

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA 120 – DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
NORTH ETIWANDA PRESERVE**

Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2012 2:30 P.M.

In Attendance:
Board of Directors:

Dianna Lee
John Roberts
Robert McKernan
Paul Williams
Doug Andreson

Non-Board Members:

Tom Shenton- San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department
Frank Martinez– City of Rancho Cucamonga
Katie Herrit - Inland Empire Resource Conservation Districts
James Troyer – City of Rancho Cucamonga
Boss Hart - Resident of Rialto
William Butler - Resident of Lytle Creek
Sheryl Anaya - Resident of Lytle Creek
Jeness McBride – US Fish and Wildlife
Al Cunningham - Resident of Rancho Cucamonga
Nina Fajima - Resident of Rancho Cucamonga
Jesse Estrada - Cal Fire
Robert Hills - Cucamonga Valley Water District
Tom Munn - NEP Steward
Tim Millington - Special Districts

Introduction:

The San Bernardino County North Etiwanda Preserve (Preserve) meeting was called to order on January 19, 2012 by Dianna Lee at 2:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

Review of Minutes from the July 21, 2011 Meeting:

The meeting minutes for July 21, 2011 and October 20, 2011 were presented to the NEP Board by Board chair Dianna Lee. Board member Paul Williams made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes and board member Robert McKernan made a second and the motion carried with the board. Board member John Roberts made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes and board member McKernan made a second. The board unanimously carried the motion.

Public Comment:

There were no public 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% and earnings of \$2,856.37 for the latest quarter posted. Mr. Millington also commented that the interest totals are at the lowest they have ever been. Board member McKernan asked how many endowments Special Districts held. Mr. Millington stated he was not sure. Board chair Dianna Lee stated that the endowment interest report would be accepted as filed.

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 reported that the amount of sage harvesting has increased and that there is a need for an ordinance to cite violators. Mr. Millington also mentioned the problem with the signs within the preserve fading, he also stated that replacement signs are in stock. Mr. Millington explained to the board that if the signs were not placid before the next preserve clean up day than that would be looked at as a possible time for installation. Millington explained that the next cleanup day would be April 28, 2012 and he encouraged everyone to participate. Mr. Millington gave an update on dog use within the preserve and that there was still some dog use but that the issue was not that extensive.

County Sheriff Enforcement within the NEP

Tom Shenton from the San Bernardino County Sheriffs department echoed what Tim Millington explained about the sage picking. Shenton stated that they were receiving multiple calls from the preserve about the sage picking. Mr. Shenton explained that the station that covers the NEP also covered a very large area so that there was a possibility that a deputy would not be able to make it in a timely manner. Deputy Shenton explained that the use of aviation units has been effective in eliminating shooters from the north end of the preserve. Tom Munn an NEP steward gave a synopsis of issues within the preserve which included graffiti, illegal dumping, and off road vehicle traffic.

Board member McKernan asked if there would be a discussion about the new ordinances at the next meeting. Tim Millington stated that there would be a discussion at the next meeting and that he would gather more information and begin to draft some ordinances for environmental habitat conservation.

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

Tim Millington stated that at the last board meeting there was an analysis and discussion over the proposed plan sheet for the sphere of influence and annexation of the Lytle-Cajon Creek area. Mr. Millington stated that there were some changes made in respect to the sphere of influence in the region below area 2. This was done because upon review that area contained a large quantity of biotic resources. An area adjacent to the preserve was also added to the sphere.

Mr. Millington further explains that one of the main reasons for expanding the sphere of influence was so that at a later date some of those areas could possibly be annexed into the district. Tim also stated that there was interest in annexing the Lytle-Cajon project because of the land mitigation opportunities and because there is no other management entity other than the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District. Robert McKernan asked whether the management plan would be able to be adapted. Tim Millington explained that the plan could be adapted to include the Lytle-Cajon project area or that a new management plan could be drafted. Board member McKernan asked if there was a deadline for the sphere and annexation. Mr. Millington stated that there was not, but that LAFCO was pressing them to turn one in soon.

Board member John Roberts made a motion to approve the revisions to the sphere of influence. Board member Paul Williams made a second and the motion was carried by the board.

Discussion on Implementation of Merit Badge Program

Board chair Dianna Lee explained that this item would be skipped because the presenter of the information was not present.

Board Comment

Robert McKernan asked which vendor was used for the signs in the Preserve. Tim Millington stated that the vendor was called Fossil.

Board chair Dianna Lee expressed the need for fire management ordinance drafts for the next meeting and more information on the merit badge program. Board chair Lee also asked whether or not the mitigation fee schedules should be examined. Mr. Millington explained that at the next meeting the fee schedules would be looked at.

Next Quarterly Meeting Date: April 19, 2012
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