

Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team



Conservation Team

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

ATTENDEES:

- Bonnie Johnson, Orange County Water District
- Bobby Gustafson, City of Riverside Public Utilities
- Cameron Macbeth, Orange County Water District
- Christopher Jones, SBVMWD
- Christine Medak, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- David Woelfel, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Dick Zembal, Orange County Water District
- Greg Herzog, City of Riverside Public Utilities
- Ian Achimore, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
- Ileene Anderson, Center of Biological Diversity
- Jason Bill, Santa Ana Regional WQCB
- Jonathan Baskin
- Justin Nakano, Chino Basin Watermaster
- Kai Palenscar, SBVMWD
- Zyanya Ramirez, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

INTRODUCTIONS

The Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team (Conservation Team) meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by Ian Achimore at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. The record will reflect this meeting was conducted virtually.

REVIEW AUGUST 12, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting notes were considered final.

SUCKER TEAM BUDGET UPDATE

Funding group approved FY2020-21. Total revenue \$29,000, in-kind contribution \$16,000. Reserves \$127K. There were no further discussions.

DRAFT 2019 RIVERWALK ATLAS

SAWPA staff is finalizing the QA/QC process of the draft 2019 Riverwalk Atlas. There were discussions regarding the improvement of breaking points, whether the thresholds were descriptive enough, and possibly overlaying population data to the Atlas.

PLANNING FOR THE 2020 RIVERWALK

Riverwalk volunteers have been assigned to their Riverwalk groups according to their agency. Groups 12 and 13, areas by Hamner Avenue below Van Buren were not as critical so it was decided not to survey. Due to COVID-19, the Riverwalk will not be promoted to volunteers from the public. We continue to accept Conservation Team agency volunteer staff members. Equipment pick logistics are still being worked on; SAWPA will distribute information as soon as possible.

UPDATE ON THE TEAM'S VAN BUREN BRIDGE HABITAT PROJECT

Ian Achimore provided the PowerPoint presentation posted to the Conservation Team webpage updating the Team on the Van Buren's Bridge Habitation Project. Achimore noted the Project's Lessons Learned. Discussion ensued on how to possibly add on to the existing groin and add new groin on the other side of the riverbank.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM IDEAS

- Discussions on how to utilize the funding reserves.
 - Possibly funding the Police Department in their efforts to patrol Holiday and weekend off road vehicle trespassing.
- Commence discussion regarding overlapping population data to the Riverwalk data.
- Possibly have a presentation regarding the hydrology study in Sunnyslope.
- Possibly have new Assistant Field Supervisor at Palms Springs Fish and Wildlife office, Rollie White, share his experiences with Sucker fish projects from other regions.

ADJOURNMENT

1:31 pm