



DRAFT MINUTES

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2010
Meeting 10-07

ROLL CALL	Chairperson Sequoia Hall called the regular meeting of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Santa Clara County Administrative Office, 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd. Suite 100, San Jose, California.
Members Present	Alex Kennett, Virginia Holtz, Mike Potter, Calvin Gill, Jim Foran
Members Excused Absent	Garnetta Annable, Mike Potter
Members Unexcused Absent	None
Staff Present	Patrick Congdon, General Manager Bill Parkin, Legal Counsel Lauren Crook, Clerk of the Board
Public Present	Dave Poeschel, CAC member John Fioretta, CAC member Roland LeBrun Heather Gillespie Cheryl Lee
CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION	At 6:33 p.m. Director Hall convened the meeting to Closed Session.
RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION	The Board members returned from Closed Session at 6:57 p.m. Director Hall stated there were no reportable actions.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Director Kennett moved to adopt the Agenda. Director Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS	Director Hall asked if there were any public presentations for items not on the agenda. L. Crook stated that there was a speaker request card from Roland LeBrun and Heather Gillespie R. LeBrun stated he would like to request that packet items be made available on the website.

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S. Hall stated staff would review the request. He asked if there were any other members of the public who wished to speak.

H. Gillespie addressed the Board and stated that she would like to see dogs allowed at Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve.

P. Congdon stated the Authority explored the possibility of allowing dogs on trails and held a public workshop to attain public input on the matter. He said that levels of access were reviewed by the agency but any allowed access would require more staffing than the agency could manage or afford and the issue was set aside. He noted that there were also considerations for impacts on sensitive habitat.

Director Hall suggested that the Use & Management Committee consider taking up the issue.

Heather Gillespie asked how she could be informed when the issue came up for discussion and review by the Committee.

Director Hall asked that Heather Gillespie's information be given to Director Holtz, the chairperson of the Use & Management Committee, so that she may be kept informed of when the topic is brought up again.

D. Poeschel stated he would also like to see the Board reconsider the issue of dogs being allowed on Authority land.

Director Hall asked if there were any other public presentations.

L. Crook stated that there were no other presentations.

Director Hall asked if there were any written communications.

L. Crook stated that there were no written communications.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

February 11, 2010

Director Kennett stated he had a clarification for his comments under Board Member Reports on Page 8. He stated that he was referring to the southeast quadrant of the Catholic boy's school and not the city and asked that that correction be made.

Director Kennett moved to adopt the Minutes of February 11, 2010. Director Gill seconded the motion.

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Director Hall stated he had a correction on Page 3. He noted that Supervisor Beall's name was misspelled and asked it be corrected.

Director Holtz commended staff for their excellent work in preparing the minutes.

Directors Kennett and Hall accepted the amendments as noted.

The motion passed 5-0.

February 25, 2010

Director Kennett moved to adopt the Minutes of February 25, 2010. Director Holtz seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

March 11, 2010

Director Holtz moved to adopt the Minutes of March 11, 2010. Director Foran seconded the motion. Director Hall abstained stating he was not in attendance at the meeting. **The motion passed 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT ITEMS**

- Annual Ratification of Non-Discrimination and Unlawful/Sexual Harassment Policy.

Motion: Director Kennett moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Foran seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.**

BOARD BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Authorize the General Manager to Negotiate with Property Owner San Jose State University & Tower Foundation APN: 562-18-009; 228 Acres, Western Watershed Study Area.

P. Congdon introduced the item stating he was requesting authorization to negotiate with San Jose State University for the property that was formerly owned by the Pea family.

Motion: Director Foran moved to approve authorization to negotiate with property owner San Jose State University and Tower Foundation APN: 562-18-009. Director Kennett seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

**Citizen's Advisory
Committee**

A. Kennett stated that the CAC discussed becoming organized for the agriculture subcommittee; he noted he had come in contact with someone who was interested in the Agriculture Representative position on the CAC and would be going through the process; he noted that Jan Hintermeister gave a

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presentation to the group; he said that Katherine Lyddan of the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust is scheduled to give a presentation at the next CAC meeting.

D. Poeschel stated that the CAC passed a motion appointing J. Fioretta as the representative to attend the Board's committee meetings.

**Acquisition
Committee**

P. Congdon stated the Committee met and discussed some properties but there was not a report.

**Use & Management
Committee**

V. Holtz stated there was no report but that the next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on April 22.

**Administration &
Budget Committee**

Director Hall stated that the Committee met and it was planning to bring the Draft Budget for review and approval at the May 13th regular Board meeting.

**General Manager
Evaluation Ad Hoc
Committee**

Director Hall stated there was no report.

**General Manager's
Report**

P. Congdon stated that the Davis property closed the previous week. He said the 353 Palms property would close on Friday. He said that escrow on the Morgan Hill Associates property was in process and was expected to close in a month or so.

Director Holtz asked the general manager about possible items for future board meetings.

P. Congdon stated that POST would be giving a presentation at the next meeting. He said that some other items coming up include approval of the Engineer's Report, the draft budget, some mitigation projects, policies and perhaps a few acquisitions.

Legal Counsel Report

W. Parkin stated he attended the HCP attorney's group meeting and many items that had not been considered previously were raised. The attorneys group will be having two meetings at the end of April to address these issues.

**Board Member
Reports**

Director Gill stated he attended a few committee meetings and the feedback from the public was that they were happy about the Authority's recent acquisitions.

Director Holtz stated that the HCP liaisons and stakeholders have been invited to attend a Rangeland Tour on Friday, April 16. She said that as a member of

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the HPC liaison group she received an invitation to attend a presentation for Grazing Livestock and Water Quality taking place on Tuesday, April 27.

Director Kennett reported he's heard much positive feedback regarding the OSA acquisition of a parcel on El Toro. He noted that Morgan Hill Earth Day was coming up. He reported that the Morgan Hill City Council approved a staff report regarding the southeast quadrant of the Catholic boys' high school.

Director Foran stated he attended a Sempervirens Founder's Club dinner.

Director Hall stated that he had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Hall adjourned the meeting 7:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Crook
Clerk of the Board