

SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2018

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Glines called the Public Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Walt Glines, Jan Hintermeister, Julie Hutcheson, Joseph Lovelace, Richard Oliver, Craig Edgerton, Kyle Wolfe (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

ABSENT: Jess Brown

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Glines reported that the Pacheco Dam Reservoir did not make the State's list because it did not have enough public benefit, it is being appealed. Public benefit is a major factor in anything that has to do with the expenditure of the water bonds.

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Glines opened the public comment at 6:04 p.m.

Hearing no requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Approve minutes

Action: On a motion by Committee Member Oliver and seconded by Committee Member Edgerton Approving the November 2, 2017 regular meeting minutes with the deletion of an extra space on page 7. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5 (Wolfe, Glines, Lovelace, Edgerton, Oliver); Noes: 0; Absent: 3 (Brown, [Hutcheson and Hintermeister abstained]).

2. PACHECO CREEK RESERVE RESTORATION UPDATE

Recommended Action: *Informational item only.*

Principal Planner Gerry Haas gave a presentation and answered questions.

Chair Glines opened the public comment at 6:25 p.m.

Doug Muirhead asked about the source of the plant materials. The Water District has a couple of small nurseries that are guaranteed to be free of the plant pathogen. He asked if the Agency has established standards for best practices for nurseries.

Gerry Haas informed him that when children come on site their shoes are all sprayed with a solution and scrubbed off and the buses stay on the road, they do not come off to the side of the dirt road. They are aware of the pathogen and know how to fight it.

Hearing no further requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

No Action Taken.

3. FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY FORMATION UPDATE

Recommended Action: *Informational item only.*

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan gave a report and answered questions.

No Action Taken.

4. CALERO COUNTY PARK POND AND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH H.T. HARVEY AND ASSOCIATES

Recommended Action: *Informational item only.*

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan gave a report and answered questions

Chair Glines opened the public comment at 6:53 p.m.

Doug Muirhead suggested contacting Professors Trumbull and Cushing and setting up one of the committee meetings to be more of an outreach for students. He asked how the Agency's needs fit in with County Parks' needs regarding grazing?

Executive Officer Sullivan responded by stating that they created the infrastructure to still meet the needs of the grazer while protecting the resource.

Hearing no further requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

No Action Taken.

5. SELECTION OF 2018 PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Recommended Action: *Select a Chair and Vice Chair for 2018.*

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan gave a presentation and answered questions.

Action: *On a motion by Committee Member Hutcheson and seconded by Committee Member Oliver Selecting Committee Member Walt Glines as Chair and Committee Member Joseph Lovelace as Vice Chair of the Public Advisory Committee for 2018. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 7 (Wolfe, Glines, Lovelace, Edgerton, Oliver, Hutcheson, Hintermeister); Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Brown).*

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Recommended Action: *Receive report.*

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan gave the report.

REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT (RGP) AND 401 CERTIFICATION UPDATES

- In-lieu program approval is progressing. We're currently drafting the Agreement and program framework.
- NOAA Fisheries has agreed to work with the Habitat Agency to integrate salmonid Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation permitting with our RGP. We're currently working through their comments on our Biological Assessment report.
- Aquatic Resources Plan integrating state Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Certification into the RGP and Habitat Plan has been reviewed by the Regional Water Quality Boards. We're currently incorporating their comments into the Aquatic Resources Plan. Extremely productive meeting in December. I see a pathway forward integrating Clean Water Act Section 401 permit with our RGP.

LAND ACQUISITION/RESERVE SYSTEM UPDATE

- Calero Park enrollment into Reserve System – ongoing
- UTC- Shingle Valley – negotiations are moving along
- Regional Wastewater Facility Bufferlands enrollment into Reserve System is expected later this year

MID-YEAR BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total revenues to date for FY 2018 - \$7,636,084 (Projected revenues were \$5.5M)

Total expenses to date for FY 2018 - \$ 988,800

REVENUES

Savings – Caltrans Mitigation Only	\$ 759,033
Business Checking	2,488,464
Savings - Reserve	800,473
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	7,600,000
LAIF PMIA - 4th quarter 2017 (interest add on 1/12/18)	<u>20,309</u>
Subtotal	\$11,668,279
CSC PLN 2nd Quarter	\$51,013
CSJ 2nd Quarter (NLT 1/26/18)	5,788,270
CMH 2nd Quarter (NLT 1/26/18)	<u>300,000</u>
Total to Date	\$17,807,562

EXPENSES

	<u>EXPENDITURES TO DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>
Balance as of 01/10/2018:			
Cost Center 1 - Administrative	(\$541,598)	\$1,174,601	\$633,003
Cost Center 2 - Technical & Permitting	(37,930)	312,727	274,797
Cost Center 3 - Conservation Strategy	<u>(409,272)</u>	<u>2,136,365</u>	<u>1,727,093</u>
Total to Date	(\$988,800)	\$3,623,693	\$2,634,893

ADVOCACY UPDATE

State

1. Park Bond – Through the efforts of the California Coalition jointly funding an advocate and our State delegation we were secured \$53M for NCCP implementation.
2. The California Coalition and our advocates secured \$20M of Cap and Trade funds for fee title acquisition.

3. The Coalition, among others, successfully pushed for additional funding (\$15M) for the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (Department). The Department is requesting 8.0 positions to develop new conservation agreements and strategies, and implement or expand existing voluntary CESA programs, including NCCP implementation.

Federal

1. Through the efforts of the National HCP Coalition and our California Coalition partners we secured an additional \$34M in funding, above the \$19M recommended by the Administration, for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund for 2018. Final budget has not yet been approved.

BAY AREA OPEN SPACE JANUARY GATHERING

Key takeaways:

- Changing focus of Park & Water Bonds reflects changing demographics of California
- Importance of SB5 (Prop 68) to our organization – on June ballot
- Increasing your Board and organizational diversity – park, open space, and conservation organizations need to address

OTHER KEY MEETINGS UPDATES

- Continue to coordinate with High Speed Rail concerning project impacts and how those impacts will be mitigated in the Plan Area.
- Stakeholder – Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) pilot development.
- Working with OSA on developing a comprehensive MOU between our two agencies.
- Co-host of California Biodiversity Council meeting in Hollister area in November. Field trip in Santa Clara County was a success.
- Attended National HCP Conference November of last year.
- Met with SCVWD staff to discuss future partnering opportunities. Optimistic some Water District lands will be enrolled in our reserve system and both organizations will collaborate on restoration projects.
- Continued to meet and confer with State Legislative staff concerning Park Bond. Our outreach was instrumental in securing \$53M earmarked for NCCPs in Park Bond (SB5).
- Met with Assemblymember Stone in November.
- Additional meetings with Mineta San José International Airport staff occurred to discuss joint management of burrowing owls at airport.
- Separate meetings with Wildlands, The Nature Conservancy, and POST to discuss partnership opportunities.
- Assisting with the Conservation Lands Network Plan update spearheaded by the Bay Area Open Space Council – we're a member organization.

No Action Taken.

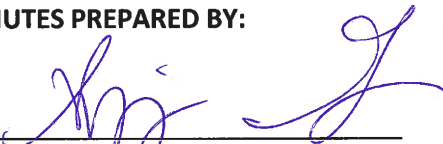
FUTURE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

Committee Member Oliver asked for a list breaking down the various projects and how much they have paid for fees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Glines adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



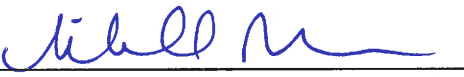
Angie Gonzalez, Deputy Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Walt Glines, Committee Chair

MINUTES ATTESTED BY:



Michelle Wilson, Agency Secretary