

MINUTES, LCWC BOARD MEETING

DATE AND TIME: **Tuesday, January 9, 2017, 6:30 pm**

LOCATION: Sheri Noblett's house,

Board Members Present: Barbara Washburn by phone, Sheri Noblett, Cathy Lemelin, Nancy Myers, Alta Tura

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Barbara.

Minutes from **November 4, 2016** meeting were approved.

Update on Event Planning –

Spring River Friendly Landscaping event – March 18. Barbara didn't talk to Mark Madison from EG Water. She will instead contact the new environmental coordinator at EG Water. Barbara will secure a room at City Hall from 10 until 2. Sheri reports that the topic will be turf Conversion or Landscape Design. It was suggested that even though there would be some repetition of last year's topic in Landscape Design, that this would be a more popular topic. Sheri will check – depends on instructor availability.

Creek Week – Clean-up is April 29. Elk Grove Creek from Zimbleman Park north to Lewis Stein and south to Laguna Blvd. – April too early for attacking goathead (puncture vine) here. Sheri determined there is no conflict with the CSD. A courtesy notification of the clean-up should be sufficient. **Cathy will be site leader for Zimbleman Park.** Alta will check with James Reede regarding heading the clean-up at N Laguna Creek Wetlands. Bufferlands will also be a clean-up site headed by Delta Conservancy staff with help from Bufferlands staff. **Mather VP flower walks are April 9 & 23.** Volunteer registration will open in late February/early March. Wait until then to publicize.

Development Projects:

East Lawn City of EG meeting re: Laguna Creek Corridor – Barbara has nothing to report. **Expect work to begin on the mapping at the end of February.**

Laguna Creek Monitoring Planning for future Monitoring – Nancy update

Cosumnes Oaks High School – Nitrate monitoring will be continued this year. Need 3 or 4 dedicated people. Justin has reported nothing to Nancy. Assumption is that there is not enough student interest in the monitoring. (Justin is sick.)

Valley High School – Barbara spoke with Ken Steele to see where things stand now with their monitoring effort. Green Club students tested for nitrates. All negatives. Perhaps the Water Board's Clean Water Team website will have some suggestions on a better constituent, high sensitivity/low detection limit. Nancy will check. Cathy suggests sampling at Jacinto Bridge north side of creek ds near an outfall.

Update of Work Plan Sheri will incorporate the suggestions that came out of our discussion into an update draft. Several items will be deleted because they had already been accomplished. Other items will be deleted because they were more about internal work we need to do (blog & website improvements, e.g.) The update's organization will be simplified and some categories renamed/combined. To be added under Policy: Creek corridor Management Plan Development (Nancy & Barbara). To be added under Education/Outreach: Spring Creek Clean-up (Alta). Cathy will further investigate Adopt-A-Creek and Alta will send her forms developed by SACC.

Board Brunch Planning Potluck. February 12 suggested. Nancy offers her house.

Laguna Creek vegetation clearing – Report on meetings with the City and LCWC's role in improving practices and assuring mitigation. Barbara and Nancy met with the City staff this afternoon. They were receptive to the Scope of Work we proposed. They are willing to hire a consultant and agree with us that their response to the complaints about the creek corridor vegetation was too reactive. The consulting firms Horizon and cbec will provide a framework for consultant hiring similar to Sonoma County Water Agency's. The City is open to incorporating the new procedures for bank and stream corridor stabilization and rehabilitation into the Drainage Master Plan.

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Other Items

Website – Steve has restored the website to an earlier version. This appears to have eliminated the redirect problem. Unfortunately, it has also taken our website back to last April, so he has quite a bit of work to do to get it back up to date. A big thank you to Steve!

June Board Activity – It was suggested we get together to do a one-day stewardship activity – team building! Tree planting, bird boxes or invasive plant removal. Will discuss at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alta Tura

Next Meeting Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:30 pm, at Steve's?