



DRAFT MINUTES

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2010
Meeting 10-08

ROLL CALL	Chairperson Sequoia Hall called the regular meeting of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) to order at 6:42 p.m. at the Santa Clara County Administrative Office, 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd. Suite 100, San Jose, California.
Members Present	Sequoia Hall, Alex Kennett, Jim Foran, Virginia Holtz, Mike Potter, Calvin Gill
Members Excused Absent	Garnetta Annable
Members Unexcused Absent	None
Staff Present	Patrick Congdon, General Manager William Parkin, Legal Counsel Lauren Crook, Clerk of the Board
Public Present	Marc Landgraf Roland LeBrun Dave Poeschel Dorsey Moore Eric Carruthers Bob Meads
CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION	At 6:42 p.m. Director Hall convened the meeting to Closed Session.
RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION	The Board members returned from Closed Session at 7:00 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 6-0.
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS	Director Hall asked if there were any public presentations for items not on the agenda. Roland LeBrun addressed the Board and provided them with information regarding the HCP. He stated he was on record as being against the HCP. L. Crook stated that there were no other presentations.

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**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Hall asked if there were any written communications.

L. Crook stated that a letter had been received from Craig Breon and each member of the Board received a copy.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Director Hall noted that there were no minutes for approval.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT ITEMS**

Director Hall noted that there were no items on consent.

BOARD BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Presentation by Marc Landgraf regarding Peninsula Open Space Trust Activities

P. Congdon introduced Marc Landgraf, Conservation Director at Peninsula Open Space Trust.

M. Landgraf greeted the Board and stated he would be talking about the history of POST, how they operate and their future.

After the presentation, Board discussion ensued.

Agenda Item #2: Amendment to Contract with Legal Counsel

P. Congdon introduced the item. He said that the Open Space Authority has received excellent, professional service from the offices of Wittwer and Parkin. He stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Bill Parkin, Jonathan Wittwer and all of the staff at Wittwer & Parkin. He recommended that the Board approve the resolution.

Motion: Director Potter moved to approve Resolution 10-12, the amendment to contract with legal counsel. Director Kennett seconded the motion.

Director Hall asked if any members of the public wished to speak on the item.

D. Moore asked what the budget was for legal counsel.

P. Congdon stated that budget is roughly \$75,000, down from what it has been in previous years now that the litigation has been resolved.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Agenda Item #3: Discussion on Holding Board Workshop and Topics for 2010

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Director Hall said he asked to put the item on the agenda for discussion by the Board. He stated he wanted input from other members of the Board regarding format and topics to be included.

Board discussion ensued.

Director Foran stated that the County Park strategic plan is an excellent document. He said that it could be used as an example of the type of document to prepare.

Director Holtz suggested that the Board begin work on a long-term planning document.

Director Potter asked P. Congdon about what kind of timeframe he expected the process to take.

P. Congdon stated that he thought the Board should meet, with the help of a facilitator or consultant, and determine just exactly what they hope to achieve by the strategic plan and focus on that goal. He said that the process should begin in the next couple of months.

Director Hall asked Board members to give P. Congdon their comments and suggestions regarding what they'd like to see in the strategic planning process.

Board discussion continued.

P. Congdon said he strongly recommended that the Board dedicate one Board meeting per month solely to working on the strategic planning process.

Director Hall suggested that the first meeting be held during the day so that more ground could be covered at one time.

Directors Foran and Potter agreed that dedicating one meeting a month to the strategic planning process was a good idea.

Further discussion continued.

Director Hall confirmed he would contact P. Congdon to discuss the next steps in the process for the strategic plan.

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

**Citizen's Advisory
Committee**

Director Hall stated the committee did not meet and there was no report.

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**Acquisition
Committee**

Director Hall stated the committee did not meet and there was no meeting.

**Use & Management
Committee**

Director Holtz stated a Use and Management meeting had taken place prior to the Board meeting. She noted the topic for discussion was the OSA's grazing management program. She said there were three presentations; Patrick Congdon, Henry Coletto and Grey Hayes.

P. Congdon stated he would bring his recommendations regarding the grazing management program to the next Use and Management Committee meeting.

Director Holtz asked that the OSA's supporting documentation related to grazing be emailed to the Committee.

**Administration &
Budget Committee**

Director Hall stated the committee did not meet and there was no report.

**General Manager
Evaluation Ad Hoc
Committee**

Director Hall stated the committee did not meet and there was no report.

**General Manager's
Report**

P. Congdon stated that three applications had been received for the vacant position of Agriculture Representative on the CAC. He noted that they would be brought to the next Administration and Budget Committee for review and recommendation.

Legal Counsel Report

W. Parkin stated he had no report.

**Board Member
Reports**

Director Kennett pointed out that today was Earth Day. He thanked John Fioretta for being present at the OSA booth at the Morgan Hill Earth Day event. He acknowledged and thanked Lark Burkhart for succinctly summarizing what the Open Space Authority is all about with her excellent Open Space Authority "elevator speech"; He stated that Katherine Lyddan would be speaking at the next CAC meeting.

Director Foran said he attended the 14th Annual Ridge to Bridge event; He said the Bay Area Ridge Trail would be dedicating their 300th mile in San Leandro on May 7th.

Director Holtz stated she attended a rangeland and grazing workshop coordinated by the HCP. She said that Justin Fields invited her on a tour of his grazing operation and hoped that other members of the Board and staff could attend.

P. Congdon stated he has been talking to Justin Fields about holding a tour. He

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said he would contact him again and check on his availability for a tour.

Director Potter stated he has heard positive reviews on the Authority's wildflower hikes this season.

Director Gill stated he attended several community meetings and shared the OSA's activity schedule with them.

Director Hall stated the HCP Liaison Group had a meeting and noted the main topic for discussion was governance.

Roland LeBrun stated he received an email notifying him that the City of San Jose received an award for the design and development of Albertson Parkway. He thanked the Open Space Authority, on behalf of San Jose residents, for their involvement and assistance with the Albertson Parkway project.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Hall adjourned the meeting 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Crook
Clerk of the Board