

Laguna Creek Watershed Council Meeting Minutes

DATE AND TIME: **Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

LOCATION: Sheri's house,

Attending: Alta Tura, Barbara Washburn (by phone), Cathy Lemelin, David Kent, Nancy Myers, Sheri Noblett, Tom Campbell.

Sheri called meeting to order at 6:45.

Review and approve minutes - Alta. Approved.

Planning for Creek Week – Alta, Cathy, others. 3 Elk Grove clean-ups on April 14. N Laguna Creek – David Kent & Nancy (2 groups = 25 volunteers registered so far). Zimbelman Park – Cathy (2 scout groups = 25 volunteers so far). EG Creek Trail at Laguna Springs Dr (1 group of 20 registered). Sheri has notified CSD on pick-up need at Zimbelman and Laguna Springs Blvd. City Parks will place trash trailers and haul garbage left near the bridge from N Laguna Creek Park. Laguna Springs - put trash by where big oak tree used to be. Alta will send a site leader instruction brochure to all leaders. Cathy will pick up boxes for those who can't attend April 12 workshop and they can pick up from Cathy. Sheri reports a resident called CSD about the need to clean E Franklin drainage – may be a good prospect for fall clean-up or next year. (South side of Whitelock after dogleg).

CSD Day of Service April 21 - Sheri has requested invasive removal as part of this service day. LDS church will supply some volunteers to be supervised by Sheri at 4 different sites: 2 clumps of pampas grass south side at Camden pond, north side privets and tallow, tallow trees near pond weir, Ringe Circle pistachios growing amongst oaks. Sheri will try to tag the trees the week before. Sheri will request herbicide application by CSD contractors. Cathy will help. Others are welcome to help with this effort.

Planning Cruise the Creek – Barbara, David & others. Audubon walk tentative date of April 22 Sunday. Maureen Geiger willing to do a family walk. David and Barbara will help. Jack Hill Park 9 or 10 start time. Barbara and David will plan outreach together. Minimum age of 6. Sheri will help with outreach. EG Citizen and fliers/Facebook page for Fallbrook. Tom will try to bring his Cub Scout pack. Barbara will confirm the place, date and time with Maureen asap in hopes that Sac Audubon can publicize through their newsletter.

Upcoming meeting with Christopher Jordan, Asst. City Mgr. on March 22 between 4 and 5 – Elk Grove Activity. Main topic will be an update of Creek Corridor Management Plan. Christopher Jordan will provide date of City Council meeting coming up for City Council to approve Creek Corridor Management Plan. Barbara also wants to revisit acquisition the open space and water quality issues surrounding the cemetery property. Barbara, Tom, David and maybe Cathy will try to attend. This group will conference call or meet a few days ahead of the meeting to decide on the topics they wish to cover with Mr. Jordan.

DWR funding opportunity homeless issue – Tom. Barbara doesn't think EG is a good candidate. The group agrees. Tom will look into it a little further. Barbara will send him the link to the gr

Discuss and review projects for the American River Basin Stormwater Resource Plan. Barbara. Narratives are due within a month to be included in the hard copy of the plan. Projects can be added at any time through Opti at the RWA website. Prop 1 grant funding will be available only to projects that are included in the Regional Stormwater Resource Plan.

1. Waegell Ranch may be most feasible project for us to submit geomorphic assessment & planting plan needed. Maybe SVC or County would be a partner. Would need a consultant. This is a big enough project to make it an attractive Prop 1 grant proposal.
2. EG Florin Rd Wetland Restoration project (Project # 22 Creekside) (Bell South) Steve is drafting a project description for Creekside. About an acre was preserved as mitigation for Bell South development. An island where oxbow was. Restoration was planned to follow, but plan was dropped. The old plans could be part of scoping for a real project. Do we know who owns the land? Prop 1 grant \$ coming out spring/summer. Dept of F&W restoration grant \$ may be possible
3. Cemetery property. Elk Grove trails committee might be a partner in developing a project. Sheri says their next meeting is April 16 at 6:00. Sheri will check with Sandy Kyles to see if we can get on the agenda. Barbara will make a presentation and several board members will try to attend.
4. Triangle Rock basin for recharge – Barbara talked to Linda Dorn and others who say opportunity to recharge is pretty small. Complicated geology and recharge might interfere with expansion goals. We will not pursue any further at this time.
5. Vineyard daylighting project off the list for now – Southgate R&P too busy with new development to develop a plan.
6. Creek Corridor Management Plan.

Identification of new Board members for late spring – Barbara. Engineer, biologist, business community rep, teacher or someone with tie to the school district. Table until next meeting.

Report on LID Conference – Alta, Sheri. The conference covered many wide-ranging topics around watershed health: community activism, LID design, regulatory issues, sample of a successful creek restoration project, example of how to devise a science-based restoration strategy for a watershed, latest research on groundwater recharge mapping from UCD and more. The many topics and presentations left little time for questions or panel discussion. The value was in making people aware of various efforts and resources.

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Opportunities for Collaboration with other organizations.

1. Sheri reports - Sharon Anderson wants to meet with City and CSD to talk about Camden pond's health, etc. Barbara will forward Sharon's email to the board. We should be doing outreach to Camden Neighborhood group, too. Sheri suggests we all try to get together – including Fallbrook Neighborhood.

2. Signage North Laguna Creek Wildlife Area – David. From 99 to Franklin along Laguna Creek trail. The parks are pretty clean. The trail is neglected. Signage is old. Posts are down. David has reported to 311 many times with no action. Called Larry Carr with no response yet. David plans to go into their offices on Folsom Blvd. Eagle Scout project? Rotary? David will take photos of the problem areas.

3. Elk Grove Trails Committee. (See Cemetery property notes above.)

Announcements

Renaissance Society – Wednesday, April 25 Walk at North Laguna Creek Park starting at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned 8:30.

Next meeting date and location:

Next board meeting Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 at Cathy's.