

SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY AUGUST 3, 2017

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Glines called the Public Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Julie Hutcheson, Jan Hintermeister, Jess Brown, Kyle Wolfe, Walt Glines, Craig Edgerton (arrived at 6:19)

ABSENT: Richard Oliver, Joseph Lovelace, Danielle Davenport

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Glines reported that Rich Constantine is now the Chair of the Governing Board. He asked for information about the Pacheco Creek Dam during the Executive Officer report.

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Hutcheson announced that she changed jobs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Glines opened the public comment at 6:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2017, REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

Action: On a motion by Committee Member Wolfe and seconded by Committee Member Hintermeister Approving the May 4, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5 (Wolfe, Hutcheson, Brown, Glines, Hintermeister); Noes: 0; Absent: 4 (Oliver, Lovelace, Davenport, Edgerton).

2. PRESENTATION BY SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY - COYOTE VALLEY LANDSCAPE LINKAGE

Recommended Action: *Informational item only.*

Galli Basson, Research Management Specialist with the Open Space Authority, gave the presentation and answered questions.

Chair Glines opened the public comment at 6:48 p.m.
Hearing no requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

No Action Taken.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Recommended Action: *Informational item only.*

Conservation Planner Gerry Haas gave the report.

FY17 BUDGET UPDATE:

Fee Revenue:

Estimated final **\$4,050,000**

Expenses:

Estimated final **\$3,045,000**

REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT (RGP) AND 401 CERTIFICATION UPDATE

- In-lieu fee program prospectus was submitted to US Army Corp of Engineers in April 2017
- Interagency Review Team considered the Prospectus to be complete and requested no revisions
- Corps prepared a public notice to receive comments on the Prospectus expected to be posted by the middle of August.
- Aquatic Resources Plan integrating State Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Certification into the RGP and Habitat Plan was submitted June 8 of this year.

LAND ACQUISITION/RESERVE SYSTEM UPDATE

- Pacheco Creek – property has been deeded to Habitat Agency
- Rancho El Toro – negotiations proceeding, offer is forthcoming
- Calero Park conservation easement – ongoing
- UTC- Shingle Valley – negotiations have re-started

BUOW UPDATE

Numbers are not declining at sites we're managing. As of August 1st, reports suggest higher number of adults observed and an increase in active burrows at both the Regional Wastewater Facility in San Jose and the USFWS Don Edwards Refuge – Warm Springs Unit in Fremont.

RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATES

- San Felipe Creek
 - 65% design complete.
 - Construction will begin next spring.

- Coyote Ridge Ponds
 - Surveys and wetland delineation to date
 - Working toward initial design

KEY MEETING UPDATE

- Coordinated High Speed Rail comments with SCC Planning
- Stakeholder – Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) pilot development
- Site visits with Silicon Valley Land Conservancy – potential conservation easements agreements on farm within the Pajaro watershed
- Met with State Legislative staff concerning SB1 and Park Bond
- Meeting with Bay Area Open Space Council Executive Director – collaboration opportunities and possible conservation in south county
- Meetings with mitigation banking industry representatives to discuss potential project partnering opportunities
- Met with SCVWD to discuss One Water program coordination with the Habitat Agency
- Three meetings with Mineta San José International Airport staff – Burrowing Owl management
- Hosted California HCP Coalition Annual meeting in Morgan Hill – April 26 & 27

Chair Glines opened the public comment at 7:05 p.m.

Doug Muirhead was called to speak, he asked about the new leader for the Army Corps and if the permit process has improved.

Gerry Hass replied and said they have been great to work with.

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

FUTURE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

The board requested:

Silicon Valley Land Conservatory Update

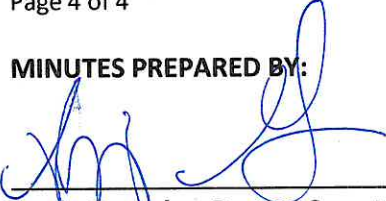
Tour of site

Presentation on OSA landscape linkages report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Glines adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Angie Gonzalez, Deputy Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Walt Glines, Committee Chair

MINUTES ATTESTED BY:



Michelle Wilson, Agency Secretary