

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority  
**Citizens Advisory Committee**

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**Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting  
 Meeting Summary**

7:00 PM on Monday, January 26, 2009  
 Open Space Authority Administration Office

**Attendees:**

**Citizen Advisory Committee Members:**

Name	Represent	Present	Absent
Susan McKuhen	District 1	√	-
Vacant	District 2	-	-
Jan Hintermeister	District 3	-	√
Eric Carruthers	District 4	-	√
Chris Kangas	District 5	-	√
Yacanex Posadas	District 6	-	√
Vacant	District 7	-	-
Vacant	Agriculture	-	-
Mandy McClellan	Business	√	-
Vacant	Civic Organizations	-	-
Daniel J. Kenney	Development Community	√	-
Gloria Dirkmaat	Education	√	-
David Poeschel	Environmental	-	√
Son Cheong (C.K.) Kuan	Labor	-	√
Dorsey Moore	Parks	√	-
Kitty Monahan	Trails	√	-
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

**Other Attendees:**

**Board Liaison Present:**

The Honorable Garnetta Annable – Director, District Four

The Honorable Dr. Calvin Gill – Director, District Seven

**Staff Present:** Rachel Santos, Planner II

**Public Present:** Debi Quick

**Action Items:**

Task	Lead	Due Date	✓
From January 26 Meeting:			
1. Dan to do Member share at next meeting	Dan Kenney	February 23, 2009	
2. Provide names to Dorsey or OSA staff of individuals and organizations that OSA should invite to its March 14 <sup>th</sup> agricultural workshop	All	February 15, 2009	

- 1. Call to Order at 7:04** – Dorsey Moore, Chairperson
  - Approved excused absences – Jan Hintermeister, Eric Carruthers, Chris Kangas, and David Poeschel
  - Introduction of Guests –Garnetta Annable – Director, District Four  
 Dr. Calvin Gill – Director, District Seven  
 Rachel Santos, Planner II  
 Debi Quick
- 2. Public Presentations for Items not listed on the Agenda (Limit: 3 minutes)**  
 No public presentations were made.
- 3. Summary Report of November 17, 2008 Meeting Approved**
- 4. Updated CAC Roster distributed by Dorsey Moore**

## 5. Member Presentation – Dan Kenney

- His origins are in the Columbus Ohio area where as a young boy he lived in a house that backed up to the woods. As he grew up he noticed the encroachment of industry and the decline of open space as towns began to spread and flow into each other
- He came to CA to attend college at UC Berkeley. He obtained a degree in Sociology there. He made several trips cross country and loved the expanses and natural wonders. While attending CAL, Dan enjoyed Tilden Park.
- He became an activist in California when PG&E wanted to build a nuclear plant on Bodega Bay. He stood on the front lines to protest.
- In his mid 30's, Dan moved to Marin County and started his family. He got into hiking with the kids in Muir Woods and Stinson Beach areas. He became impressed with how the area was set up for preservation of open space and the success of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust in preserving the land through the use of agriculture easements.
- Dan worked as a child care worker in Marin area and became a realtor there. He got involved in the Bay Area Ridge Trail project. He learned how to acquire easements.
- He moved to Hilton Head in South Carolina and noticed that the well preserved areas in that part of the country were in private hands.
- He moved back to southern California and was shocked at the development between LA and San Diego and the loss of open space.
- Nine years ago he moved back to the Morgan Hill area. He worked with the Parks and Recreation Department and was impressed with their good use of funding. He began working for Shea Homes. His experience has taught him that developers and advocates of open space can work together. Developers are "deal makers" and will often compromise with offers of land for open space to get permission to develop areas.
- Dan has been on the OSA for 7 to 8 years.
- He is also a member of the Big Sur Land trust. He said this is not a hard or expensive organization to join and is totally member supported. They operate with a staff of six. He shared the success of this private trust in acquiring big amounts of land (e.g. 10,000 acres near Carmel). They have a long term goal to develop a trail system in collaboration with other parks/agencies that extends from Monterey to San Simeon Castle.
- Currently, Dan is a supervisor with South County Housing. This organization provides affordable housing as both a builder and manager of properties.

## 6. Reports

### A. Board Liaison Report

Dr. Gill

1. OSA Board held officer elections: Sequoia Hall is Chairman and Mike Potter is Vice Chairman
2. There was no meeting last month

Garnetta Annable

1. Board reviewed the work plan at the last meeting and there was one recommended addition to include foundations that have granted financial support in the past and make sure they are included in the list of OSA partners
2. Workshop to be held on 3/14/09 for community members to tell the OSA Board about their hopes and goals for open space preservation.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month the OSA will be sponsoring a night bike riding event at Rancho Canada del Oro.
4. Mr. Marks has made an 8 acre gift to Mid Penn that may be transferred to OSA. The land is located above the Almaden Reservoir.

### B. Authority Staff Report - Rachel Santos

1. Special Activity Days that are coming up:
  - 5/9 - Hike and Equestrian event at Blair
  - 5/17 – Hike on the DeAnza Trail on the Palassou property

- 6/6 – Hike @ Palassou through Dexter Canyon
  - Sat & Sunday in April – Coyote Ridge hike led by docents
2. Upcoming Meetings:
- County Parks Equestrian Park Survey meeting – 1/28 6:30 pm at Camden Community Library
  - Martial Cottle meeting #3 on 2/10 at Gunderson High School

C. Members –

1. Kitty – Gave a report to the Almaden Community that was featured in the Almaden Times. Included a pitch on the OSA. Response on the tax issues was strongly in favor of OSA keeping the funds. She will be taking the new brochure to the groups as they were anxious to know where the tax dollars go.

D. CAC Chairperson – Dorsey Moore

1. Work Plan – Acknowledged the impressive amount of work the OSA staff has accomplished with the size of the work force.
2. Annual Report – Acknowledged the great job and finished product
3. Website – Acknowledged Lark and Lauren for how well they keep the website current
4. Patrick was recently recognized by the biking group Responsible Outdoor Mountain Pedalers (ROMP) for his efforts in reaching out to the biking community and providing opportunities to enjoy the properties.
5. Acknowledged that there is a lot on the Board's "plate" with the court decision and revenue issues
6. Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, Dorsey attended a lecture by Rachel O'Malley from SJSU. She spoke on sustainable agriculture in the Santa Clara valley and the history of agriculture here. He suggested that she would be an excellent presenter to the CAC and will try and arrange to have her speak to us in February.

Dan asked if anything had been done yet on the refund and Garnetta responded stating that the litigation is still being worked out through the different court levels

Next member presentation: Gloria Dirkmaat

**7. Unfinished Business**

- A. Bay Area Agricultural Land Conservation Agencies Program – Presentation**
- Subcommittee met and finalized the PowerPoint presentation for the Board Agricultural Subcommittee.
  - Presented the PowerPoint to the subcommittee (Jim, Alex, Virginia and Patrick) on 12/11/08. Presenters were Dorsey, Eric and David. CAC has asked to be able to share the full PowerPoint with the OSA Board at one of their meetings in the future.
  - Dorsey reviewed the last page "Relational Asset Map" which is a framework on how different agencies can chip in and get something done in return. (note: VTM stands for vehicle miles traveled which means how many miles food travels to get to the table)
  - Group wanted to have input from other groups such as county agricultural groups, LAFCO, the Cattleman's Association and Local farm groups so it was suggested that a workshop be held.
  - March 14th is tentative date for workshop with groups including but not limited to the above list to come up with how to define agriculture. Any CAC members who have ideas on groups (or individuals) that should be included, should email Dorsey the

group name and contact information this week. Patrick will invite the groups once the date and place has been established.

**8. New Business** – Election of Officers was postponed to next time due to the lack of a full quorum.

**9. Items for next meeting**

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Update on PowerPoint presentation to Board
- C. Presentation by Rachel O'Malley (if she is available)
- D. Dan will try and make contact with Big Sur Trust to see if someone from that group could address the CAC in the future

**10. Announcements**

- A. CAC Members
  - 1. Susan: Passed out schedule cards on two theatrical events coming to the Mexican Heritage Plaza theater: A Rose Among Thorns (Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) and Sometimes I Cry (February 21)
  - 2. Kitty: Reported that the recent Geocaching event at Almaden Quicksilver Park was successful and attended by 40 people. Due to the popularity there will be one geocaching event a month. It is a great family activity. A wildflower treasure hunt is planned for the last Saturday in April at Hicks. Santa Teresa is offering a photography class. Due to the success of the Healthy Trails program last year, it will be repeated this next year. Kitty works with a small volunteer staff of 5 and they are hoping for repeated support from Kaiser in producing the brochure for next year. The Friends of the Park model has been finalized and there are 10 groups. An expansion to Adopt A Trail is in the works.  
Dorsey: He has started a new venture called "Sustainability for All". He passed out business cards. He brought to the group's attention the state budget cut action that is resulting in the shut down of the California Conservation Corps. This organization supported 2,000 youth between the ages of 18 and 26 and gave them a transition to work skills in environmental jobs as well as support in completing their high school education. Youth worked building and maintaining trails, provided emergency fire support to firefighters, and non-native species removal. There are some local groups that are still strong, but this is a great loss to the State. He will send the CAC members information that we can email out to government leaders asking for their support of the program. It has a dual mission of education and environmental protection.

1. **Adjourned** at 8:21 pm

cc: Garnetta Annable, Boardmember Liaison  
Dr. Kulwant (Kalvin) Gill, Boardmember Liaison

Meeting summary by Gloria Dirkmaat