

Salton Sea Management Program Outreach Committee Meeting

Date: April 4, 2016

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Salton Sea RV Park
336 Seaview Dr., Salton Sea, CA

Meeting Minutes

A. Committee Members:

1. Val Simon (USBR), Jack Porelli (CVWD), Patsy Meister (SDIA), Karen Riesz (CDFW), Kay Pricola (COLAB Imperial County), Bruce Wilcox (SSMP), Phil Rosentrater (Salton Sea Authority), Drew Story (UCR), Bruce Wilcox (SSMP), Phil Rosentrater (Salton Sea Authority), Darren Simon (SDCWA), Maria Davydova (CRBRWQCB), Kelly Claar (SSRA), Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter (IID), Bruce Wilcox (SSMP), Phil Rosentrater (Salton Sea Authority),
2. Alternates: Victoria Lowerson-Bredow (UCI), Holly Mayton (UCR), Maria Champion (IID)
3. Absent: Tom Anderson (SBSSNWRC), Humberto Lugo (Comite Civico del Valle), Katie Pine (UCI), Kerry Morrison (Eco Media Compass), Sarah Friedman (Sierra Club), Antonio Ortega (IID)

B. Meeting Roles:

- a. Chair: Val Simon
- b. Flip Chart/Scribe: Kelly Claar
- c. Note Taker: Patsy Meister

C. Discussion Topics

- a. Review last meetings notes, discuss times and locations of future OC meetings
- b. Public workshops logistics: April 11 and 13, 2016
- c. TP's not finished yet (Val's action)
- d. Need to discuss Chronology and Activities Update document
- e. Need to develop Goals & Objectives, Strengths and Weaknesses – Phil's Intern is working on.

D. Minutes of March 16, 2016 – accepted as written

E. OC meeting time and location: A couple of members sent in concerns about this. After discussion, all present voted to keep the same time of 10:00am to 12:00pm, query for location preference will be sent out (Maria volunteered the WQB meeting room in Palm Desert). Need reminder sent out (Action item for Kay who volunteered to set that up).

F. Public Meetings

- a. Purpose of first two meetings is to inform public, then evaluate method and change if necessary for future meetings. Must project credibility through messaging and use of translators and translated documents.
- b. Two already set - April 11 at Palmer Auditorium and April 13 at Mecca's Boys and Girls Club. Others to be held at locations around the Sea and neighboring communities, dates TBD at next OC meeting.

1. April 11th meeting:

- The April 11 meeting hosted by IID and they have people lined up to assist.
- Will have sign-in sheets. Might be room for one information table, and posters ok.
- Bruce's office could have handout of Power Point presentation with translation available.
- IID will have handouts in English and Spanish, and will furnish snacks (not CNRA).

2. April 13th meeting:

- Question of limited space at Mecca's Boys and Girls Club: discussion of what to do if more than 50 people show up, ask Marina about possible overflow area or use of gymnasium?
- Possibility of having group seating at tables, but that would decrease room for amount of public presence, so idea shelved for this workshop, unless limited number of people show up.

c. OC members' attendance at Community Workshops

- Val stated that it is not mandatory, but members are encouraged to attend and help as may be needed.
- Use Brawley workshop as blueprint to get idea of what will be needed at Mecca workshop.
- Possible roles needed:

Comment Card collector to give to Bruce.
Hand out evaluation sheet, need golf pencils
Greeter at sign in table and hand out non-mandatory Comment Cards to willing people
Staff information tables with handouts: Salton Sea Authority brochures, copies of presentation
Salton Sea license plate table
Translators, Time Keeper, Microphone person

d. Publicity

- State mandates that an announcement be put in local newspaper, both in English one and Spanish one.
- Eco Media will send out to their contacts, posters around town of meeting locale.
- Possibility of flyers to be distributed at the two Mecca elementary schools. Waiting for translation.
- Need sign made that food, etc. is donated by an entity that is not the state – Rebecca said she'd do it.
- OC members will post workshop agendas/notices on their websites
- SDIA will have Francoise Rhodes do publicity blast through her contacts

d. Public evaluation of meeting

- Vote was passed for Drew, Holly and Victoria to design evaluation tool, separate from Comment Card.
- Make questions centered on the public's "prior" knowledge of Salton Sea situation and "gained" knowledge.
- Drew and Holly volunteered to hand out to public.

e. Comment Cards

- Who'll be writing down questions from the public?
- Bruce will answer questions at end of his speech, he's willing to stay to answer all, same for Val
- Put answers to public questions on CNRA SS webpage
- May have to reserve workshop locations for longer time to allow for more questions and cleanup
- Need microphone for person to state comment, may need to be portable, IID plans to have two

f. Emcee and meeting process

- Suggestion was made to have hosting entity be the emcee, Rebecca will ask Supervisor Kelly about doing this at April 11th meeting, who should be emcee at Mecca workshop?
- Ask Humberto and Marina with help for Spanish speakers

g. Scribes for Spanish and English as needed

- To support those who may not be comfortable writing questions or comments

h. Checklists: One for venue and one for meeting

- Rebecca and Victoria volunteered to create checklist for venue and one for roles

G. Stakeholders Activities Update List

- Reclamation started it couple of years ago as a "one stop" information resource.
- CNRA not interested in keeping the document going and does not want to participate in future updates.
- Stakeholders have said they like to be able to see what everyone is doing on the Activities Update.
- Phil offered Salton Sea Authority to take ownership, as fits in their mission.

H. Chronology:

Originally published by CA Dept. of Fish and Game

- Reclamation expanded and updated it but should not be Reclamation ownership
- Mixed reviews on the proposed changes: language, presentation, and information
- Visitors to SSSRA like the Chronology, very popular with stakeholders
- Subcommittee formed to review all outreach material: Victoria, Maria, Val, Phil's SSA's Intern

I. Next meeting date: Drew will send out Doodle Poll for April 15, 22, 16, 27, 29, Maria volunteered her conf room

J. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.