

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

## PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2018

6:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jan Hintermeister, Richard Oliver, Kyle Wolfe, Joseph Lovelace, Craig Edgerton,  
Julie Hutcheson (Arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

ABSENT: Walt Glines, Jess Brown

### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

None.

### PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Doug Muirhead stated that he read an article that was co-authored by Galli Basson of the Open Space Authority, in the article they cite a statement from Toomey, Knight and Barlow that he shared with the committee members "Conservation is a social process that engages science, not a scientific process that engages society", he felt this statement was a helpful way to think when we are talking to other people. Hearing no further requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

### PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION

#### REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Approve minutes

***Action:** On a motion by Committee Member Oliver and seconded by Committee Member Wolfe Approving the August 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5 (Wolfe, Hintermeister, Oliver, Lovelace, Edgerton); Noes: 0; Absent: 3 (Brown, Glines, Hutcheson).*

**2. FISCAL YEAR 18 FINAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

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

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan presented the report and addressed a correction to the staff report.

Vice Chair Lovelace opened the public comment at 6:24 p.m.

Doug Muirhead spoke asked what Linode hcp maps are– Executive Officer Sullivan stated that they are part of their licensing the agency has to do with their software. Mr. Muirhead then stated that he would like to better understand some of the categories under Plan Interpretation in terms of specific activities. As an example, he would like to know some of the things they do under plan interpretation associated with lake and stream bed alteration agreements.

Executive Officer Sullivan explained how the Agency works with the State to establish fees.

Mr. Muirhead then asked about the category of Technical and permitting and wanted to know how much of the planners' time is technical and how much of it is permitting, he also asked if the Agency is engaged with resource agencies to help reduce the permitting burden? Executive Officer Sullivan explained how staff time is divided in these categories.

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

*No action taken.*

**3. MONITORING AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

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

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan presented the report.

*No action taken.*

**4. BURROWING OWL CONSERVATION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION**

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

Troy Rahmig with ICF and Sandra Menzel with Albion Environmental gave a presentation.

Vice Chair Lovelace opened the public comment at 8:18 p.m.

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

*No action taken.*

**5. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**Recommended Action:** *Informational item only.*

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan gave the report.

## **ADVOCACY UPDATE**

### **State**

State legislator visits to Plan Area September 10th & 17th. Who attended:

- Senator Beall
- Sunshine Borelli, Chief of Staff Senator Beall
- Esteban Ginsburg, Legislative Aide Senator Beall
- Johnathan Perez, District Field Representative Senator Beall's office
- Assembly Member Stone
- Assembly Member Ash Kalra
- Stacie Shih, District Director Assembly Member Ash Kalra's office
- Leslie Bulbak, Senior Field Representative Assembly Member Berman
- Cassie Mancini, field representative Assembly Member Evan Low
- Nancy Ie, Field Representative Assembly Member Kansen Chu's Office
- Alex Kobayashi, District Representative for Senator Hill
- Don Rocha, Interim Director Santa Clara County Parks
- Abigail Ramsden, The Nature Conservancy
- Jennifer Koepcke, Peninsula Open Space Trust
- Marc Landgraf, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
- Galli Basson, OSA
- Mark Smith, Senior Associate Environmental and Energy Consulting
- Danielle Lynch, Associate Environmental and Energy Consulting

### **GRANT UPDATE**

- Secured up to \$8 million in D7 funding from SCVWD for land acquisitions
- Awarded \$500,000 SCVWD D3 grant for Pacheco Creek stream restoration
- Pending \$400,000 Prop 68 State Wildlife Conservation Board/Local Assistance Grant for Pacheco Creek stream restoration

### **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.
- 6 additional properties - various stages in acquisition process

### **San Felipe Creek Restoration Project- Grant Park**

- San Felipe construction is complete (future presentation)
  - 1.82 miles of stream restored
  - Perennial and Seasonal Wetland Restoration & Creation - 3.87 acres
  - Willow riparian restoration - 1.64 acres
- Coyote Ridge Ponds - permit phase with construction to begin next spring
- Pacheco Creek - planning stages
- Coyote Creek - feasibility phase

*No Action Taken.*

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Lovelace adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

  
for Angie Gonzalez, Deputy Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**

  
Walt Glines, Committee Chair

**MINUTES ATTESTED BY:**

  
Michelle Bigelow, Agency Secretary