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- January 23, 2014

DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 23, 2014
Meeting 14-02



**CALL MEETING TO
ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Mike Potter called the regular Board meeting of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (Authority) to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Office, 6980 Santa Teresa Blvd. Suite 100, San Jose, California.

Members Present

Ms. Guerra performed Roll Call:
Jim Foran, Dorsey Moore, Virginia Holtz, Mike Potter, Calvin Gill

Members Absent

Alex Kennett, Sequoia Hall

Staff Present

Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager
Derek Neumann, Supervising Open Space Technician
Kellie Guerra, Office Manager/Deputy Clerk of the Board
William Parkin, Legal Counsel

**CONVENE TO CLOSED
SESSION**

At 6:32 p.m. Director Potter announced the items to be discussed in Closed Session and asked if any members of the public wished to comment; there were none.

Director Potter convened the meeting to Closed Session.

**RETURN FROM
CLOSED SESSION**

Members returned from Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

Legal Counsel William Parkin stated there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Director Potter asked if any members of the public wished to comment on the Agenda; there were none.

MOTION: Director Foran moved to approve the Agenda. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 5-0-0. Ayes: Foran, Moore, Holtz, Potter, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

Director Potter asked if any member of the public wished to comment on any items not on the Agenda; there were none.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Guerra stated there were none.

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**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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MOTION: Director Foran moved to approve the minutes from January 9, 2014. Director Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 5-0-0. Ayes: Foran, Moore, Holtz, Potter, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT ITEMS**

Director Potter asked if any members of the public wished to comment on any item on the Consent Calendar; there were none.

C1: Information Item: Cash & Investment Ledger – October, November & December 2013

C2: Information Item: FY 2013-2014 2nd Quarter Financial Statements – Ended December 31, 2013

C3: Approve Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Coyote Valley Wildlife Movement Study

MOTION: Director Foran moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 5-0-0. Ayes: Foran, Moore, Holtz, Potter, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

**NEW BOARD
BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #1: Appointment of Board Members to OSA Standing Committees;
Review and Appointment of Board Liaisons to non-OSA Bodies.**

Director Potter introduced the item and announced the assignments to Committees and Liaisons/Representatives to non-OSA bodies.

Committees:

Administration & Budget: Directors Potter (Chair), Gill, Holtz

Use & Management: Directors Hall (Chair), Foran, Moore

CAC Liaisons: Directors Moore, Gill (alt)

Liaisons/Representatives:

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council: Director Foran

County Parks Commission: Directors Potter, Gill (alt)

Santa Clara County CSDA: Director Hall

Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan: Directors Hall, Holtz (alt)

San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Assoc. (SPUR): Directors Hall,
Moore (alt)

Director Foran proposed creation of Liaison positions for the South Bay Salt Pond Stakeholders Advisory Committee and the Bay Trail. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Director Foran moved to approve the Committee and Liaison assignments

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made by Director Potter as well as the creation of Liaison positions for the South Bay Salt Pond Stakeholders Advisory Committee and the Bay Trail. Director Holtz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 5-0-0. Ayes: Foran, Moore, Holtz, Potter, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

Agenda Item #2: Presentation by Koff and Associates of the Final Classification and Compensation Study: and Board Direction to Staff

Ms. Monack introduced the item. She reviewed the Authority’s history of past classification and compensation studies and provided the rationalization for the current study and the process that was adhered to in completing it. She referenced the information that was included in the Board packet and introduced Katie Kaneko with Koff and Associates to present the results of the data and methodology behind the study.

Board discussion ensued. The Board directed Staff to provide additional data, recommendations and an implementation plan for consideration and return to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

Citizens’ Advisory Committee	No report.
Administration & Budget Committee	No report.
Conservation Vision/Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee Update	No report.
Use & Management Report	Director Foran reported that the Committee met and reviewed a draft Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices Policy.
General Manager’s Report	Ms. Mackenzie commended Ms. Monack and Director Moore for recently representing the Authority at a meeting with the Valley Transportation Association and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to explore potential new investment options for managing the Coyote Ridge VTA Property endowment fund. She also reported that Director Potter and Citizens’ Advisory Committee Chairperson Gloria Chun Hoo had met with Staff and discussed a potential series of community meetings to gather input into a Draft Expenditure Plan that will implement the <i>Santa Clara Valley Greenprint</i> .

Ms. Mackenzie also reported that Staff was reviewing the Morgan Hill Draft EIR for

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the Citywide Agricultural Preservation Program and Southeast Quadrant Land Use Plan. She stated she will be briefing the Board and providing a comment letter on the Plan.

She announced that the completed Ecosystem Services Valuation report for Santa Clara County will be presented to the Authority's Board of Directors at an upcoming meeting and will include development of a case study to identify the ecosystem service values and economic benefits of land conservation in the Coyote Creek Watershed and valuation of the Santa Clara Aquifer to inform the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Coyote Watershed Master Plan.

She also reported that in January, Authority Staff and the Santa Clara Valley Water District met with scientists from Stanford University's Natural Capital Project to learn about practical applications of spatial decision support tools to prioritize conservation projects and optimize public investment in protecting and restoring natural resources, water resources and floodplains in both urban and rural environments.

Legal Counsel Report

No report.

**Board Member
Reports**

Director Foran had no report.

Director Gill had no report.

Director Holtz distributed an article from the League of Women Voters quarterly Monitor publication regarding prioritizing conservation. She also reported she had attended a meeting held by the Health Trust that included a visioning for their initiatives over the next five years.

Director Moore announced that he had attended a Willow Glen Neighborhood Association meeting and heard a presentation by Laurel Prevetti, San Jose Planning, regarding Visioning San Jose 2040. He also reported he had attended a County General Plan meeting and that housing element updates included progressive language on the topics of sustainable community strategies and planned development areas.

Director Potter announced he would be attending the Martial Cottle Park Perimeter Trail opening on February 1st, and the State of the Valley Conference to be held on February 7th. He also announced a run sponsored by Silicon Valley Leadership Group at Hellyer Park on February 8th to fund salad bars in public schools, and that he would be attending an economic forecast meeting with the San Jose City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m. Director Potter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Monack, Clerk of the Board