

## AGENDA, LCWC BOARD MEETING

DATE AND TIME: **Wednesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

LOCATION: Nancy Myers' house

ADDRESS:

**Call to order** 6:45. **Attending:** Alta, Barbara, Nancy, Dave and Steve Kent, Tom. Guest: Sue Rosenburg.

### Tasks

Reviewed minutes – No changes

**Website update:** Barbara reports it is mainly migrated to new Divi Word Press platform. New security. New alternatives to all plug ins. Warren Mahan will send a list of things to be done. Mail Chimp will be set up. Donate button will be on various pages.

Review board member bios and submit updates. **Board members may elect to use existing photo or are asked to send a photo or one will be taken at the holiday party.**

Resource Library isn't user friendly. Resource Library needs to be in table form. **Send examples of functional resource libraries to Barbara.** Categories are already established: Development Projects, Outreach & Education, Watershed Management Plan...

Warren will send 40 docs to Barbara tomorrow for her to organize.

**Barbara will send link, user name & password so we can look at the site as it is now.**

Warren has from 6 to 10 hours to complete the transfer, after which the web site will be stable with the resource library restored.

We will receive 4 hour training on managing Divi. Perhaps we could recruit an intern to learn how to manage.

**Barbara will draft an intern job description and circulate.**

Debrief and follow up plans - invasive weed removal – Camden

Barbara read Sheri's report. Sheri noticed 7 or more tallow trees growing west of Camden. Easy to see them now because they are turning red. She confirmed CSD has a chipper truck, so we can leave larger debris piles next time if we coordinate with them. Intentionally girdled some of the tallow trees that were too large to remove.

Other comments: Good to see extent of what needs to be done.

10 people. Good to have a project to work on together.

Not enough tarps.

Needed more appropriate equipment.

Barbara felt we were making a minor impact. Overwhelming.

Several trail users and neighbors thanked us. Some complained about the smell and algae problem. This is a result of the turf going up to the lake. Three trail users/neighbors agreed with Barbara that turf removal would be fine. The Neighborhood Association pays an assessment. Discuss further at our next meeting when Sheri can give input.

### Grants

- Report on ASLA award ceremony, possible press release, recruitment effort, planning and oversight. Tom attended the ASLA Sierra Chapter awards ceremony. Ours was for an environmental improvement. Will pay the stipend for a CSUS student intern to Cruise the Creek. We have a giant cardboard check! Press release will go to Elk Grove Citizen. Intern announcement will go to Christine Flowers for student intern recruitment at CSUS. **Send comments on the intern job description to Barbara by tomorrow.**
- Prop 1 Implementation Grant: Rob Swartz has called for projects. Requires 50% match and a CEQA-ready project. Barbara called Christopher Jordan at the City, and EG is interested in applying for funds. However, the Creek Corridor Management plan implementation may not have CEQA documents ready. Christopher at the City will look for other possibilities. Barbara will follow up with Christopher this week.
- Rose Foundation. Tom reports application is due Feb. 1. We can get a couple thousand from the Grassroots fund. Should we apply for web site improvement? Review our Work Plan for ideas. Update web site and brochure to develop content that reflects climate change and other changes. Discuss more at next meeting.

Nancy reports that the Central Valley Rails to Trails Foundation is folding. \$14,000 is in their account. Giving much of it to Project Ride. Some to veterans and rails to trails. Nancy has asked for \$2,000 for LCWC. Will know by the end of the year.
Creek Corridor Management Plan update. Barbara reports we are waiting to hear back from Christopher. See Prop 1 Grant item above.
Update VFWC – Alta’s report is below the minutes.
Plan for yearly Board holiday / winter brunch Sunday, December 9 or Sunday, January 6. Announcements Barbara reports that she has learned the Hydromod management plan is voluntary. The SQP changed the requirement to be: Tentative map must be <u>submitted</u> by July 1, 2018. Since the plan is voluntary it has no teeth, but the silver lining is that the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partners are choosing to move forward on hydromod now. Next meeting tentatively Wednesday, January 23 at Dave’s house. Adjourned 8:45.

### Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative Report from Alta

The organization meets regularly. Gregg Bates is president, Alta is secretary. Other board members are David Baker, Melinda Frost-Hurzel, and Chris Bowles. Christine Flowers works on contract.

We have developed a list of potential projects in Sacramento and Placer County and we work to find funding for them.

VFWC is part of the Morrison Creek Project team that is working on community engagement & creek restoration. Grant funding has supported meetings, a creek tour & two community creek clean-ups. A National Park Service grant has been very helpful with community engagement and making a realistic work plan. Money should be available soon so that cbec can begin working on a 50%+ design before the end of this year.

Through SACC’s participation in VFWC, we were put in touch with a GIS person who created – pro bono- an interactive map of our Creek Week clean-up sites. The map provides clean-up data and other information by site. It will be available at creekweek.net after a bit of editing.

A presentation was made October 3 to the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partners on how VFWC’s Adopt A Creek and Creek Week might be a part of the Stormwater Quality Program. The partners are very receptive, and the City may be ready for a formal proposal within the year. We are working together in the meantime to refine the idea as more information comes in on the trash protocols and we zero in on the City’s needs that match up with our capabilities.

We hold quarterly meetings of the American River Basin Collaborative at the RWA.

Next meeting is December 20 at 1:30. Roland Brady will present a slide show on his data collection protocol and study of Steelhead Creek camper trash clean-up. There will also be a review of discussions between the jurisdictions and the Water Board over the development of trash protocol that will allow the use of 5 methods.

The March ARBC meeting will be a workshop presenting VFWC’s goals and objectives and brainstorm ideas on how we can help this community.

## 1. Homepage

Remove blog, substitute other info about mission vision, history of the creek (from that section in Council tab) news link to facebook, report a concern, other???? \_\_\_\_\_

Find new picture

LCWC blog – remove, add Contact Us instead.

## 2. Our watershed

- Watershed map – add description of watershed (draw it from other sections of the website)
- Explore your watershed – update and expand, add pictures to each of the sections
- History of LC trails – remove history, add info on all the trails and connections with pictures
- Interpretive signs – remove, out of date, move to Council portion of website as history
- Add map to Vision for a Trail System
- Report a concern – move to homepage, review content and update info

## 3. The Council

- 1<sup>st</sup> section about LC – move to homepage
- Be sure work plan listed is the most recent one
- Meetings – remove – nothing is current or updated
- BoD – update pictures and description
- Move Contact to the title bar on the home page
- Organizing docs – move to library

## 4. Get involved

- Update volunteer for the watershed
  - i. Info out of date
  - ii. No watershed stewards program at present
  - iii. Update service learning to include CSUS
  - iv. Is the contact form working??
  - v. Add email address for contacting
  - vi. Make a donate – move button somewhere more prominent on the homepage

## 5. Creek Care

- Creek friendly landscaping
  - i. Update, expand and add pictures, add links to regional websites with more info (reshape, Sac Co, etc.)

## 6. Resource Library

- Consider renaming to library or other?? Documents??
- Links – check them and update