

ITEM #1

Submitted for Approval: August 4, 2022

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTESTHURSDAY May 5, 2022

6:00 P.M.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Jess Brown, Jan Hintermeister, Julie Hutcheson, Rachel Keish, Reid Lerner,  
Joseph Lovelace, Abigail Ramsden, Daniel Stephens, Kyle Wolfe

ABSENT: None

## **Report from the chair**

Interim Chair Hutcheson announced that they have been following along the Sargent Ranch Quarry proposals. This is a high priority area for the Habitat Agency and others. We have been waiting for the draft Environmental Impact Report to come out for a while. It has been pushed out until June, which is the latest date. She also mentioned that Green Foothills is running a series called Healing in Nature walks. It is great to get out to these places for a restorative hike. The last one was on Coyote Ridge in April and just before that at Laguna Seca in Coyote Valley. Check out Green Foothills website if you're interested in going on one of those walks.

## **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment opened at 6:14 p.m.  
Hearing no requests to speak, the public comment closed.

## **PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

*Action: On a motion by Committee Member Hintermeister and seconded by Committee Member Keish, approving the consent calendar. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 8 (Brown, Hintermeister, Hutcheson, Keish, Lovelace, Ramsden, Stephens, Wolfe); Noes: 0; Abstain: 1 (Lerner); Absent: 0*

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1. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Recommended Action:** Approve minutes.

2. **PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER SELECTION**

**Recommended Action:** Information only.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

3. **SELECTION OF 2022 PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**Recommended Action:** It is recommended that the Public Advisory Committee select a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022.

*Action: On a motion by Committee Member Hintermeister and seconded by Committee Member Lovelace, selecting Member Hutcheson as Chair and Member Ramsden as Vice-Chair of the Public Advisory Committee. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 9 (Brown, Hintermeister, Hutcheson, Keish, Lerner, Lovelace, Ramsden, Stephens, Wolfe); Noes: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0*

4. **WESTERN BURROWING OWL PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Recommended Action:** Update and presentation on Western Burrowing Owl Program. No action required.

Phil Higgins, Co-Founder and Treasurer at Talon Ecological Research Group, gave a presentation and answered questions.

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan answered questions.

Public comment opened at 7:09 p.m.

Shani Kleinhaus was called to speak. She mentioned that in the past they had to go to Sacramento to advocate for relieving some of the restrictions that the Department of Fish and Wildlife had on some of the programs that are now implemented. She asked how the Habitat Agency is working on removing some of those restrictions that don't allow you to put owls that are being evicted somewhere, or even internally move some of the facilities that could be available with OSA or County Parks or others faster.

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

*Action: On a motion by Committee Member Lerner and seconded by Committee Member Hintermeister, forming an Ad Hoc subcommittee to discuss further action regarding a resolution, consulting with council to ensure everything is within parameters and keeping the Public Advisory Committee informed as to decision making. Based on what is appropriate, take action before August or wait until the in August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 7 (Hintermeister, Hutcheson, Keish, Lerner, Lovelace, Stephens, Wolfe); Noes: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 2 (Brown, Ramsden)*

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**5. SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT PLAN FY2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommended Action:** Review Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Report.

Program Manager Gerry Haas gave a presentation and answered questions.

Public comment opened at 7:59 p.m.  
Hearing no requests to speak, the public comment closed.

*Report Received.*

**6. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**Recommended Action:** Verbal report.

Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan gave a report and answered questions.

Public comment opened at 8:05 p.m.  
Hearing no requests to speak, the public comment closed.

*Report Received.*

**FUTURE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

Interim Chair Hutcheson mentioned the prior request for a field trip in the future. Executive Officer Edmund Sullivan suggested November and will discuss during August meeting.

Interim Chair Hutcheson asked for a report on the draft environmental impact report for Sargent Quarry for the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting if the report has been made available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

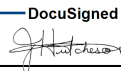
There being no further business, Interim Chair Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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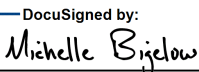
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Julie Hutcheson, Interim Committee Chair

**MINUTES ATTESTED BY:**

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Michelle Bigelow, Agency Secretary