



## DRAFT MINUTES

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 22, 2010**  
**Meeting 10-14**

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	Chairperson Sequoia Hall called the <b>regular</b> meeting of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) to order at <b>6:33 p.m.</b> at the Administrative Office, 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd. Suite 100, San Jose, California.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	Director Potter moved to adopt the agenda. Director Kennett seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0
<b>Members Present</b>	Sequoia Hall, Alex Kennett, Virginia Holtz, Garnetta Annable, Calvin Gill, Jim Foran, Mike Potter
<b>Members Excused Absent</b>	None
<b>Members Unexcused Absent</b>	None
<b>CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION</b>	At 6:33 p.m. Director Hall convened the meeting to Closed Session.
<b>RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION</b>	The Board members returned from Closed Session at 6:52 p.m. Director Hall stated there were no reportable actions
<b>Staff Present</b>	Patrick Congdon, General Manager William Parkin, Legal Counsel Lauren (Crook) Monack, Clerk of the Board
<b>Public Present</b>	Blanca Alvarado Teresa Alvarado Bob Clement John Fioretta Larry Ames Bob Nadeau Dave Poeschel Henry Coletto Roland LeBrun Bruce Tichinin Martha Shauss Leslie Hamilton

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**WRITTEN  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Hall asked if there were any written communications.

L. Monack stated there were no written communications.

**PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS**

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

Bruce Tichinin, legal counsel for Save Our Trails, read a letter from Save Our Trails president Taisia McMahon declaring their support and adoption of the Three Creeks Trail. He stated that the reach that is being negotiated between Union Pacific and San Jose will cost about \$7M. He pointed out that the reach in question stretches from the beginning of the trail at Lomus Avenue to just about Hwy 87 to Minnesota Avenue. He stated that \$1M is needed to close the deal.

Director Annable asked that P. Congdon provide information about the 20% program funds available to the City of San Jose at the next Acquisition Committee meeting.

P. Congdon stated he would provide that information.

Director Hall stated that the Board has reiterated to the City of San Jose that the agency was very interested in seeing the whole trail completed.

Roland LeBrun stated that his comments under Public Presentations in the minutes of July 8 were incorrect asked that they be amended to read:

He said the residents were also frustrated that the County ~~was not taking advantage of OSA Urban Open Space funds.~~ used \$900,000 of OSA Urban Open Space funds to buy a property next to the canal and then shut down the section of canal right behind the property.

Director Hall asked the Clerk if she had captured the corrected language.

L. Monack stated she had.

Larry Ames introduced himself as a member of Save Our Trails and addressed the Board reminding them that the Three Creeks Trail was originally named the Willow Glen Spur Trail until it was changed by the City of San Jose to more accurately reflect that it connects three different trail alignments. He stated he supported Save Our Trails asking for money for acquisition of two parcels in Willow Glen to further the Three Creeks Trail project.

Blanca Alvarado took the podium and greeted the Board. She commended the

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Board on their invaluable work in preserving the area's natural resources. She said the Three Creeks Trail has been a labor of love. She said she's worked since the early 80's on developing the Los Gatos Creek trail all the way to Guadalupe Park. She pointed out that now there's an explosion of interest for a trail that will improve the quality of life in Santa Clara County. She said that now that the Railroad was finally ready to talk and negotiate, it was incumbent on everyone involved to make the acquisition happen. She stated that the County would be creating a tour for the many stakeholders involved. She said the tour would probably take place in the second or third week of August.

Leslie Hamilton from the Guadalupe Park Conservancy stated she supports the Three Creeks Trail and the Board should consider allocating money for the purchase of the parcels.

Henry Coletto addressed the Board stating that he would like to speak on the topic of the grazing issue. He distributed pictures to the Board of grass land on Doan and areas in Sierra Vista and Rancho Canada del Oro. He stated that there was still work to do on the OSA grazing program.

Director Annable stated she was just at Sierra Vista and found the area on the western boundary and around the Boccardo trail looked beautiful.

Martha Shauss addressed the Board. She commended the Board for taking on the issue of grazing monitoring. She said she'd like to see a wildlife biologist be involved. She stated the Board should consider renaming it the monitoring and management plan.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**June 24, 2010 Minutes**

Director Kennett moved to approve the minutes of June 24 2010. Director Holtz seconded the motion.

Director Holtz stated she had a correction on Page 5. She noted in the section for U&M committee comments that the comments had been made by her and not Director Hall.

Director Kennett accepted the amendment. The motion passed 7-0.

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Director Foran moved to approve the minutes with the amendment from Roland LeBrun of July 8, 2010 as noted in the Public Presentations. Director Holtz seconded the motion and stated she had a correction on Page 3; U&M committee comments were made by her and not Director Hall.

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Director Foran accepted the amendment.

Director Hall noted that Roland LeBrun's requested correction to his comments as noted in public presentations would be included.

The motion passed 6-0; Director Gill abstained stating he was not in attendance at the July 8, 2010 meeting.

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT ITEM(S)**

**No items on consent**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #1: Authorization to Purchase Vehicle – Toyota Tacoma**

P. Congdon introduced the item stating that staff is recommending approval of the purchase of one Toyota Tacoma pick-up. He noted that it was identified in the 2010/2011 budget as a purchase from the capital projects program.

Director Annable moved to approve the purchase of the vehicle. Director Potter seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Agenda Item #2: Appoint Agricultural Land Conservation Committee**

Director Hall asked for a motion for the creation of the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee.

Director Hall asked if there were any Board members who wished to volunteer to be on the committee.

Directors Foran, Kennett and Holtz all asked to be on the Committee.

Director Hall noted that there were three volunteers for two positions as recommended by staff.

D. Poeschel stated the Citizen's Advisory Committee did not have any concerns about three Board members being on the committee.

Director Hall confirmed that the other Board members were in agreement to increase the membership of Board members on the committee from two to three.

Motion: Director Potter made a motion to appoint an ad hoc Agriculture and Land Conservation Committee to be composed of three Board members and three CAC members those of which would be appointed by the CAC. Director Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

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**COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES**

**Citizen's Advisory Committee** Director Hall stated there was no meeting and no report.

**Acquisition Committee** Director Hall stated there was no meeting and no report.

**Use & Management Committee** Director Holtz stated the Committee met and there was no report.

**Administration & Budget Committee** Director Hall stated there was no report

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**General Manager's Report** P. Congdon stated the Sheriff's office raided a marijuana farm on Palassou Ridge and the raid yielded 6,500 plants. He said the location was very near the one found the previous year.

**Legal Counsel Report** W. Parkin stated he had no report.

**Board Member Reports** Director Gill stated he had no report.

Director Potter stated he had no report.

Director Holtz stated she had not report.

Director Kennett stated that he attended a retreat with Committee for Green Foothills.

Director Foran stated he attended a meeting of the County Park reevaluation of their acquisition plan and he pointed out that his worst fears were confirmed in that they were trying to take County Park Charter money to put into the Habitat Plan to use as offset for development so there would be no mitigation. He stated he hoped it would be strongly opposed and he didn't think that the Habitat Plan was worth taking money from the parks.

Director Annable stated she had a chance to spend some time on the trails at Sierra Vista and she enjoyed it very much.

P. Congdon stated that staff has noted that the area gets a lot of use by many different types of people.

Director Hall stated he had no report.

**ADJOURNMENT** Director Hall adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

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