



FINAL MINUTES

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, August 28, 2008
Meeting 08-16

**ROLL CALL/
CONVENED TO
CLOSED SESSION**

Chairperson Jim Foran called the **regular** meeting of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) to order at **6:06 p.m.** at the Open Space Authority Administrative Office, 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd., Ste 100, San Jose, CA. He directed the Clerk to take call Roll.

Members Present

J. Foran, A. Kennett, V. Holtz, K. Gill, G. Annable

**Members Excused
Absent**

S. Hall, M. Potter

Staff Present

Patrick Congdon, General Manager
William Parkin, Legal Counsel
Lauren Crook, Clerk of the Board

Public Present

Dorsey Moore
Gerardo Loera
Andres Garcia
Tinne Vasquez
Luis Vasquez
Frank Resendez
Maritza Resendez
Joaquin Resendez
Josue Resendez
Jody Pedro
Carols Silva

**RETURN FROM
CLOSED SESSION**

7:05 P.M. There were no reportable actions.

OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Jim Foran called the open session of the regular meeting of the OSA to order at **7:05 p.m.**

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

J. Foran asked if members of the public wished to address the Board on a topic not already on the agenda.

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Luis Vasquez addressed the board stating that he was in support of providing and creating meeting places for the indigenous people's community in the area.

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA**

A. Kennett moved to adopt the agenda. K. Gill seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Minutes of August 14, 2008

V. Holtz moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2008. A. Kennett seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0. Director Annable abstained stating she was not in attendance at the August 14, 2008 meeting.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

Director Foran noted that there were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

J. Foran asked the Clerk if there were any written communications.

L. Crook stated there were no written communications.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Review request by Gerardo Loera of Teocalli Tlanezi Mexica, for use of Furtado Ranch Compound and provide direction to staff

P. Congdon addressed the board. He showed the board a map of Sierra Vista and pointed out the area known as the Furtado Ranch Compound. He introduced Gerardo Loera.

Gerardo Loera introduced himself as a representative of Teocalli Tlanezi Mexica and proposed an alliance between the Open Space Authority and his organization. He stated that he was submitting a proposal for his group to lease the Furtado compound site for Native American gatherings and ceremonies.

G. Annable made a motion to bring the item to Use and Maintenance Committee. She asked if the group had approached County parks.

G. Loera stated he approached OSA because he felt that both of the organizations shared the same vision. He stated that he had not yet gone to the County. He said that his group currently uses some county property but in a less private setting. He stated that the remoteness of the location was very desirable for the group due to noise issues they've had in the past.

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A. Kennett seconded the motion to bring the item to the Use & Management Committee.

V. Holtz asked how frequently the land might be used.

G. Loera stated that initially the site might be used every other weekend. He said that it could turn out to be every weekend.

J. Foran stated that he would like the group and the OSA to consider obtaining grant funding for any costs associated with the project. He also asked that the General Manager and staff look into other OSA locations that might be suitable for the group to use, including Palassou Ridge.

G. Loera stated that he was aware that there were several agencies and organizations but he felt that the Open Space Authority shared many of the same principals. He stated that they looked forward to the possibility of a project together.

J. Foran asked if there were any other members of the public who would like to comment.

Maritza Resendez addressed the board and stated having a place to have ceremonies and gatherings was very important to her and her family.

Dorsey Moore addressed the board stating that he worked for the Indian Health Center of the Santa Clara Valley. He noted that he was not American Indian or Mexica. He stated that 65% of Native Americans live in an urban environment. He said that he fully supported the proposal and urged the board to find way to make the proposal work.

G. Annable asked G. Loera if the board could receive dates of upcoming events and ceremonies that were open to the public.

G. Lorea stated he would forward information about upcoming public events. He said he would very much like to create a working model to bring to other Native American and Mexica communities.

P. Congdon noted that the Use & Management Committee meeting would be taking place on Thursday, September 25 at 5:30.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

**CAC Committee
Update (from**

D. Moore addressed the board that the CAC meeting took place and the group worked on the recommendations from the Agriculture Study that they would

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liaisons)	be bringing to the board in September.								
Acquisition Committee	J. Foran stated that there was no report.								
Use & Management Committee	J. Foran stated that there was no report.								
Administration & Budget Committee	J. Foran stated that there was no report.								
Agriculture and Conservation Mitigation Workshop Committee	<p>J. Foran stated that there was no report.</p> <p>P. Congdon asked the members of the Committee if they'd like to set up a meeting day. He noted that Director Holtz asked that group get together.</p> <p>V. Holtz stated that she'd like the Committee to review the recommendations brought forward by the Citizen's Advisory Committee regarding the Agricultural Study.</p> <p>J. Foran stated that the Committee could set up a meeting date after the CAC has brought the recommendations to the board.</p> <p>P. Congdon suggested that Committee meet and determine how to move forward with the Committee.</p>								
General Manager's Report	<p>P. Congdon stated that the fall newsletter came out and was in the mail to each of the members. He noted that on September 26th, staff would be holding an evening bicycle ride at Rancho Canada del Oro. He listed the other special activities that were also being offered:</p> <table><tr><td>Sunday, October 19</td><td>Hikers and equestrians at Blair Ranch</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday, October 25</td><td>Cyclists at Doan Ranch</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday, November 15</td><td>Cyclists at Blair Ranch</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday, November 22</td><td>Hikers and equestrians at Doan Ranch</td></tr></table> <p>He noted that based on how these events were attended, staff would consider other special activities in 2009.</p>	Sunday, October 19	Hikers and equestrians at Blair Ranch	Saturday, October 25	Cyclists at Doan Ranch	Saturday, November 15	Cyclists at Blair Ranch	Saturday, November 22	Hikers and equestrians at Doan Ranch
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Legal Counsel Report	William Parkin stated he had no report.								
Board Member Reports	<p>A. Kennett stated he was looking forward to the Taste of Morgan Hill.</p> <p>G. Annable stated that tickets were available for the Bay Area Ridge Trail fundraiser.</p>								

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Kalvin Gill stated he had no report.

Virginia Holtz stated the annual HCP event would be held in Vallejo; she noted that the HCP stakeholder meeting was held on Monday.

Jim Foran stated he attended the National Estuary Institute meeting at the Water District.

Adjournment

Director Foran adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Crook, Clerk of the Board