

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

September 26, 2008 Board Meeting

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Chairperson Abrica called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Palo Alto Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto CA

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1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Abrica, City of East Palo Alto
Director Robinson, City of Menlo Park
Director Drekmeier, City of Palo Alto
Director Kwok, Santa Clara Valley Water District

Members Absent: Director Gordon San Mateo County Flood Control

Alternates Present: None

Associate Members: Stanford

JPA Staff Present: 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;
Len Materman, Art Kraemer, Palo Alto resident; Jerry Hurn,
Acterra; Tom Zitterman, Stanford

2) PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

Chairperson Abrica Adjourned the meeting to closed session at 4:01 pm.

3) REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

Chairperson Abrica re-adjourned the meeting to open session at 4:16 pm. No reportable items from the closed session.

4) APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES April 24, April 29, May 15, June 16, June 18, June 19 and July 9, 2008:

Minutes approved 4-0

5) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved 4-0.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR - Approve letter to Caltrans to initiate partnership on alternatives to improve US 101 crossing over San Francisquito Creek

Chairperson Abrica pulled item from consent.

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Per the request of Chairperson Abrica, Kevin Murray, Project Manager for the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority provided a brief description of the background of the JPA's relationship with Cal-Trans.

Art Kraemer, Palo Alto resident, shared with the Board that a group of residents met with Senator Joe Simitian regarding the Cal-trans project issue and that Senator Simitian and his staff are very interested and very capable of making sure this project gets complete. Mr. Kraemer stated that in order for Senator Simitian and his staff to begin moving on this Cal-trans project they need to be given a cost estimate. Mr. Kraemer stressed that cost estimate needs to be a number that will be approved by the Corp.

Letter to Caltrans to initiate partnership on alternatives to improve US 101 crossing over San Francisquito Creek accepted with modified changes 4-0.

7) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

8) **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Hiring process for replacement

Chairperson Abrica stated that the Board made a decision to hire Len Materman as the new Executive Director for the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

JPA attorney, Greg Stepanicich, stated that there were changes the Board made to the contract being offered for to Mr. Materman regarding the vacation hour accrual and a required 60 day notice for resignation. Director Kwok moved to approve the contract for hiring Len Materman as the new Executive Director of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority with modified changes. Director Drekmeier seconded. Contract approved 4-0.

Chairperson Abrica welcomed Mr. Materman and thanked Director Kwok and Director Drekmeier for their work on the personnel committee.

Director Drekmeier stated that Mr. Materman really shined in the interview process and he believes that Mr. Materman is going to lead the JPA in a very positive direction.

Director Kwok stated that it was a tough decision for the Board but that the Board is fortunate to have Mr. Materman with us to meet all the challenges with the Feasibility study. Director Kwok thanked Mr. Kinney, Mr. Williams, the JPA Legal counsel the Citizens group and the Management Team for their participation in the hiring process.

Director Robinson thanked Mr. Materman for applying and taking on the role of Executive Director. Director Robinson also thanked the public for their patience and participation in the process. Director Robinson stated that we are all really fortunate for having Mr. Materman be here and that this is an exciting time for the JPA.

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Chairperson Abrica thanked each Board member and their member agencies for their supportive roles during the hiring process.

Director Drekmeier recognized and thanked the JPA staff for their hard work during this transition period.

Mr. Materman stated that interview process was an educational and enjoyable process and that he is looking forward to working with everyone involved with the agency.

- 9) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORTS** - *Agendized reports from Board and/or Associate Members requesting Board action.* – Former associate member report- Trish Mulvey informed the Board that the First forum meeting being held by the members of the former Watershed Council will be October 14 at the PCC and more details will follow. Director Drekmeier questioned what the topic would be. Mrs. Mulvey stated that Mr. Allen Alder will be speaking on the Stanford Habitat project. Tom Zitterman confirmed that the Mr. Allen would be discussing Stanford Habitat project Sequa process at the October 14 forum.

- 10) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER MATTERS** - *Non-agendized comments, requests, or announcements by Board and/or Associate members, no action may be taken.* None Chairperson Abrica shared with Board a letter from Congresswoman Eshoo informing the JPA Board that her request for funds for the JPA/Corp project made it to the House budget and was on its way to the Senate. Director Robinson stated that the City of Menlo Park sent a thank you letter to Congresswoman Eshoo for her support. Director Robinson stated that the JPA should send a letter as well.

Chairperson Abrica reminded the Board that traditionally the JPA does not hold an August meeting and questioned the other Board members on the necessity of weather or not there needed to be an August meeting this year and that the September meeting date needed to be confirmed with all the Board members schedules. Director Drekmeier stated that he would be out of town on the currently scheduled meeting date but that if the rest of the Board decided to meet the Palo Alto Alternate will be available. Director Kwok said that he was ok with canceling the meeting but Mr. Materman would need to be available to meet with SCVWD to discuss the contracts for the Corp project. Director Robinson stated that Director Gordon's schedule is an important factor in determining our next meeting date. Director Robinson suggested having the Clerk of the Board poll each Board member for availability for an early September meeting and cancel the August 28 meeting.

11) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Abrica adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Miyko Ann Harris-Parker
Clerk of the Board