

(ITEM 1) CALL TO ORDER:**(ITEM 2) INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:**

NAMES	ORGANIZATIONS	ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?
CHRIS KISER	GRANITE CONSTRUCTION	
CYNTHIA MALLET	CITY OF OCEANSIDE (BOD, PRESIDENT)	X
HEIDI BROW	PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS (BOD, SECRETARY)	X
HENRY CONTRERAS	SAN LUIS REY BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	X
LAWRENCE O'LEARY	DRIWATER / OGC	
LINDA PARDY	REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD-9	
MARK PHELAN	CAL TRANS (PRESENTER)	
RUTH HARBER	RIVERWATCH	
SANDRA STONEBURNER	LOS COYOTES BAND OF INDIANS	X
SCOTT NORRIS	SAN DIEGO COUNTY, DPW (BOD)	X
VIC PANKEY	SAN LUIS REY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	X

(ITEM 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES FROM 4/26/2010 WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW; APPROVAL WAS TABLED UNTIL THE JUNE 28TH MEETING.

(ITEM 4) PRESENTATION: CALTRANS – HIGHWAY 76 EXPANSIONS (MARK PHELAN):

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MARK PHELAN, OR GO TO www.keepsandiegomoving.com

HIGHWAY 76 MIDDLE – MELROSE TO MISSION:

- **SCHEDULE:** ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FINALIZED IN 2008; CONSTRUCTION BEGAN JANUARY 2010, AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 2012 (ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE DONE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE BY SUMMER 2012). THEY WILL BEGIN WORK BY THE LOCKSMITH SHOP IN SEPTEMBER 2010, AND THE BRIDGE WILL BE THE LAST ITEM BUILT.
- **PLAN:** STRAIGHTEN/WIDEN 5.5 MILES OF HIGHWAY 76 TO 4 LANES (FOOTPRINT: 6 LANES FOR FUTURE EXPANSION SINCE ½ OF HIGHWAY 76 TRAFFIC TURNS NORTH INTO FALLBROOK) FROM MELROSE TO MISSION, WITH A CONCRETE BARRIER TO DIVIDE THE ROAD. THERE WILL BE SOME DRIVEWAYS THAT DIRECTLY ENTER THE HIGHWAY, AND SO LEFT-HANDED TURNS WILL BE LIMITED TO PROMOTE SAFETY. THE CURRENT BRIDGE BETWEEN VISTA WAY AND NORTH RIVER ROAD WILL BE USED ONLY FOR WEST-BOUND TRAFFIC; THERE WILL BE A NEW PARALLEL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTED TO HANDLE ALL EAST-BOUND TRAFFIC. HAVING DUAL BRIDGES HELPS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF HABITAT THAT IS SHADED, WHICH IN TURN PROMOTES WILDLIFE IN THE AREA TO THRIVE. ALL OF THE NEW CULVERTS WILL BE SOFT-BOTTOMED CULVERTS WITH 10 FEET WILDLIFE FENCES. THE HEIGHT OF THE ROAD DEPENDS ON THE AREA, BUT IT WILL BE ABOUT 30 FEET ABOVE THE RIVER NEAR VISTA WAY. THERE WILL BE 3 INTERSECTIONS BY THE ARCO STATION, INSTEAD OF JUST ONE, HOWEVER THEY WILL ALL BE LINKED ELECTRONICALLY TO PROMOTE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW.
- **COST:** \$171 MILLION (COST WAS REDUCED BY DECREASING THE FOOTPRINT & LOWER CONSTRUCTION COST)
- THERE ARE 2 ONSITE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES ONSITE EVERYDAY TO CATALOG ANY CULTURAL ARTIFACTS FOUND. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PALEONTOLOGICAL RECORDS FOUND YET, ALTHOUGH SOME WOOLY MAMMOTH FOSSILS WERE FOUND AROUND HIGHWAY 76 AND MELROSE.
- **MITIGATION:** THE GOAL IS TO KEEP ALL MITIGATION LAND ONSITE OR AT LEAST WITHIN THE SLR WATERSHED. CALTRANS HAS ALSO PARTNERED WITH MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON SOME ARUNDO REMOVAL PROJECTS, AS PART OF THEIR MITIGATION EFFORTS. CALTRANS WILL ONLY USE NATIVE PLANTS TO LANDSCAPE, AND WILL IRRIGATE ONLY 3-5 YEARS UNTIL THE PLANTS GET ESTABLISHED.

HIGHWAY 76 EAST – MISSION TO I-5:

- **SCHEDULE:** ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TO COME OUT SUMMER 2010; CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN 2012 (THEY WILL DO IT IN 2 PARTS: THE 76-15 INTERCHANGE WILL BE DONE FIRST)
- **PLAN:** STRAIGHTEN/WIDEN 5.5 MILES OF HIGHWAY 76 TO 4 LANES (FOOTPRINT: 4 LANES) FROM MISSION TO I-15, WITH A CONCRETE BARRIER TO DIVIDE THE ROAD; WIDEN THE 76-15 INTERCHANGE TO 8 LANES.
- **COST:** BETWEEN 205 AND 325 MILLION DOLLARS, DEPENDING ON THE ROUTE CHOSEN BY CALTRANS; THIS PORTION OF THE PROJECT IS 100% FUNDED BY TRANSNET.
- THERE ARE 2 DIFFERENT ROUTES THAT CALTRANS IS CONSIDERING FOR HIGHWAY 76 FROM MISSION TO I-15: THE NORTHERN AND THE SOUTHERN ROUTES, THOUGH BOTH ARE ROUGHLY THE SAME MILEAGE. THE NORTHERN ROUTE BASICALLY MIRRORS THE CURRENT HIGHWAY 76, AND MAY IMPACT 1-2 WETLAND ACRES, COSTING APPROXIMATELY 205 MILLION DOLLARS. THE SOUTHERN ROUTE WOULD BUILD 2 NEW BRIDGES AND TAKE THE ROAD SOUTH OF THE RIVER, INTO BONSALL; IT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 325 MILLION DOLLARS, AND COULD POSSIBLY HAVE A 'KILL ISLAND EFFECT' ON WILDLIFE (CREATING AN ISLAND OF HABITAT THAT IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY ROAD, EFFECTIVELY DOUBLING THE AMOUNT OF ROAD KILL. THERE IS A LARGER VOCAL OPINION TO BUILD THE SOUTHERN ROUTE; HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE LARGER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WITH A SOUTHERN ROUTE.
- **TIMELINE:** DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TO COME OUT JULY/AUGUST 2011; PUBLIC COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING MONTH; CALTRANS WILL RESPOND WITHIN 3-6 MONTHS, AND ISSUE A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT IN SPRING 2012; CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE FINISHED BY 2014.

(ITEM 5) FINANCIAL UPDATE:

WE HAVE \$950 IN THE SLRWC BANK ACCOUNT. WE WILL NEED TO SEND OUT MEMBERSHIP INVOICES BEFORE WE CAN AFFORD TO OBTAIN INSURANCE FOR THE GROUP AND THE BOD'S.

CYNTHIA TALKED TO THE CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT ALLIANCE, WHO RECOMMENDED A LOCAL BROKER, FARMER'S INSURANCE. THEY PROVIDED US A QUOTE OF \$1300/YEAR TO COVER INSURANCE FOR BOTH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC EVENTS, AS HOSTED BY THE SLRWC (\$700 FOR BOD INSURANCE; \$600 TO HOST UNLIMITED PUBLIC EVENTS OR \$300/EVENT). WE WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THE BROKER WITH SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: OUR ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX FILINGS.

MEMBERSHIP INVOICE FORMS: DRAFT INVOICE FORMS WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE JULY BOD MEETING; THIS WILL APPEAR AS A VOTING ITEM AT THE JULY SLRWC MEETING. AN EMAIL WILL GO OUT TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP (GENERAL EMAIL LIST), REQUESTING THEY PAY 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES, ALONG WITH AN EXPLANATION LETTER, INVOICE FORM, BROCHURE, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING WEBSITE AND ANNUAL MEETING.

(ITEM 6) GREGORY CANYON LANDFILL – ACOE PUBLIC MEETING (6/3/10, 6-8PM):

GREGORY CANYON LTD APPLIED TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (ACOE) FOR A PERMIT TO BUILD A BRIDGE ACROSS THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER. THE ACOE HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON 6/3/2010 AND ACCEPTED WRITTEN COMMENTS UNTIL 6/18/2010, WHICH WILL ALL BE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS). THE SLRWC GAVE COMMENTS TO THE ACOE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING, WHICH IS PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD, INSTEAD

OF A WRITTEN LETTER. THE ACOE WILL ADDRESS ALL VERBAL AND WRITTEN COMMENTS IN THE EIS, WHICH IS DUE TO COME OUT MID 2011 FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF PUBLIC COMMENTS.

NEW GREGORY CANYON NEWS: SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ROBERT DAHLQUIST RECENTLY CLARIFIED AND REAFFIRMED THE 2005 DECISION BY JUDGE MICHAEL ANELLO THAT THE ORIGINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) WAS INCOMPLETE AND THEREFORE NEEDED TO BE AMENDED AND RE-CERTIFIED. THE ORIGINAL 2005 DECISION INFERS THAT ALL ASSOCIATED PERMITS FOR THE GREGORY CANYON PROJECT WERE NO LONGER CONSIDERED VALID, AND WOULD NEED TO BE RE-OBTAINED AFTER THE NEW EIR WAS COMPLETED. SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND GREGORY CANYON LTD. WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD TO GO BACK AND AMEND THEIR EIR, BUT THAT ALL PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED PERMITS WERE STILL IN PLACE. THIS RECENT COURT CASE CLARIFIED THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NEED THEIR EIR RE-CERTIFIED, AND ALSO OBTAIN ALL NEW PERMITS FOR THE LANDFILL PROJECT. THIS INCLUDES A NEW SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT (PERMIT# 37-AA-0032).

(ITEM 7) COMMENT LETTER PROTOCOL:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) NEEDS TO DEVELOP A WRITTEN PROTOCOL FOR HOW THIS COUNCIL WILL PROCEED WITH MAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS/LETTERS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS OR ISSUES THAT ARISE WITHIN OUR WATERSHED. COMMENT PERIODS ARE GENERALLY 45 DAYS, WHICH REQUIRES A PROMPT TURNAROUND TIME FOR THE COUNCIL TO DRAFT A LETTER, SEND TO COUNCIL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS FOR REVIEW, AND THEN TO BRING TO REGULAR SLRWC MEETING FOR APPROVAL BY VOTE, BEFORE SENDING THEM OUT. THIS REQUIRES US TO HAVE A DETAILED WRITTEN ACCOUNT FOR GOING ABOUT THIS PROCESS, WHICH IS TO BE DEVELOPED AT THE NEXT BOD MEETING. SOME MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS NEED A LONGER TIME THAN OTHER GROUPS TO REVIEW DRAFT COMMENT LETTERS.

IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO ALSO OUTLINE WHAT THE GOALS OF THE COUNCIL ARE (IE: TO TAKE HARD STANDS AGAINST ISSUES & WRITE COMMENT LETTERS, OR WORK ON PROJECTS, GRANTS, AND EVENTS THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR TIES WITHIN THE WATERSHED. OUR COUNCIL MAY BE MORE EFFECTIVE AS AN AGENCY THAT WORKS ON OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (IE: PROJECTS, EVENTS, GRANTS) OR AS A FORUM FOR THE COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES, CONCERNS, AND PROJECTS. IF THE COUNCIL WANTS TO GET MORE INTO WRITING COMMENT LETTERS, THAN THE GROUP SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF ONLY NONPROFITS, INSTEAD OF A MIXTURE OF AGENCIES.

(ITEM 8) GRANTS UPDATE:

CYNTHIA WAS LOOKING INTO A POSSIBLE OAK WOODLAND RESTORATION GRANT PROJECT, AND WILL BRING MORE INFORMATION NEXT TIME.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY FOR THE SLRWC WOULD BE TO PARTNER UP WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE ON VARIOUS 'WATERSHED ACTIVITIES,' SUCH AS OUTREACH TO HORSE OWNERS, OR CLEANUP EVENTS.

- SAN DIEGO COUNTY IS HOME TO THE SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF HORSES IN ANY COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA. THESE EDUCATION/OUTREACH PROJECTS COULD FOCUS ON THINGS LIKE: PROPER MAINTENANCE OF STALLS; PROPER STORAGE/DISPOSAL OF MANURE; AND COMPOSTING OF MANURE. WE MAY WANT TO MODEL OUR OUTREACH AFTER THE 'LIVESTOCK AND LAND' GROUP, WHICH IS A PEER-LED GROUP THAT ASSESS A HORSE-OWNERS' PROPERTY WITH THE END GOAL OF IMPROVING BOTH HORSE HEALTH AND WATER QUALITY. THIS GROUP INITIALLY FORMED UP IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, AND HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS AT

MAKING POSITIVE CHANGES. THIS WOULD BE A BENEFICIAL PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN SAN DIEGO; HORSE-OWNERS WOULD BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA IF IT CAME FROM PEERS WITHIN THE LOCAL HORSE COMMUNITY OR A NON-PROFIT (NOT A REGULATORY AGENCY) SO THAT IT REMAINS VOLUNTARY. IF WE DID WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, THE COUNTY COULD POSSIBLY TAKE THE LEAD IN WRITING A GRANT, WHICH THEY COULD THEN HAND OVER TO A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION (LIKE OURSELVES) TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT. THIS MAY EVEN PARTIALLY FUND A PERMANENT STAFF PERSON FOR OUR WATERSHED COUNCIL, AND/OR PAY FOR EVENTS, OUTREACH, ADMINISTRATION FEES, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. IT WOULD DEFINITELY HELP US TO GET OUR NAME/MISSION OUT INTO THE WORLD. WE COULD ALSO PARTNER UP WITH THE COUNTY TO SPONSOR OTHER OUTREACH PROGRAMS, SUCH AS: OUTREACH TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS; OUTREACH TO HORSE-OWNERS; AND OUTREACH ON COMPOSTING. THE COUNTY COULD DESIGN AND OVERSEE THE PROJECT, AND THEN HAND IT OVER TO US TO IMPLEMENT. ONE ATTENDEE SUGGESTED THAT WE WORK DIRECTLY WITH GROOMS AND STABLE ATTENDANTS ON PROPER MAINTENANCE FOR HORSE STALLS, MANURE, AND OTHER ITEMS.

- CLEANUP EVENTS WOULD BE ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO GET OUR NAME OUT THERE, AND PARTNER UP WITH EITHER THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO OR THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE. THE SLRWC COULD HOST CLEANUP EVENTS ALONG THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER, OR COMBINE IT WITH A 'GETTING TO KNOW YOUR WATERSHED' OUTREACH EVENT. THEN THE COUNTY COULD CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH THE SLRWC, AND COULD THEN COVER COSTS.

(ITEM 9) ATTENDEE'S NEWS:

SCOTT NORRIS ~ COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO: ONE OF SCOTT'S FELLOW STAFF MEMBERS JUST GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO WITH HER 2ND MASTERS IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT. SHE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP OUT OUR GROUP BY DOING AN 'AFFIRMATIVE INQUIRY' WITH US. THIS HELPS A GROUP IDENTIFY ALL THE COMMON POSITIVE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN ALL THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN THE WHOLE GROUP. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER AT THE NEXT BOD MEETING, AND THEN BRING IT BACK TO THE SLRWC.

(ITEM 8) 2010 SLRWC MEETING DATES:


- JULY 26, 2010
- AUGUST 23, 2010
- SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

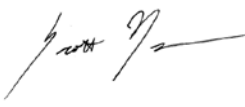
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