

(ITEM 1) CALL TO ORDER: 1 PM

(ITEM 2) INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

NAMES	ORGANIZATIONS	ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?
VIC PANKEY	SAN LUIS REY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	X
SCOTT NORRIS	SAN DIEGO COUNTY, DPW (BOD)	X
RON MILLER	FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP	
ROB ROY	LA JOLLA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	X
PAUL DOREY	VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (VID)(BOD)	X
HENRY CONTRERAS	SAN LUIS REY BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	
HEIDI BROW	PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS (BOD, SECRETARY)	X
GILBERT CAMPBELL	LOS COYOTES BAND OF INDIANS	X
GEORGE WILKINS	PACIFIC REMS (BOD, VICE-PRESIDENT)	X
DAVID ALLEN	FALLBROOK LAND CONSERVANCY (BOD, TREASURER)	X
CYNTHIA MALLET	CITY OF OCEANSIDE (BOD, PRESIDENT)	X
BUD SWANSON	INDIVIDUAL, RAINBOW COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP	

(ITEM 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from 2/22/2010 was tabled until the April 26th meeting, due to the fact that they were not sent out in time for this meeting.

(ITEM 4) MEMBERSHIP DUES **VOTING ITEM:**

As discussed at the last Board of Director’s meeting and the February 22nd SLRWC meeting, we would like to set an annual membership fee for the voting members.

VOTING ITEM:

DESCRIPTION	Setting an annual \$100 Voting Member Fee for SLRWC Member Organizations
MOTION	To accept the Board of Director’s recommendation of setting an annual voting member fee of \$100 for all SLRWC Member Organizations.
AMENDMENT	To set an annual Voting Member Fee of \$100 for all SLRWC Member Organizations. The annual fee for FY2010 is due by August 2010; The annual fee for FY2011 will be due on January 1, 2011. Any new members must pay the required \$100 fee in full for the year that they join in, regardless of which month they join (we will not pro-rate any fees at this time).
MOTIONED BY:	Paul Dorey (VID)
SECONDED BY:	David Allen (FLC)
AMENDMENT PROPOSED:	Scott Norris (San Diego County, DPW)
AMENDMENT ACCEPTED:	Paul Dorey (VID)
CALL FOR DISCUSSION	The fiscal year for the SLRWC extends from January 1 st to December 31 st of the same year, therefore the annual fee due by 8/2010 should be for FY2010, and be renewed every January 1 st . The membership committee can review how we decide to set up in kind services for those organizations with financial hardship, or those with no income.
CALL TO VOTE	AMENDED MOTION PASSED [9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions]

(ITEM 5) FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The SLRWC had no expenses last month, and so still has \$458.00 in the bank. City of Oceanside Councilman, Jerry Kern, recently submitted a membership fee of \$100, which will be deposited into our bank account shortly. We are still waiting for another possible donation by the county.

(ITEM 6) PROJECT SWELL – ELEMENTARY GRADE SCHOOL WATER QUALITY CURRICULUM:

Project SWELL is a stormwater pollution science curriculum, developed for grades K-12 by San Diego Coastkeeper, the City of San Diego, and the San Diego Unified School District. Each grade level has different lessons that build upon one another, giving students a regular and consistent message of how to prevent stormwater pollution throughout their formative early years. This program is available to other school districts, if they pay the one-time licensing fee of \$10,000, per school district (this fee may be subject to some leniency—ie—could the SLRWC purchase a license to implement the curriculum on a watershed basis?). To date, only the San Diego USD and the Oceanside USD have signed up for the program.

The City of Oceanside has purchased a license to use this curriculum in their schools, and they are now fundraising in order to purchase supplies to make the binders and/or buy kits for each classroom. This may be a great opportunity for the SLRWC to partner with the City of Oceanside on this education program; the SLRWC could be a funnel for donations (since many groups can only donate to a non-profit organization—not a city). We could list our participation with this program on future grant proposals, providing a concrete example of projects we are already working on. However, there is a question as to whether or not we can legally act as a funnel, since we did not declare ourselves to be a Foundation in our non-profit paperwork and by-laws. Foundations can accept donations from groups, and then turn around and pass that money onto another organization for project implementation; the Grants & Projects Committee will have to look into this and decide if the SLRWC is allowed to do the same. We may also be able to accept donations for Project SWELL implementation, purchase the supplies/kits ourselves, and then distribute those materials to those schools who need them. This may be a great project to try to obtain grant funding to implement on a watershed-wide level.

(ITEM 7) GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **WHALE TAIL GRANTS:** These are grants for youth or general public watershed education; they are due in fall 2010, and are in the amount of \$25,000. This might be a great grant to go after in order to conduct watershed tours and other watershed/coastal education for the general public. The Grants & Project Committee should look into this grant & develop a proposal, which can then be voted on at the April or May SLRWC meeting. We may want to use the following language: we will implement ‘something like’ the Project WET/SWELL watershed education.
- **BOR GRANTS:** These grants are tailored to governments & water districts (need to check if nonprofits are eligible to apply for this grant funding) on topics like: water resources, water conservation, and energy conservation.

- **E-CIVES GRANT LISTS:** Scott Norris is a licensed subscriber to the e-cives service, which provides updates on upcoming grant opportunities that may be relevant to his work/our watershed council. He enters key words, and the e-cives program will do daily searches for grants fitting those parameters. He will begin forwarding relevant grant listings to Cynthia Mallett (head of the Grants & Projects Committee) for more research/review. The San Diego Foundation also has this service, but individuals must travel to their San Diego offices to look through their archive lists of grant opportunities.
- **GRANTS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE:** Cynthia Mallett is the head of the Grants & Projects Working Committee; George Wilkins and Heidi Brow also help out on the committee. This committee might also like to look into ‘adopting’ part of the 76-widening project area, to do some restoration or cleanup projects that we could find funding for. Scott Norris also brought up the possibility of starting the ‘Adopt a Creek/River’ program (currently in place in Northern/Central California) down here in our area. We could do cleanup or restoration projects, and advertise our participation with the ‘Adopt a Creek’ signage. This program could also be used to encourage other local groups (ie: businesses, non-profits) to adopt portions of the San Luis Rey River or other tributary creeks.

(ITEM 8) ATTENDEE’S NEWS:

- **David Allen (FLC) & Bud Swanson (RCPG, individual):** Pala Raceway complaint by homeowner Bud Swanson (also on the Rainbow Community Planning Group). Bud came before the SLRWC, approximately 6 months ago, complaining about the excessive noise to his community from the Raceway. He feels like the Raceway is not moving quickly enough on their promised noise study, and that they really have not done too much to reduce the noise. It was explained to Bud that the Tribe has recently taken over management of the noise study, and have signed a contract with a consulting firm who specializes in noise studies; the study should be completed within the next few months. It was suggested that the Tribe send a representative to an open community forum, such as a RCPG meeting, a SLRWC meeting, a supplemental meeting after general SLRWC meetings, or another site, to give a presentation on the current status of the Raceway. The SLRWC Board of Directors will discuss the possibility of sending a letter, with a list of questions or topics that might be of interest to the surrounding community. There were some Board of Directors who raised the question of relevancy to the mission statement of the SLRWC, and warned the council not to get distracted from our original mission since we are still in our infancy of becoming a non-profit, and still struggling to become self-sufficient. This may be a more relevant topic for the Rainbow Community Planning Group to spearhead, since it directly affects them.
- **Scott Norris (San Diego County, DPW):** The County is continuing work on maps for this watershed council; Scott should have drafts available for our review within 2 months. These maps might be good visual aids to put on our website, or to bring to events.

- **George Wilkins (Pacific REMS):** **UPCOMING CONFERENCE:** 2010 Flood Warning Systems Preparedness Training Symposium & Workshop (23rd Conference & Exposition of the ALERT Users Group). This conference will be held at Palm Springs, May 4th through 7th. This conference will be providing training and discussions concerning operation, maintenance, and management of real-time flood warning systems. For more information, see: <http://www.alertsystems.org/aug/>
- **Rob Roy (La Jolla):** La Jolla will be having their annual Earth Day event on May 1st (10am to 3pm), and plan on roughly 250 people attending. They would like to invite the SLRWC to attend the event, and put up a booth. We could set up a booth with our maps, newsletters, or brochures, and/or advertise our new website (if it is up and running by then; Joe has purchased the domain name & said we could have up to 10 pages; we will try to have a draft by 4/26/10). The SLRWC discussed staffing a table at the La Jolla Earth Day Event, & decided to do so.
- **Gilbert Campbell (Los Coyotes):** Los Coyotes Band of Indians will be hosting their first ever Earth Day Event (Sunday, April 11th) for their tribal members. They are planning on roughly 50-60 people attending the various presentations and booths that they will set up.
- **Heidi Brow (Pala):** The Pala Tribe is hosting a series of FREE tire collection events, which are funded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The only restrictions are a maximum of 20 tires per individual for each event; please remember also that individuals without a waste tire hauler's license can only carry a maximum of 9 tires in their car. The next dates for this event are: April 19th through 23rd, 2010.

The Pala Tribe will be hosting their annual Cultural Event (the Pala Environmental Department will have an Earth Day booth there) on May 1st – 2nd. This event has many different booths, vendors, and various cultural events like bird dancing. If you stop by the Pala Environmental Booth, you can get some free earth day goodies.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP: A Riparian Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) Assessment Workshop will be hosted by the USEPA Region 9, Pala Band of Mission Indians, and the La Jolla Band of Indians. Training will be held at the Pala Administration Building, with field sites in the SLR Watershed. PFC is a methodology for assessing the physical functioning of riparian/wetland areas, which uses on-the-ground, qualitative, and a collaborative approach between many different disciplines. PFC Assessment is a great tool for providing a holistic picture of watershed health, helping land managers to prioritize restoration activities and threats to watershed health. This is a **FREE 2 ½ day workshop**, open to natural resource and land managers, local environmental/NPS/water quality staff, watershed coordinators, Geologists, Biologists, Botanists, Ecologists, and Hydrologists. For more information or to register, contact Heidi Brow (760-891-3514)(hbrow@palatribe.com).

- **Cynthia Mallett (City of Oceanside):** Cynthia wanted feedback on a possible future presentation by San Diego County Parks & Recreation on the development of the San Luis Rey River Park.

(ITEM 9) 2010 SLRWC MEETING DATES:

- APRIL 26, 2010 – PRESENTATION: MARK PHALEN (CAL TRANS): THE HIGHWAY 76 EXPANSION PROJECT
- MAY 24, 2010
- JUNE 28, 2010
- JULY 26, 2010
- AUGUST 23, 2010

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,


Approved for Distribution,

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