

**San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority**

**September 24, 2009 Board Meeting**

**Agenda Item 2**

**August 27, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Robinson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. at the City of East Palo Alto Council Chambers, 2415 University Ave, East Palo Alto, CA

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**1) ROLL CALL**

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

Alternates Present: None

Associate Members: Stanford

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

Legal Counsel Present: Greg Stepanicich

Others Present: Joe Teresi, City of Palo Alto; Trish Mulvey, Palo Alto resident; Anne Stillman, San Mateo County Flood Control District; Art Kraemer, Palo Alto resident; Bill Springer, Santa Clara Valley Water District; Kristen O’Kane, Santa Clara Valley Water District; Jason Christie, Santa Clara Valley Water District

**2) APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 27, 2009**

Minutes approved 5-0.

**3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved 5-0.

**4) CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**5) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trish Mulvey, Palo Alto Resident, informed the Board that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will be approving the Bay assessment plan amendment for the Napa River sediment TMDL plan on September 9, 2009.

**6) REGULAR BUSINESS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Corps Feasibility Study Item: Watershed Analysis and Sediment Reduction Plan, Amendment 3

Mr. Materman and Mr. Murray presented the Board with the Watershed Analysis and Sediment Reduction Plan Amendment 3. Mr. Murray provided the Board with a brief background description of the amendment.

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Chairperson Robinson questioned how the changes in the Creek that have occurred since this analysis was done six years ago are dealt with. Mr. Murray responded noting that there have been changes in the channel since 2003 but that the analysis is more focused on sediment yield however the consultants will be prepared to incorporate all necessary new data that is relevant to the analysis.

Director Kwok asked for clarification on the original contract agreement. Mr. Murray responded saying that the original contract cost was \$250,000 with an additional \$200,000 cost for a previous extension, and that the extension currently being considered would have a maximum expenditure of \$13,000. Director Kwok said that he hoped that this is not a piecemeal situation and asked if we knew we would need this data when the original contract was signed. Mr. Murray responded saying that we did not expect needing this particular level of data at the time of the first contact. Director Abrica motioned to approve Watershed Analysis and Sediment Reduction Plan, Amendment 3, Director Kwok seconded. Watershed Analysis and Sediment Reduction Plan, Amendment 3 approved 5-0.

Federal Government Update

Mr. Materman presented to the Board an update on Federal Government funding noting that the JPA has officially requested credit for local expenditures for project expenses. Mr. Materman also informed the Board that the JPA is currently working on ensuring that our funds request makes the President's budget.

Chairperson Robinson asked if it would be helpful for the Board to have direct communication with Congresswoman Eshoo and Senator Feinstein as it seems pretty critical getting into the President's budget. Mr. Materman responded saying that in addition to staff working on the issue over the next few months, this is a political conversation and that he will be speaking with each Board member individually over the course of the next few months.

Director Gordon asked Mr. Materman to make a note to speak with him regarding the President's budget as the assistant to the President for Inter-governmental affairs will be flying here for a meeting in Monterey. Director Gordon said that maybe we can work with Congresswoman Eshoo to schedule a meet and greet before the President's assistant heads to Monterey.

**7) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –**

Capital Project Update

Mr. Murray presented to the Board an update to the capital project schedule. Mr. Murray stated that staff intends to bring a contract for execution for the Capital Project that reduces flooding Downstream of Highway 101 at the October meeting.

Mr. Materman gave the Board a brief report of the meeting he had with community members of the Ladera community. Mr. Materman noted that a future meeting for further discussion on the project is being planned as well.

Director Kwok asked if there has there been any conversation with Stanford regarding the retention basin since the last JPA Board meeting. Mr. Murray responded saying that there have not been any technical conversations but we are working closely with our Stanford representative to move communication efforts forward.

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Art Kraemer, Palo Alto resident, informed the Board that he forwarded to Jean McCown of Stanford, information on what would have to be done on the Creek if there were not upper watershed retention basins.

Arundo Removal and Revegetation Update

Mr. Murray provided a brief update on the Arundo stand clean up.

8) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORTS** - *Agendized reports from Board and/or Associate Members requesting Board action.* – None

9) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER MATTERS** - *Non-agendized comments, requests, or announcements by Board and/or Associate members, no action may be taken.*

Director Kwok mentioned that he and Mr. Materman attended the groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the restarting of the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project on Thursday, August 27. Mr. Materman said that the event was great and gave some ideas of what the JPA can do when it's time for us to prepare for a ground breaking ceremony.

Director Drekmeier informed the Board that the City of Palo Alto passed a ban on plastic bags and then was sued. Director Drekmeier continued to say that the City settled with the plaintiff and agreed to do an environmental review to see if we can expand the ban to pharmacies. Director Drekmeier congratulated Mr. Materman on his one-year anniversary on the job.

10) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 4:42 pm.

Minutes Prepared by Clerk of the Board: Miyko Harris-Parker