

Laguna Creek Watershed Council Meeting Minutes

DATE AND TIME: **Tuesday, July 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

LOCATION: David's house,

Attending: Alta Tura, Barbara Washburn, Cathy Lemelin, David Kent, Nancy Myers, Sheri Noblett, Steve Kent.

Call to Order - Barbara called meeting to order at 6:45. Steve Scott is unable to continue serving on the board.

Review and Approve Minutes of May 15 meeting - Barbara. Approved with Cathy's corrections.

Sheldon Farms North – Barbara wrote a second letter regarding design problems. Doesn't meet the 40 foot buffer requirement of the CSD. New LID and hydromod requirements required on development applications after July 1, 2018. Question is if their application is complete. City advised developer that they could avoid compliance with new standards by completing their drainage plan by July 1. No 404 or 401 certification for release of stormwater into Laguna Creek floodplain (bypass channel north of Laguna Creek). Barbara is checking with ACOE to see if the permits are needed. Wood Rogers will meet with Barbara on 7-26 at 1:00. David will also attend.

Sheldon Farms South - They will need to meet the new requirements mentioned above.

Website Update – Tom is absent due to illness. Barbara reviewed Tom's list of suggestions. Steve suggests we look into translating into Chinese since so many recent immigrants use the trail. Send comments to Barbara and Tom by beginning of next week. Barbara will get the document in Drop Box so all can review it.

Grant Opportunities and fund raising – Barbara. Proposing Rose Foundation grant for revitalizing creek walks. Nancy brought copies of the old Trail Trekkers booklets. Possibly we could create a CSD program. Sheri reminds us we could also apply to City of EG for a Community Grant – deadline in March. North Laguna Creek Park interpretive signs are a possibility. Stormwater grants up to \$5,000? through Stormwater Partnership. Sheri has inquired about Bayer grant program for Feed a Bee. Solitary bee boxes. We may want to review our existing programs and see about how they can be improved/expanded.

Community day of service/invasive weed removal, tree maintenance – All. Possibly do Mather Morrison Creek oak maintenance/vole control in spring. Laguna Creek in the fall. Remove invasives. We could cut some trees and CSD would haul away slash and apply herbicide. Tallow, catalpa, pampas grass. Scheduled for Sunday, October 28 from 9 to noon with at Camden Lake.

Bird boxes, Fall Cruise the Creek, Great Sierra Clean up – Cathy/Others. September 15. Cathy and Alta will be site leaders. North Laguna Creek and Pinkerton Park. Cathy has ordered supplies for 100 volunteers. Sheri will ask EG City Councilmember and Cathy has requested Sac City Council member Larry Carr if they will cover lunch. Cathy will try to find new contact at Cosumnes Oak HS. Barbara will check with Maureen Geiger at Audubon to see if they would be interested in doing a combo birdwalk and bird box installation activity in November. If no interest, we will skip fall Cruise the Creek, and will push bird boxes to early spring.

Creek Corridor Management Plan update – Barbara. Nothing specific to report.

Discussion with Ami Bera, climate change event – Nancy. Bill Meyers has been in contact with Bera's people to find out his interest in climate change. Bera is looking for guidance from his constituents. He will be at the Meyers' house on Saturday, August 25. Board members are invited.

Announcements

David reports - From Center Parkway to Franklin on the south side of the Creek, City Parks will replace post and cable.

Sheri – Behind Leatherby's sheep & goats ate mitigation plantings. Red bud, coyote brush. Barbara will ask that the corridor management plan address grazing.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 at Sheri's house.