

Lake Merced Task Force
February 3, 2004 5:30 to 7:30 pm at SF Zoo
Nature Committee Minutes

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Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Present: Joe Fitting (San Francisco Zoo), James Grant, Barbara Holzman, Mondy Lariz, Laura Louttit, Dan Murphy, John Plummer, Lisa Wayne, Ross Wilkinson, Randy Zebell

Joe presented on mosquito abatement activities at the zoo. The zoo is currently trapping mosquitoes, and using mosquito fish and a bacterium to keep mosquito numbers down. Several questions were raised regarding potential impacts of abatement activities on swallows, butterflies and food chain. Joe suggested the nature committee invite San Mateo County vector biologist Dr. Chindi Peavey to the next nature committee meeting to provide more info on abatement activities.

Mondy presented on CalTrout Day activities scheduled for April 24th at Lake Merced. He offered to develop a map identifying fishing and restricted areas for nature committee input.

John offered to have a joint Water/Nature committee meeting to discuss the PUC's \$70,000 extension of the EDAW contract to improve habitat impact modeling, CEQA review and possible mitigation options.

Lisa updated the committee on the Coastal Conservancy grant.

Ross expressed concern that wood chips spread onto gravel paths create a tripping hazard. The nature committee agreed to urge the Recreation and Park Department to not spread wood chips onto gravel paths. Lisa will follow up.

Future Agenda Items:

- 1) possible effects of clay pigeons on the lake
- 2) possible fish stocking impacts
- 3) possible future conflicts between cormorants and fishing folk