

Draft Minutes

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DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 23, 2015
Meeting 15-14



CALL MEETING TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairperson pro tempore Sequoia Hall 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: Alex Kennett, Mike Flaughner, Sequoia Hall, Dorsey Moore, and Virginia Holtz were present for Roll Call. Mike Potter arrived to the meeting following Public Presentations.

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Matt Freeman, Assistant General Manager
Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board
Derek Neumann, Field Operations Manager
Gina Coony, Senior Planner
Galli Basson, Resource Management Specialist
William Parkin, Legal Counsel

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Director Hall asked if there were any Public Presentations for Items not on the Agenda. There were two. Laura Mello addressed the Board to discuss project plans to protect the Milpitas foothills and William Garbett addressed the Board to express his opinion on aspects of SB422.

Director Potter arrived to the meeting and assumed the role of Chairperson of the meeting.

NEW BOARD BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Authorize the General Manager/Assistant General Manager to Negotiate with Property Owner Marilyn Schrader, 19 acres +/- in the Penitencia Creek/East Foothills Conservation Focus Area; APNs: 773-13-022 & 773-13-014

Assistant General Manager Matt Freeman introduced the Item. Mr. Freeman reviewed the property specifics. Director Potter asked if there were any members of the public that wished to comment on the Item. There were none.

MOTION: Director Kennett moved to authorize the General Manager to negotiate with Property owner Marilyn Schrader. Director Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 7-0-0. Ayes: Kennett, Flaughner, Hall, Potter, Moore, Holtz, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

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Agenda Item #2: Authorize the General Manager/Assistant General Manager to Negotiate with Property Owner David Arpin, 20 acres +/- in the Southern Santa Cruz Mountains Conservation Focus Area; APN: 612-08-023

Assistant General Manager Matt Freeman introduced the Item. Mr. Freeman reviewed the property specifics. Director Potter asked if there were any members of the public that wished to comment on the Item. There were none.

MOTION: Director Hall moved to authorize the General Manager to negotiate with Property owner David Arpin. Director Kennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 7-0-0. Ayes: Kennett, Flaughner, Hall, Potter, Moore, Holtz, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Director Potter asked if any members of the public wished to comment on any Closed Session Item. There were none.

At 6:40 p.m. Director Potter convened the meeting to Closed Session.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Members returned from Closed Session at 7:09 p.m.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MOTION: Director Kennett moved to approve the Agenda. Director Flaughner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 7-0-0. Ayes: Kennett, Flaughner, Hall, Potter, Moore, Holtz, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Director Potter asked if there were any Written Communications. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 9, 2015

MOTION: Director Holtz moved to approve the July 9, 2015 meeting minutes. Director Flaughner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 7-0-0. Ayes: Kennett, Flaughner, Hall, Potter, Moore, Holtz, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Item #1: Information Item: Check Register and Investment Accounts Ledger for June 2015.

MOTION: Director Flaughner moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Gill

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seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 7-0-0. Ayes: Kennett, Flaughner, Hall, Potter, Moore, Holtz, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

**NEW BOARD
BUSINESS (continued)**

Agenda Item #3: Consider Approval of a Conservation Easement over the United Technologies Corporation Coyote Ridge Property to be held by the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency

Assistant General Manager Matt Freeman introduced the Item. He presented a revised resolution for approval that would allow the Board Chair to execute the Easement. He explained the importance of the Easement in order to comply with the Valley Habitat Agency permitting requirements and to meet grant requirements. He also referenced a Management Plan that exists for the property, developed with high standards by consultant Jodi McGraw. He acknowledged Resource Management Specialist Galli Basson for finalizing the Management Plan and providing overall support to the project.

Director Holtz asked Mr. Freeman for clarification regarding use of volunteers and hands-on educational learning opportunities for students and for an estimated forecast of annual management costs for the property. Mr. Freeman responded and provided an overview of plans for management cost-sharing via grazing and agency partnerships.

Board discussion ensued. Director Potter applauded Staff efforts in completing the project.

Director Potter noted that there were no members of the public in attendance.

MOTION: Director Kennett moved to approve the Conservation Easement and the amended resolution. Director Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 7-0-0. Ayes: Kennett, Flaughner, Hall, Potter, Moore, Holtz, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

Agenda Item #4: Award Contract for the Gully Repair and Drainage Restoration Project at Diablo Foothills Open Space Preserve to Granite Construction Company

Resource Management Specialist Galli Basson presented the Item. She provided a location map and pictures of the erosion taking place at the project site, as well as a list of present endangered species that would benefit from the project. She reviewed the Request for Bid process that was employed and how Granite Construction Company was chosen to receive the recommendation for the contract.

Board discussion ensued. Mr. Freeman complimented Ms. Basson for her work on the project.

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Director Potter noted that there were no members of the public in attendance.

MOTION: Director Kennett moved to approve the award of the contract to Granite Construction Company. Director Holtz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote: 7-0-0. Ayes: Kennett, Flaughner, Hall, Potter, Moore, Holtz, Gill. Noes: 0. Abstention: 0)

**Use and Management
Committee**

Director Hall reported that the Committee had met and discussed integrated pest management, designation of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, and drone use on Authority properties.

**General Manager's
Report**

Assistant General Manager Matt Freeman announced a Sierra Club California fundraising benefit being held the following Sunday in Cupertino. He also acknowledged External Affairs Manager Marc Landgraf for his successful work on SB422 and provided kudos to Volunteer Programs Administrator Dana Litwin and Educational Programs Coordinator Teri Rogoway for their work hosting the annual Volunteer Appreciation event held the previous weekend.

Mr. Freeman provided an update on recruiting members for the Measure Q Expenditure Oversight Committee.

Legal Counsel Report

No Report.

**Board Member
Reports**

Director Kennett provided a map of proposed changes to zoning and development plans in the Southeast Quadrant of Morgan Hill.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:39 p.m. Director Potter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board