

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 10/26/2009**

- **(Item 1) Call to Order:** 1:05
- **(Item 2) List of Attendees present on 10/26/2009:**

Angela Morrow	Vista Irrigation District (VID)
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 Mission Indians
Mona Sespe	Pala Band of Mission Indians
Paul Dorey	Vista Irrigation District (VID)
Rob Roy	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Ruth Harber	Riverwatch
Scott Norris	County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

*****Announcement***:** We have received official approval of our Nonprofit Status from the IRS.

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

A motion was made by David Allen, seconded by Paul Dorey, and a vote to approve the September 28th Meeting Minutes, with a few minor changes, was carried unanimously by the SLR Watershed Council present.

- **(Item 4) Finalize Board of Directors Nomination Slate:**

To date, we have had 4 separate nominations put in for consideration: VID (Paul Dorey), Riverwatch (Ruth Harber), County of San Diego (Scott Norris), and Pala Band of Mission Indians (Heidi Brow). Ruth Harber asked to be removed from the nomination slate, as she does not have enough time to be a member of the Board of Directors. The City of Oceanside did not want to be on the Board at this time, as Cynthia has an already over-stressed workload. Cynthia will look into some other possibilities. Cynthia also talked to Eric Larson from the San Diego Farm Bureau, who expressed interest in running. There is the possibility of electing him (or others) in the near future, once a letter has been turned in and 2 meetings attended by the organization, if positions remain unfilled.

This leaves us with 3 individuals on the nomination slate, which does not give us a quorum for the Board of Directors. In Section 4.14 of the SLRWC By-laws (Vacancies on the Board), it states that if the Board of Directors is less than a quorum, the seats can be filled afterward by another (later) Board of Directors Election by the membership.

VOTING ITEM

(Accepting Nomination Slate): There was a motion to accept the nomination slate of 3 individuals as it currently stands, and to go ahead and vote on 3 of the 7 Board of Directors' seats at this meeting.

- Paul Dorey (VID) MOTIONED to accept the nomination slate as is.
- Scott Norris (County of San Diego) SECONDED the motion
- CALL FOR DISCUSSION: no views were voiced/discussed
- CALL TO VOTE: Motion to accept was passed unanimously.

• **(Item 5) Board of Directors Elections:**

A voting form with 3 individuals nominated for Board of Directors' seats was presented to each of the 10 members present at today's meeting. The individuals on the voting form included:

- Paul Dorey (Vista Irrigation District)
- Scott Norris (County of San Diego, Dept. of Public Works)
- Heidi Brow (Pala Band of Mission Indians)(alt. John Beresford)

An anonymous vote was held, & votes were tallied by the SLRWC Secretary afterward. All 10 members present voted 'aye' for each of the 3 candidates listed on the voting form; there were no 'nays'; there were no abstentions.

VOTING ITEM

(Election of Board of Directors): A voting form with 3 individuals nominated for Board of Directors was presented to members present for an election.

- Paul Dorey (VID) accepted as a Board of Director
- Scott Norris (County of San Diego) accepted as a Board of Director
- Heidi Brow (Pala Band of Mission Indians) accepted as a Board of Director
- VOTE: All 3 candidates were accepted unanimously by members present; there were zero 'nays'; there were no abstentions.

The SLRWC Secretary certified that 3 individuals were nominated & then elected to the SLRWC Board of Directors, and that the SLRWC followed proper voting protocol.

I Certify the above to be true and valid,



Heidi Brow
Secretary, San Luis Rey Watershed Council

VOTING ITEM

(Retain Interim Board of Director Positions until we have enough people for a BOD quorum): There was a motion to continue under the interim Board of Director positions, which were established in order to obtain our non-profit status, until such a time as our elected Board of Director's is large enough to be a quorum.

(interim positions = Cynthia Mallet, *CEO*; David Allen, *CFO*; Heidi Brow, *Sec*)

- Paul Dorey (VID) MOTIONED to continue BOD interim positions.
- Scott Norris (County of San Diego) SECONDED the motion
- CALL FOR DISCUSSION: no views were voiced/discussed
- CALL TO VOTE: Motion to accept was passed unanimously by 3 votes from the Board of Directors.

- **(Item 6) Discussion of Annual Goals** ***Added to Agenda on day of meeting:*
 1. **Establish SLRWC as a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation.** **COMPLETE** ✓
 2. **Website:** *We would like to put together a website for the San Luis Rey Watershed Council, with information for our members and the general public. Eco Layers (Joe Purohit) has agreed to create a simple website for us for free. In preparation for this, we will need to create a workgroup committee (Scott Norris & Rob Roy have agreed to help with this) to discuss the items we would like to see on the website and the functionality of the site itself (ie: message boards, documents, data, maps, level of information available a-to the public and b-to SLRWC members, etc). George Wilkins or MRCD may have some copies/slides of the old website design, which we can use. Pala & San Diego County are both working on some maps of our watershed, which we can upload to the website.*
 3. **Develop a 1, 3, and 5 Year Plan:** *For each plan, we should specify projects and goals for the Watershed Council. These projects/goals should be prioritized from most to least important. We could hold a strategic planning meeting at our November SLRWC Meeting, to develop these plans.*
 4. **Grants:** *We would like to find suitable grant funding for our group, and begin applying for them as soon as we can. We should start compiling a list of possible grant funding to go after, which everyone can add to. Some options to check into are: capacity-building grants; planning grants (205j grants)(not happening for fy09); Prop 84 (163 million total); SB-310; SEP's. We should be able to be very competitive on the grant process, since it is easier to partner up on projects with water districts, county, and tribes on the Watershed Council.*
 5. **Create a List of Projects:** *This goal would help us identify issues or projects that the Watershed Council would like to devote more time and energy to. They could be: Education/Outreach; Increasing Membership; Identification of the SLRWC's position on relevant issues; Specific projects occurring in our watershed (ie: Gregory Canyon Landfill; Development on I-15 & 76 corridor, etc).*
 6. **Update our Watershed Management Plan or do a Watershed Assessment.**
- **(Item 7) Financial Update:**

There is no change in the SLRWC's financial status; we currently have \$438.00 in the bank.
- **(Item 8) Membership Fees:**

David Allen has agreed to contact Rob Hutsel from the SD River Coalition/SD River Park Foundation to see if he would be willing to share some of their baseline budget plans. Scott Norris will check with Rachel from his office to see if he can obtain budget templates from other similar-sized non-profit groups. Cynthia will contact the University of San Diego's nonprofit undergraduate program to see if their department could help us develop and review our by-laws and other operating rules.

George Wilkin's non-profit group charges a \$100/year fee from their members, in 2-year increments; \$100 is a very typical fee for non-profits to charge their members. They also work member fees into workshop fees, which their organization offers periodically; this method helps to increase membership in their group. The SLRWC may also want to consider petitioning Bill Horn for start-up funds, although this will have to wait until next year, as the County Supervisors' funding has already been spent for the fy2009. We will write a letter soon to request funds. Bill Horn is the only County Supervisor for the San Luis Rey Watershed.
- **(Item 9) Establishment of Working Committees:**

We have tabled this item until a later meeting.

• **(Item 10) News & Reports From Attendee's:**

Rob Roy ~ La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians:

Rob brought up the topic of the Gregory Canyon Landfill, and asked if the San Luis Rey Watershed Council could take a stand on the issue or possibly draft a comment letter opposing this project. The Regional Board is currently considering granting Gregory Canyon a waste discharge permit; the Army Corps is considering granting Gregory Canyon a nation-wide permit or a 404 permit. Rob has offered to draft an opposition letter for the SRLWC to review at the November meeting; we could put the review of such a letter on the 11/23/2009 agenda, but it could not be a voting item until a later meeting in order to give members enough time to take it back to their agencies.

George Wilkins ~ Pacific REMS:

George just attended an internal meeting for the Southern California Flooding Agencies, where they discussed the upcoming rain year. FY2009/2010 has officially been designated an El Nino Year, which usually results in an above average rainfall. This could translate into a higher frequency of storms, or it might be fewer, more intensive storms....it will depend on the weather/ocean conditions.

The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians and Vista Irrigation District just held a field investigation at the La Jolla Reservation, to examine the issue of steelhead. Both entities are concerned about this issue, and are trying to provide NOAA/NMFS with as much scientific-based evidence as they can to reduce our watershed from a priority one level down to priority two.

Paul Dorey ~ Vista Irrigation District:

Both Paul and Angela just attended the 26th Biennial Groundwater Conference up in Sacramento, where they received a lot of new information on water-related topics, such as groundwater and fish.

David Allen ~ Fallbrook Land Conservancy:

David wants to get in contact with the Bureau of Reclamation (Temecula office), to see if we can get them to attend our meetings.

Ruth Harber ~ Riverwatch:

Ruth is concerned over EPA's decision to downgrade the Arroyo Toad's species status from 'endangered' to merely 'threatened'. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is currently expanding toad habitat.

• **(Item 11) Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

2009 Meetings:

November 23, 2009

December 28, 2009

January 25, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for Distribution,

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Heidi Brow
Secretary, San Luis Rey Watershed Council

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Board of Director, Scott Norris
San Luis Rey Watershed Council