

NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 120 – North Etiwanda Preserve

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2011 2:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Board of Directors:

Dianna Lee
John Roberts
Robert Mckernan
Sam Spagnolo
Doug Andreeson

Non-Board Members:

Candyce Burnett – City of Rancho Cucamonga
Ken Jameson – Rancho Cucamonga Police
Carlos Anzora – Second District County Supervisor
Tom Munn – NEP Steward
Joanna Gibson – CA Dept. of Fish and Game
Jennes McBride – US Fish and Wildlife
Tim Millington – Special Districts

Introduction:

The San Bernardino County North Etiwanda Preserve (Preserve) meeting was called to order on October 20, 2011 by Dianna Lee at 2:37 p.m. and introductions were made.

Review of Minutes from the July 21, 2011 Meeting:

Board chair Dianna Lee approved the skipping of the past meeting minutes, meeting minutes were not available.

Public Comment:

No comments

Endowment Interest Report:

CSA 120 Manager Tim Millington distributed the endowment interest report. Interest earned for the previous quarter was \$2,594.00 at an interest rate below 1%. Mr. Millington also commented that there is a mandatory balance in place for the endowment in the amount of \$1,606,750.00. Mr. Millington also stated that the balance was low because they transferred more interest than they should have in the last transaction.

Board Chair Dianna Lee asked those present to see if they could find a better interest rate.

North Etiwanda Preserve Operation and Maintenance

Tim Millington, Special Districts gave an update on some of the preserve trends of use, projects, clean-ups and items being addressed. Mr. Millington announced that in commemoration of National Make a Difference Day a Clean-up in partnership with the Cucamonga Valley Water District - Frontier Project, California Wilderness Coalition, and Rancho Cucamonga Fire is to take place on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Tim Millington expressed interest in having a broad base of volunteers for the county. Mr. Millington explained that the volunteers will go out with a team leader and that they will mostly be picking mustard and that they would mostly be picking mustard near the trails edge and they will be installing replacement signs for those that are faded. They also want to take care of some fencing near the access channel that has been cut.

Mr. Millington spoke of a permit to allow students of Chaffey College to perform biological studies in the Preserve. They will be looking at baseline vegetation maps and doing some basic assessments of any changes in vegetation due to recent flooding and monitoring invasive species tendencies. County ISD is going to provide the maps and loaned GPS units and equipment.

Board Chair Dianna Lee stated that recruitment for Friends of The Preserve should begin soon.

County Sheriff Enforcement within the NEP

Ken Jameson from the Rancho Cucamonga police department explained that initially when the preserve was established the address that was used was verifying as rancho Cucamonga and all of the calls were going to the Rancho Cucamonga police department. Mr. Jameson further explained that he contacted the city of Rancho Cucamonga and the preserve verified the address as being under the jurisdiction of Fontana for the routine calls but not priority calls.

Tim Millington asked how equipped the Fontana Station was to respond to the routine calls. Mr. Jameson stated that the Fontana station is equipped with multiple off road vehicles. Dianna Lee asked what differentiates a priority call from a routine call. Mr. Jameson explained that any sort of violent crimes and crimes of that nature were considered priority crime calls but anything where the suspect is no longer at the scene is considered routine. Sam Spagnolo requested that for simplicity, police and fire departments contact dispatch directly.

Establishment of a Sphere for CSA 120 and Annexation of Lytle-Cajon Creek Area

Tim Millington explained that there are many biotic resources in that area and the reason for the proposed expansion of the service area of CSA 120 is for environmental land

mitigation. Mr. Millington further explained that some of the sphere of influence overlaps city boundaries but explained that they only deal with land mitigation. The goal of the sphere is to consolidate these biotic resources. Mr. Millington presented various maps showing the location of the areas under the sphere of influence of CSA 120 and the biotic resources within those areas. Mr. Millington stated that an application must be submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the annexation of the Lytle-Cajon Creek Area and the establishment of a sphere of influence for the District.

Sam Spagnolo asked if the applications for the annexation and establishment of the sphere of influence would be submitted separately or collectively. Mr. Millington stated that the application would be submitted collectively as one but that they would have to take two separate actions. Dianna Lee stated that they were not endorsing any projects or planning within that area. Dianna Lee asked whether or not the maps were encompassing whole parcels or splitting parcels. Mr. Millington stated that the maps were refined so that all parcels would stay intact.

John Roberts asked if there would be any benefit to the endowment fund from this annexation and creation of a sphere of influence. Tim Millington explained that there is a possibility that the endowment fund could be benefited because they receive additional mitigation property. Mr. Millington stated that the application for the Local Agency Formation Commission was being drafted and was planning on having it completed before the next board meeting.

Sam Spagnolo made a motion to accept the proposed annexation of the Lytle creek area and the establishment of a sphere of influence for CSA 120. Robert Mckernan agreed and made a second. The motion was carried by the board.

Board Comment

Robert McKernan asked what the response to a Native American group approaching the board to make an agreement about the sage and salvia picking would be. Mr. Millington stated that there would be an agreement under specific circumstances such as the quantities and exact locations of the picking. Dianna Lee stated that there was a walking tour of the preserve done in the spring in order to see how many native species were actually there.

Next Quarterly Meeting Date

January 19, 2012
Supervisor Rutherford's Rancho Cucamonga Field Office
8575 Haven Avenue, Suite 110
Rancho Cucamonga