

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

## PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY MAY 4, 2017

6:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Hutcheson called the Public Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Julie Hutcheson, Craige Edgerton, Richard Oliver, Jan Hintermeister, Jess Brown, Kyle Wolfe (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)

ABSENT: Walt Glines, Danielle Davenport, Joseph Lovelace

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

None.

### **PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Hutcheson announced the upcoming Bay Area Open Space meeting on May 15; Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia will be joining them. She also mentioned that PG&E released its draft San Francisco Bay Area wide HCP and Environmental Assessment.

Commissioner Edgerton announced that the Silicon Valley Land Conservancy discovered a new population of Red Legged Frogs on one of their properties this week. They are actively looking for salamanders but have not found any yet.

Vice Chair Hutcheson spoke regarding the Environmental Impact Report at Young Ranch.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment was opened at 6:11 p.m.

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

## **PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION**

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

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

**Recommended Action:** Approve minutes.

**Action:** On a motion by Committee Member Edgerton and seconded by Committee member Oliver Approving the February 2, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 6 (Wolfe, Hutcheson, Brown, Oliver, Hintermeister, Edgerton); Noes: 0; Absent: 3 (Glines, Davenport, Lovelace).

5. **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2016-17 PRESENTATION**

**Recommended Action:** Informational item only.

Principal Program Manager Terah Donovan gave the presentation and answered questions.

*No Action Taken.*

2. **SYCAMORE ALLUVIAL WOODLAND HABITAT MAPPING AND REGENERATION STUDY**

**Recommended Action:** Informational item only.

Matt Quinn with H.T. Harvey & Associates, gave the presentation and answered questions.

Vice Chair Hutcheson opened the public comment for items 5 and 2 at 7:49 p.m.

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

*No Action Taken.*

3. **FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 DEVELOPMENT FEE ADJUSTMENTS**

**Recommended Action:** Review mitigation fees imposed upon new public and private development within the geographic boundaries of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Area for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and the non-mitigation charges for participating special entities.

Executive Officer Sullivan presented the staff report.

*No Action Taken.*

4. **FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 DRAFT BUDGET**

**Recommended Action:** Review DRAFT Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 18 (2017-2018).

Executive Officer Sullivan presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Hutcheson opened public comment at 8:40 p.m.

Doug Muirhead asked if there is any room to increase an offer above appraisal using additional criteria like public benefit. Also, is there any interest at the state level to find some ways to find additional flexibility.

Mr. Sullivan responded by saying they can work with the appraiser to honestly adjust the appraisal. They have the ability to go a little bit above appraisal, 5-10% is the rule, but do not advocate it and do not do it as practice. As far as Cap and Trade goes, they have tried to get the State to take a more expansive view of those funds and how those funds are allocated towards acquisition for carbon sequestration.

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

*No Action Taken*

**6. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**Recommended Action:** *Information item only.*

*Executive Officer Sullivan gave the report.*

- The Habitat Agency hosted the California HCP Coalition annual meeting.
- Gave an update on one of the LAGS for Tri Color Surveys.
- Burrowing Owl surveys will start soon

*No Action Taken*

**FUTURE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:**

The board requested:

Silicon Valley Land Conservatory Update

Tour of site

Presentation on OSA landscape linkages report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

  
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Angie Gonzalez, Deputy Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**

  
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Walt Glines, Committee Chair

**MINUTES ATTESTED BY:**

  
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Michelle Wilson, Agency Secretary