policies & Procedures when written.

**VOTING ITEM (Nonprofit Formation Status / Interim Board):**

In order to complete the paperwork required by the Secretary of State, we need to designate 3 positions, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, & Secretary. The Watershed Council would like to designate these 3 offices to be **interim positions (both in title & whomever fills the positions)**, which will then be replaced once formal elections are held later this summer/fall 2009. A slate of candidates was proposed, with open nominations from the floor: Cynthia Mallett (CEO), David Allen (CFO), & Heidi Brow (Secretary). These 3 interim position titles will be retired once formal elections are held, as the SLRWC By-Laws use the titles: President, Treasurer, & Secretary. Additionally, those who fill the positions will step down once the formal elections take place.

- Paul Dorey **MOTIONED** to accept the slate of Interim Positions (CEO, CFO, Sec) to be filled by Cynthia Mallett (CEO), David Allen (CFO), & Heidi Brow (Sec) for the interim between now and when the San Luis Rey Watershed Council formally holds elections this summer/fall.
- George Wilkins **SECONDED** the motion
- **CALL FOR DISCUSSION:** no views were voiced / discussed
- **CALL TO VOTE:** Motion to accept was passed unanimously

- **(Item 5) Department of Conservation Grant:**

<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/Documents/Final%20Released%20Version%20%20Draft%20Guidelines%202-4-09%20Statewide%20WC%20Grants.pdf>

The Department of Conservation has released draft guidelines for their Watershed Coordinator Grant Program, although the actual Request For Proposals will not come out until April 15<sup>th</sup> (typically, proposals are due 60 days after the RFP's come out). This would be a perfect grant opportunity to seek funding for a Watershed Coordinator. The draft guidelines do specify that they want a Nonprofit Organization, however, since we are part way through the process of applying for our 501(c)(3) status, we may still be eligible; we will need to check on this though. If using the funding to hire a Watershed Coordinator for the SLRWC, we will need to show: how this coordinator position will be made sustainable (ie: not using the DOC funding after the grant is over); how the SLRWC has changed since the last coordinator left (ie: we are seeking our nonprofit status). We will need to make this a marketing position ~ to have our coordinator sell our watershed council & project ideas to businesses/politicians/etc. (someone with technical expertise is secondary to marketing for the initial coordinator)(pay ~ 45K / year).

The DOC will only fund 1 request per Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC), according to the USGS HUC watershed designations, which means *both* the San Luis Rey Watershed & the Carlsbad Hydrologic Unit are in one watershed. Our odds of securing this grant funding are substantially increased, if we submit a joint proposal with CHU. There was some discussion about sending a comment letter to the DOC before the March 6<sup>th</sup> deadline, to request that the DOC recognize watersheds, based on the State Water Resources Control Board designations, which would allow for consideration of the SLR Watershed as its own watershed. We can also site additional reasoning for the separation of SLR and the CHU: they are not hydraulically connected; the CHU is a mostly urban watershed, while the SLR is mostly rural, with very different issues attached to both; the SLR has cultural aspects (tribal lands) to it that are missing in the CHU; currently, the CHU gets lots of help from the Prop 50 funding, which is not available to the SLR; the SLRWC has more variety in the participants, compared to the CHU which is all NGO's.

If they do not separate out the 2 watersheds, then we will need to decide if we submit a joint-proposal, or if we try for it on our own. The equivalent agencies in the CHU are: the Escondido Creek Conservancy, the Carlsbad Watershed Network, and the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy. If we do submit a proposal together, we would be very competitive with other groups; however, if we do a joint-proposal, we should be careful to clearly define the responsibilities/work plans for each group. We may be able to hire 1 coordinator that could work primarily on our watershed council, but also help CWN apply for nonprofit status, or another project they would like funding for. Cynthia & George may try to discuss this further with Doug Gibson/San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy; Cynthia will also attend the Carlsbad Watershed Network Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTING ITEM (Department of Conservation Grant Funding):**

The Request for Proposals for the Department of Conservation (DOC) Grant Funding is due to come out April 15<sup>th</sup> (with a due date usually 60 days later). This grant may be able to fund the position of a Watershed Coordinator for our group. If we would like to apply, we should begin getting our proposal ready for submittal.

- Rob Roy MOTIONED to accept the SLRWC Submitting a Proposal for the DOC Watershed Coordinator Grant, once the Request for Proposals (RFP) is officially out.
- Scott Norris SECONDED the motion
- CALL FOR DISCUSSION: no views were voiced / discussed
- CALL TO VOTE: Motion to accept was passed unanimously

***OTHER ~ Grant Related Topics:***

- We should think of a dollar amount to give in kind services, when working out match amount.
- We also need to develop a list of other items we will need to complete before seeking grant funding (ie: MOU's, Letters of Support, etc). We should have a separate workgroup who works on this stuff.

***Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) / Prop 84 Funding:***

- Prop 84 Funds can be used for one of two things: either implementation of TMDL's, or on Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMP's). The LID BMP Proposals are VERY competitive, and is usually focused in urban areas. It helps to already have a project on the IRWM List, but it's not a requirement; there are a wide variety of projects listed, with different stakeholder groups and sizes. It is unknown when Prop 84 Funding will next become available.
- Scott wrote up a good 1-page explanation of Prop 84 funds; it summarizes partnership requirements and other specifications to get Prop 84 funds. A copy of this sheet will be sent out with the minutes, and made available at our March 2009 SLRWC Meeting.
- Paul suggested doing a flowchart of all funding sources, to help the SLRWC to identify future grants that we may want to go after. By drafting a matrix of all grants, we should be able to find a particular niche of types of grant funding & projects to focus on. Identifying all these grants would be a large job for one person to undertake (SD Co. hires a service—E-Cives (*sp.?*)—that does the legwork to find some of their funding sources).

***Wetland Recovery Project Grant:***

- We need to have shovel-ready projects for this, since the due date is April 24<sup>th</sup>.

***Google.org Funding:***

- There are some grants available to fund water quality/quantity projects

***Cal Serve Initiative:***

- This grant would partner us with Universities/Schools to help with projects like: cultural projects (historical/cultural past information for the SLR Watershed)(Palomar & San Marcos both have good Tribal Programs); student projects.

***OTHER ~ 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. We must fill the water quality/quantity data gap.
- Integrated Monitoring Programs, making data public & available online

- **(Item 6) News and Reports From Attendee's:**

Cynthia Mallett ~ City of Oceanside:

The North County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) is out in draft form; the 45-day public comment period ends April 6<sup>th</sup>. This plan helps identify guidelines for protection and maintenance of areas with endangered species. This plan is important in that it helps to conserve our native plants and animal species. The Tribal Lands are not included in the MSCP, as they are under federal (not state/county) jurisdiction; Tribes do however comply with all US Fish & Wildlife Regulations. We may try to get a speaker from the County at the March 2009 SLRWC Meeting, to do a presentation on the North County MSCP. Here is a link for additional information:

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/mscp/>

Rob Roy ~ La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians:

The La Jolla Tribe has a HHW Collection Facility open to their Tribal members; the CRV Redemption facility is set to open later this year.

Angela Morrow & Paul Dorey ~ Vista Irrigation District:

VID is working with the County on the East County Multiple Species Conservation Plan, which is not yet out for comments. The boundary line between the North County and East County MSCP's are the La Jolla Reservation.

Miscellaneous Information: A Flood Inundation Map that VID did in 1991, is now being put into GIS. Lake Henshaw is currently 16% full.

Scott Norris ~ County of San Diego:

For the Prop 84 Funds (& other grants), it would be useful to look at small, disadvantaged communities (under 20,000 population, and makes less than 65% of the state income level); this would make our grants more competitive and allow us to pay a reduced match (typically).

Scott & the County's GIS Department are still working on developing a map that we could use for our SLRWC Meetings.

David Allen ~ Fallbrook Land Conservancy:

David saw a newspaper article in *The Village News*, February 12, 2009, regarding a new 31 home development that is going in Pauma. This development will border the SLR River.

For more information, see: <http://www.thevillagenews.com/story/35833/>

Rosemary's Mountain Quarry is meeting with the ARQB this week, regarding Pm10, and Pm2.5 monitoring. David said he felt comfortable with the quality of air monitoring being done, as the Quarry has consultants doing the work.

David recently saw a UC Davis presentation on Mountain Lions, and tracking them along the Palomar / SLR Corridor. UC Davis examined tracks that were found on VID lands; they have also trap/collar mountain lions at Santa Margarita.

Joshlynn Tanner ~ NAEPC:

Joshlynn is working on a series of Environmental Education Presentations for Tribal Schools/Groups; this includes presentations on watersheds. NAEPC obtained a grant to establish a volunteer program for NAEPC & member Tribes.

George Wilkins ~ Pacific REMS:

The Stimulus Plan has funds that are becoming available NOW,...but you need to already have projects/plans developed now to be eligible. These will need to be shovel ready projects that can be accomplished (finished) quickly; if you are not done with your project at the end of your grant term, the money will be given to another group. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, tiers of funding, so we may be able to get projects together to apply for the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier.

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 Poomacha Early Warning System / 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 and 2 weather stations were placed around the upper watershed, and incorporated into the County's Flood Forecasting Program.

Last Storm (February 5-9): 5 day average rain was 3" to 6" in Pala-Pauma-Rincon, & 8" to 10" on Palomar. Last month, there was between 1 to 2 feet of new material added to the SLR River, from Rincon to I-15. The National Weather Service thinks March will be a wet month for Northern and Central California (but not So-Cal), because of the Pineapple Express. March is typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest month in San Diego County. If you would like to be on the email list for weather & flood alerts from the County Flood Department, give your email to George.

• **(7) Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

2009 Meetings:

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

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

May ??, 2009