

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL: AUGUST 6, 2020

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

## PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2020

6:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Glines called the Public Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Kyle Wolfe, Jan Hintermeister, Julie Hutcheson, Joseph Lovelace, Rachel Keish,  
Walt Glines, Abigail Ramsden (called in but did not participate in voting)

ABSENT: Jake Grunbaum, Jess Brown

### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

None.

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

Committee Member Hutcheson announced that the Committee for Green Foothills is now just Green Foothills. She spoke regarding the City Council's unanimous vote regarding Juristac/Sargent Ranch in January.

### **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 7, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Recommended Action: Approve minutes.**

*Action: On a motion by Committee Member Hintermeister and seconded by Committee Member Keish Approving the November 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 6 (Wolfe, Hintermeister, Hutcheson, Lovelace, Keish, Glines); Noes: 0; Absent: 3 (Grunbaum, Brown, Ramsden).*

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**2. SELECTION OF 2020 PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**Recommended Action:** Select a Chair and Vice Chair for 2020.

*Action: On a motion by Committee Member Hintermeister and seconded by Committee Member Lovelace Selecting Committee Member Walt Glines as Chair for 2020. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 6 (Wolfe, Hintermeister, Hutcheson, Lovelace, Keish, Glines); Noes: 0; Absent: 3 (Grunbaum, Brown, Ramsden).*

*Action: On a motion by Committee Member Glines and seconded by Committee Member Hintermeister Selecting Committee Member Joseph Lovelace as Vice Chair for 2020. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 6 (Wolfe, Hintermeister, Hutcheson, Lovelace, Keish, Glines); Noes: 0; Absent: 3 (Grunbaum, Brown, Ramsden).*

**5. TALON ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH GROUP PRESENTATION ON SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD NESTING AND FORAGING MONITORING PROJECT 2017-18**

**Recommended Action:** Receive Presentation.

Ryan Phillips with Talon Ecological Research Group gave a presentation and answered questions.

*No action taken.*

**3. AB 1600 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REPORT-FISCAL YEAR 2018-19**

**Recommended Action:** Receive the AB 1600 Development Impact Fee Report for FY 2018-19.

Executive Officer Sullivan presented the report.

*Action: On a motion by Committee Member Hintermeister and seconded by Committee Member Hutcheson receiving the AB 1600 Development Impact Fee Report for FY 2018-19. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 6 (Wolfe, Hintermeister, Hutcheson, Lovelace, Keish, Glines); Noes: 0; Absent: 3 (Grunbaum, Brown, Ramsden).*

**4. FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 AUDIT REPORT AND REVIEW THE AUDIT PRESENTATION**

**Recommended Action:** Receive the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Audit Report and Review the Audit Presentation for the Year ended June 30, 2019.

Executive Officer Sullivan presented the report.

*No action taken.*

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## 6. **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**Recommended Action:** *Information item only (verbal report).*

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan gave a report and answered questions.

### **ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT**

- To date **\$1,485,203** has been invested in the Silicon Valley Community Foundation Social Responsibility Fund. Balance as of February 5<sup>th</sup>: **\$1,705,974.**

### **ADVOCACY UPDATE**

#### **State**

The California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition (CHCPC) supports AB 1298 (Mullins) – *Climate Resiliency, Fire Risk Reduction, Recycling, Groundwater and Drinking Water Supply, Clean Beaches, and Jobs Infrastructure Bond Act of 2020*; and SB-45 (Allen) – *Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.*

Continuing to work with legislative staff and the Coalition to ensure continued funding for NCCPs is embedded within these bonds.

#### **Federal**

Annual National HCP Coalition Advocacy Washington D.C. trip is planned for February 11-14. Prime Policy Group is setting up meetings for us with our federal delegation. I'll be meeting with Lofgren, Khanna, Panetta and Eshoo's staff; the staff of various House and Senate committees; staff of Senators Rubio, Scott, Harris, Feinstein and possibly Cruz of Texas; USFWS and Department of the Interior staff; and White House OMB.

Primary talking points will be:

- Nature and importance of regional HCPs
- Growth of the National HCP Coalition
- Challenges facing Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency
- Continued support of the Section 6 and our ask (\$85M)
- Signing on to Congressman McNerney's Section 6 support letter

### **GRANT UPDATE**

- OSA was awarded in November a PCA land acquisition grant for **\$1M (Tilton)**. Habitat Agency and POST were co-applicants.
- Pajaro River PCA restoration grant submitted by Point Blue **\$379,394** was awarded in November.
- USFWS ESA Section 6 grant land acquisition grant for **\$10M** was submitted on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Expecting to be notified in March.
- 2 DFW Local Assistance Grants, totaling **\$285,412** in funding requested, were awarded to the Habitat Agency in November.
- We will be submitting 1-2 funding grants (NFWF & CDFW) for restoring habitat for the western monarch butterfly.

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**RESTORATION UPDATE**

- Pacheco Creek – Feasibility study was completed in October. Construction is expected to start spring 2021.
- Coyote Ridge Ponds -- construction is completed. The ponds are looking great.
- Bolsa Road Fish Passage – Valley Water is the lead. This project, when completed, will result in 1,700 feet of stream restoration credit for the Habitat Agency.
- Pajaro River Riparian Restoration Project in partnership with OSA and Point Blue – planning and design work will begin in March.

**LAND ACQUISITION/RESERVE SYSTEM UPDATE**

- Closed escrow on the 604-acre Baird Parcels of the Tilton Ranch on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Closed escrow on the 347.4-acres Pund-Peck properties on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Will close escrow on the Davidson parcels totaling 93.9 acres on February 12th.
- The 1,526-acre East Coyote Ridge (UTC) property will close this summer. Seeking WBC approval in May (Section 6 and WBC funding link)
- Tilton Ranch – the family signed the purchase and sale agreement to sell us the remaining lands they own (1,861 acres) north of Willow Springs Road. Expecting to close escrow in June of 2020.
- Calero Park enrollment into Reserve System – conservation easement negotiations are ongoing.
- 450 plus acre Woodward and Bresani parcels – proposed joint acquisition with County Parks.
- 6 additional properties – at various stages in acquisition process. PSAs hopefully will be signed for 3 of these properties in the coming months.

**OTHER**

- Submitted membership application to Monarch Joint Venture

*Report received*

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

Commissioner Hutcheson asked for a presentation on Juristac/Sargent Ranch.

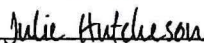
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Glines adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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 Angie Gonzalez, Deputy Secretary

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 Julie Hutcheson, Acting Committee Chair

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 Michelle Bigelow, Agency Secretary