

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes
17 NOVEMBER 2024
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order.** George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, following a social hour in the Gracie Lee Room of the Placitas Community Library. He welcomed attendees.
- B. Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Gary Madee, Jacques Ramey, Rich Reif, Jean Roberts, and Myron Temchin. Phil Messuri was absent. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Co-Chairs Mary-Rose de Valladares and Ron Overley were also present.
- C. Acceptance of Minutes.** The minutes for the last meeting were accepted.
- D. Introduction of Guests.** George introduced Sandoval County Commissioner Katherine Bruch, Rangers Phil Rudy and Ken Born from the US Forest Service, Las Placitas Association (LPA) President Sandy Johnson, and Vulcan gravel mine plant manager Eric Fletcher.
- E. Monthly Board Reports**
- a. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede provided the financial recap for ESCA and LPT for the year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The recap is attached. Wayne also noted that we have had an outside party do an informal review of our records.
 - b. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that our website and communications systems are working well. ESCA has 45 standard memberships and 31 joint memberships for a total of 107 votes.
 - c. Washington Report: Mary-Rose de Valladares noted that the New Mexico legislative representatives were re-elected, and they have been important to the re-introduction of the Buffalo Tract legislation that would protect the area from gravel mining. We do not yet know whether Congress will have a land package this year, which could include the Buffalo Tract legislation. The Bureau of Land Management's Rio Puerco Resource Management Plan (RMP), which would include the administrative withdrawal of the Buffalo Tract from mineral mining for 50 years, is under final review. If finalized, the RMP will be published in the Federal Review. Representative Stansbury has introduced legislation that would protect the Ball Ranch lands, but the legislation has run out of time to move through unless it is included in a land package.
- F. Old Business**
- a. Donations and Administrative Cost: George provided an overview of ESCA's donations this year.
 - b. Adopt-A-Highway: George reported that the October 26 cleanup organized by Phil Messuri was a success.
- G. New Business:** None
- H. Guest Speakers**

- a. Phil Rudy and Ken Born from the US Forest Service addressed proposed plans to reduce fuel that could cause fires in the Cibola National Forest near Placitas. Ken reviewed techniques that would be used, new requirements to reduce risk, and the status of current projects elsewhere in the Cibola National Forest area. Planning and preparation may still take several more years before the community would see work begin. Ken responded to questions from the audience.
- b. Sandy Johnson of LPA reviewed the \$99,950 grant available for developing the Buffalo Tract. Myron Temchin will be the project manager. LPA has met with various groups interested in using the Buffalo Tract and sent out requests for proposals to eight companies to provide planning services to begin January 1. Three companies have responded, and LPA is evaluating their proposals. Sandy and Myron responded to questions.
- c. Vulcan plant manager Eric Fletcher reported that reclamation of the south side of the arroyo will be completed by spring 2025. Vulcan is currently working in Area 3. They remain on track to complete mining in 2026 and complete reclamation in 2027, in accordance with the 2017 settlement agreement. A third-party consultant will observe the final stages for compliance. Eric answered questions from the audience.
- d. Katherine Bruch, Sandoval County District 1 Commissioner, reviewed the bond issues that passed in the recent election, as well as other projects underway. The Commission is looking for additional funds that are needed. Commissioner Bruch responded to questions from the audience.

I. Open Discussion:

- a. George Franzen responded to questions from attendees.

J. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm. The next meeting is December 9, 4 pm, at the Placitas Community Library.

ESCA & LPT FINANCIAL REPORTS RECAP

OCTOBER 2024

ESCA

09.30.2024 ESCA TOTAL BALANCE 43,025.85

US BANK

US BANK—Beginning Balance for the MONTH	6,478.94
INCOME	
Dues (3 memberships)	125.00
Interest	<u>0.02</u>
Total Income	+ 125.02

EXPENSES

Donation to Elementary School	1,000.00
Admin Expense—Placitas Library	600.00
Credit Card Fees	<u>4.23</u>
Total Expenses	- 1,604.23

US BANK--NET CHANGE for the MONTH - 1,479.21

US BANK—Ending Balance for the MONTH 4,999.73

US EAGLE CREDIT UNION

US EAGLE—Beginning Balance for the MONTH 36,546.91

SAVINGS —Beginning Balance	170.46
INCOME Interest	+ 0.04

EXPENSES -0-

US EAGLE **SAVINGS**—Ending Balance **170.50**

CERTIFICATE of DEPOSIT —Beginning Balance	36,376.45
INCOME Interest	+ 136.18

EXPENSES -0-

CERTIFICATE of DEPOSIT—Ending Balance **36,512.63**

US EAGLE—Ending Balance for the MONTH 36,683.13

10.31.2024 ESCA TOTAL BALANCE 41,682.86

LPT

09.30.24 LPT TOTAL BALANCE 33,653.16

US BANK

US BANK—LPT Beginning Balance	2,302.90
INCOME Interest	-0-
EXPENSES	-0-
US BANK—LPT NET CHANGE for the MONTH	-0-

US BANK—LPT Ending Balance 2,302.90

US EAGLE CREDIT UNION

US EAGLE—LPT Beginning Bal for the MONTH	31,350.26
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LPT SAVINGS

US EAGLE LPT Savings Beginning Balance	170.46
INCOME Interest	+0.04
EXPENSES	-0-

US EAGLE LPT SAVINGS —Ending Balance	170.50
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LPT CERTIFICATE of DEPOSIT —Beginning Bal	31,179.80
INCOME Interest	+116.73

EXPENSES	-0-
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CERTIFICATE of DEPOSIT —Ending Balance	31,296.53
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US EAGLE—LPT Ending Balance 31,467.03

10.31.24 LPT TOTAL BALANCE 33,769.93