



DRAFT MINUTES

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 8, 2010
Meeting 10-13

ROLL CALL	Vice-chairperson Mike Potter called the regular meeting of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Office, 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd. Suite 100, San Jose, California.
Members Present	Alex Kennett, Virginia Holtz, Garnetta Annable, Jim Foran, Mike Potter
Members Excused Absent	Sequoia Hall, Calvin Gill
Members Unexcused Absent	None
BOARD BUSINESS	<p>Agenda Item #1: Authorization to Negotiate with Property Owners Chang APN: 742-01-023 (42 acres), and Ziegelmann APN: 562-19-003 (0.5 acres); Western Watershed Study Area.</p> <p>P. Congdon introduced the item. He stated that the recommendation was for the Board to approve the authorization to negotiate with property owners Chang and Ziegelmann, respectively.</p> <p>Motion: Director Foran moved to adopt Resolution 10-25 to authorize negotiations with property owners Chang APN: 742-01-023 (42 acres), and Ziegelmann APN: 562-19-003 (0.5 acres); Western Watershed Study Area. Director Kennett seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0</p>
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Director Kennett moved to adopt the agenda. Director Holtz seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0
CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION	At 6:33 p.m. Director Potter convened the meeting to Closed Session.
RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION	The Board members returned from Closed Session at 7:22 p.m. Director Potter stated there were no reportable actions.
Staff Present	Patrick Congdon, General Manager William Parkin, Legal Counsel Lauren (Crook) Monack, Clerk of the Board Jayne Brownlee, Accountant

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Public Present Roland LeBrun
Dave Poeschel

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

Director Potter asked if there were any public presentations for items not on the agenda.

R. LeBrun stated he was addressing the Board as a member of the public and not as a Save Our Trails member. He addressed the Board regarding the Coyote Alamosos Canal trail within Santa Teresa County Park. He passed out a new map of Santa Teresa County Park. He pointed out that the County has blocked off access of the Canal trail from San Ignacio to Cottle. He said there was a lot of frustration from residents about this change and he wanted to keep the members of the Board informed. He said the residents were also frustrated that the County was not taking advantage of OSA Urban Open Space funds.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Potter asked if there were any written communications.

L. Monack stated there were no written communications.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Director Potter noted there were no minutes for approval.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT ITEM(S)**

Director Potter noted there were no items on Consent.

**BOARD BUSINESS
(Continued)**

OLD BUSINESS: Agenda Item #2: Presentation of 3rd Quarter Financial and Investment Reports – Continued from meeting of June 24, 2010.

P. Congdon noted that J. Brownlee was in attendance for any questions. No Board comment or questions ensued. Director Potter introduced the next item on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Item #3: Approve CAC Membership Re-appointment Requests for 2010.

P. Congdon stated that Kitty Monahan, Eric Carruthers, Dan Kenney, Mandy McClellan, Jan Hintermeister and Susan McKuhen have asked to be reappointed to the CAC. He noted that Chris Kangas has declined renewal to his position as District 5 Representative.

He noted that staff would be working on recruitment for all of the vacant positions by mailing out a flier and posting the vacancies on the website.

Motion: Director Annable made a motion to approve Resolution 10-24 reappointing Kitty Monahan, Eric Carruthers, Dan Kenney, Mandy McClellan,

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Jan Hintermeister and Susan McKuhen to the CAC. Director Kennett seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item #4: Adopt Resolution dedicating former Blair Ranch for open space purposes; APN's: 742-23-002, 742-23-003 and 742-24-014.

P. Congdon addressed the Board and stated that he was recommending formal dedication of the Blair Ranch for open space purposes pursuant to Public Resources Section 35152; a total of 864 acres.

Motion: Director Kennett made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-26 dedicating former Blair Ranch for open space purposes; APN's: 742-23-002, 742-23-003 and 742-24-014. Director Annable seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Director Holtz requested that the Board receive the most recent acquisition database.

P. Congdon stated he would do so.

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

**Citizen's Advisory
Committee**

D. Poeschel addressed the Board stating that there was meeting at the end of June. He noted that the Board members received a copy of the Agriculture Recommendations.

Director Holtz stated she would like to have the full Board approve the recommendations and then perhaps have the Board Chairperson appoint a committee that consists of one or two members of the Board and some CAC members to gather and discuss the recommendations.

B. Parkin suggested that an item be included on the next agenda and an Ad-Hoc Committee be created then if the Board so chooses.

P. Congdon asked what the Board would like to do with the Recommendations.

B. Parkin stated that Staff will prepare a report with a recommendation about how to proceed with the item.

**Acquisition
Committee**

Director Annable stated that she met with P. Congdon.

**Use & Management
Committee**

Director Potter stated that there was no meeting and no report

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**Administration &
Budget Committee**

Director Potter stated that the committee met and would be bringing an item to the Board regarding long term investment of VTA funds to the next meeting.

**General Manager's
Report**

P. Congdon stated that he was on the advisory council for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and he attended a meeting regarding the development of a funding source for restoration projects. He stated that he met with a firm that will be doing the public outreach and polling; He noted that he received a letter from Steve Kinsella requesting the Authority's interest in a conservation easement for the mitigation of the Gavilan College site; He said a pre-bid meeting was held for the Vilas Dam removal project and the hope was that the decommissioning of the dam would happen in the next couple of months; He reported that for the last year and a half he has been working with California Department of Fish and Game regarding holding endowments of mitigation lands. He said that he was notified by Fish and Game that they were developing a new policy regarding holding of endowments and the changes would only allow a third party to hold the endowments which would make the process cumbersome. He said he would be attending a workshop to discuss how best to make the proposed system work; He said he has brought in a GIS consultant to assist the Authority in upgrading its GIS information to industry standard for parks; He noted that County Parks has asked that he attend a meeting to discuss acquisition.

Legal Counsel Report

W. Parkin reported that a meeting of management and attorney's group of the HCP would take place tomorrow. He noted that the discussion would be about removing the NCCP component.

**Board Member
Reports**

Director Kennett stated that there was a request from the environmental affairs committee of the chamber of commerce looking for a field trip to view the Authority's acquisition to the approaches to El Toro.

P. Congdon stated that the hope is that the Authority will close on the proposed acquisition within the next two to three weeks.

Director Foran stated he spent the last two weeks in Arizona.

Director Annable stated she attend the Santa Clara County Parks workshop. She noted that there was a strong voice for completing current projects and not starting new ones; She reported that she was given a document prepared by Don Weden and it addresses strategic planning. She thought it would be a useful document. She asked that P. Congdon make copies and distribute to the other Board members.

Director Holtz reported that she received a letter from the Land Trust Alliance stating the President Obama has launched a new initiative called America's Great Outdoors. She said the objective include promoting community based

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conservation and recreation. She said the Land Trust has been chosen as one of the groups to be included in the conversation.

Director Potter said that he received notice that the Martial Cottle Task Force planning process has been extended for a few more months so that water supply issues can be further studied; He reported that he met with the consultant working on preparing the RFP for the strategic plan, along with Director Hall, P. Congdon and B. Parkin. He noted the RFP was very inclusive and wide-ranging and if any Board member knows of someone who should receive the RFP, to forward the names and addresses to P. Congdon.

**RECONVENE TO
CLOSED SESSION**

Director Potter reconvened the meeting to Closed Session at 8:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Potter stated there were no reportable actions from Closed Session and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren (Crook) Monack
Clerk of the Board