

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

April 23, 2009 Board Meeting

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Chairperson Robinson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. at the City of Menlo Park Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA

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1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Robinson, City of Menlo Park
Director Drekmeier, City of Palo Alto
Director Kwok, Santa Clara Valley Water District
Director Abrica, City of East Palo Alto
Director Gordon, San Mateo County Flood Control

Alternates Present: None

Associate Members: Mike Goff, Stanford
Nona Chiariello, Stanford

JPA Staff Present: Len Materman, Executive Director
Kevin Murray, Staff
Miyko Harris-Parker, Staff

Legal Counsel Present: Not Present

Others Present: Joe Teresi, City of Palo Alto; Trish Mulvey, Palo Alto Resident;
Art Kraemer, Palo Alto resident; Jerry Hearn, Acterra; Cynthia
D'Agosta, Committee for Green foothills; Mary Schafer, Palo
Alto resident; Jason Christie, Santa Clara Valley Water District;
Anne Stillman, San Mateo County Flood Control District; Tom
Rindfliesch, resident; Chris Elias, Santa Clara Valley Water
District; Troy Brandt, Menlo Park; Matt Stoecker, Beyond
Searsville Dam; Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological
Preserve, Stanford University

2) APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES February 26, 2009

Minutes approved 5-0.

3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved 5-0.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR-

None

5) PUBLIC COMMENT-

None

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6) REGULAR BUSINESS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement

Mr. Materman presented the amended Executive Director Employment Agreement to the Board for the approval. Director Gordon stated that Mr. Materman has done a fantastic job and that the amendment is well deserved. Director Kwok asked when the amendment was to be made effective. Mr. Materman stated that per legal the agreement was made effective February 15, 2009. Director Drekmeier commented on the Daily post article clarifying that the amendment to the agreement was not an out-of-the-blue decision. Director Drekmeier continued saying that Mr. Materman has done an outstanding job and deserves the increase in pay provided by the amendment. Chairperson Robinson stated that he was interviewed for the article and that he tried to make it abundantly clear to the journalist the very point that Director Drekmeier commented on. Chairperson Robinson thanked Mr. Materman for his outstanding service these past seven months. Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement approved 5-0.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2009-10 JPA Operating Agreement

Mr. Materman presented the proposed 2009-2010 operating budget agreement. Director Kwok told the Board that the Finance Committee met with Mr. Materman and staff for almost two hours and he believes that the budget is a good one. Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Agreement approved 5-0.

Early Warning System Enhancement Project

Mr. Materman gave a brief update on the early warning system enhancement project. Mr. Materman stated that he and SFCJPA Project Manager, Kevin Murray, met with Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman to discuss the early warning system to be installed. Mr. Materman stated that the expected cost of the system is \$10,311. Mr. Materman stated that the Menlo Park Fire District and the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services along with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department have all agreed to cover some portion of the cost for the new system.

Director Abrica asked when the system will be available. Mr. Materman responded saying that the system is expected to be available by fall of this year. Director Kwok asked for clarification of whether or not the \$5,000 portion that the JPA is expected to cover is allocated in the new budget. Mr. Materman replied saying that the \$5,000 is staff time so there is not an additional line item that is expected to hit the budget. Director Gordon asked if there was an annual maintenance fee associated with the system. Mr. Murray replied saying that it would depend on the types of events that would occur within the watershed but that the estimates are expected to be under \$5,000 annually. Director Gordon encouraged JPA staff to work closely with SMOES as SMOES may have funding for items such as this. Director Gordon stated that the SMOES funding for these items comes mainly from homeland security. Director Gordon continued saying if his help is needed for the discussion with SMOES he would be glad to help. Director Drekmeier asked if there had been any discussion with MPFPD regarding sharing the cost of maintenance and if so will the cost-share breakdown the same as the cost share for the actual unit? Mr. Materman replied saying that there has been discussion however the details have not been ironed yet. Early Warning System Enhancement Project approved 5-0.

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7) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –

Emergency Preparedness and Communication Meetings

Mr. Materman gave an update on the Emergency preparedness and communication meetings that were held on March 18 and 19. Mr. Materman stated that the meetings were very productive. Materman said that in the introduction to each of these meetings he described the JPA as the only agency that can bring together entities on all sides of the creek. Mr. Materman said that the JPA will be working with all the agencies on a single document that will provide a common understanding of what each city and county is doing during an event. Mr. Materman said that the document will also contain each agency's logo. Director Abrica stated that the meeting he attended was very productive and he noted that was mentioned in the meeting that California is known for having one of the best response systems but the fact that each system is county based causes problems. Director Gordon asked that the emergency services agencies be encouraged to keep practicing and working on drills and exercises. Chairperson Robinson stated that this subject was brought up at the December emergency preparedness meeting and it was noted practicing of drills and exercises is very important to all agencies involved. Director Abrica noted that when he when he met with Congresswoman Eshoo in DC she asked about this very issue. Chairperson Robinson said that this subject was also discussed at the tri-city Mayor/ City Manager meeting which includes Menlo Park, Pal Alto and East Palo Alto. Director Gordon said that he likes what he hears about the JPA's approach on emergency preparedness and that the best role the JPA can play is to keep bringing everyone to the table encouraging continued discussions.

Trish Mulvey, Palo Alto resident, said that emergency response meetings have all been focused on flooding but there are similar issues with spills that should be addressed with the flooding discussion. Mr. Materman responded by saying that part of the second phase for emergency preparedness discussions is to build a website for the EOS professionals and for the public that stretches from the hills to the coast that will provide information regarding responses for not just flooding but spills and other issues as well.

Communications and Outreach, including the "Three for the Creek" community effort

Mr. Materman informed the Board President Obama did sign the house bill which included \$335,000 for the JPA/Army Corp Feasibility study. Mr. Materman said that the Corp expects to have the money in their accounts by mid-April. Director Abrica and Director Gordon provided brief comments on their recent trips to DC. Director Abrica stated that whoever he met with he mentioned the JPA and the Feasibility project spreading the word as much as he could. Director Gordon stated he did the same and he noted that he met with Jackie Spears and got her up to speed on the JPA.

Mr. Materman informed the Board that he and Mr. Murray along with Chairperson Robinson and Director Abrica would be meeting with Senator Simitian and the regional director of Cal-trans to discuss communication between the JPA and Caltrans. Director Gordon reminded the Board that the funding for the Caltrans 101 project is coming from San Mateo County and as he is the head of the transportation department; the project will not get his support unless there is consideration for a flood project.

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Mr. Materman stated that the Three for the Creek community meeting presented by the local neighborhood associations went very well. Mr. Materman said that some of the positive outcomes from meeting were the papers floating around asking for help with various activities regarding creek issues. A technical team is going to be put together consisting of attendees of the meeting, and a website has been set up www.threeforthecreek.com. Mr. Materman stated that the Three for the Creek community group will also be taking the lead on advocacy to our State and Federal politicians. Director Gordon shared with Board that one of his legislative aides attended the meeting and stated that Mr. Materman was good.

Searsville Dam and Lake – Presentation by Matt Stoecker, Beyond Searsville Dam, and then by Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, Stanford University

Mr. Materman introduced Matt Stoecker, Beyond Searsville Dam, who gave a presentation on the Searsville Dam and Lake. Mr. Materman then introduced Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, who gave a presentation on the biological preserve at Stanford University.

Mary Schafer, Palo Alto resident; stated that the presence of Searsville Dam looks like a solution to residents in Palo Alto. Mrs. Schafer suggested that maybe a hole could be cut into the dam to allow the fish to go through. Mr. Stoecker noted that there has never been a study done to look at dam removal so all the information being presented is speculation which is why he made a formal request for either the Corp to take a serious look at dam removal in the Feasibility study or for the consultants handling to smaller Early Implementation project to take a look at dam removal. Mr. Materman said that there will not be an exhaustive look at this issue from our consultant analysis as the focus is on holding back the floodwaters.

Trish Mulvey, Palo Alto resident, reminded the Board that at the public meeting held by the Corp a few years ago there were a number of questions regarding dam removal. Mrs. Mulvey asked if the Board could find out what the options are for the Corp to add dam removal to the study. Mr. Stoecker noted that there is a lot of funding available for alternative analysis for dam removal.

8) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORTS** - *Agendized reports from Board and/or Associate Members requesting Board action.* – Director Kwok introduced Chris Elias to the Board stating that Mr. Elias has been appointed to the position formerly held by Mr. Beau Goldie.

9) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER MATTERS** - *Non-agendized comments, requests, or announcements by Board and/or Associate members, no action may be taken.* None.

10) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Miyko Ann Harris-Parker

Clerk of the Board