

San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan
SJCOG, Inc. Board Habitat Sub-Committee
San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 East Weber Ave.
Stockton, CA 95202
Monday, October 27, 2008

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Andrew T. Chesley called the meeting to order at 11:06 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Gary Haskin,	City of Escalon
Councilman Steve DeBrum	City of Manteca

SJCOG Staff/Consultants Present:

Andrew T. Chesley	Executive Director
Steve Dial	Deputy Executive Director/CFO
Steve Mayo	Senior Habitat Planner
Anne-Marie Poggio-Castillou	Regional Habitat Planner

Public Present:

Bill Murphy	The Grupe Company
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II. Approval of September 15, 2008 Minutes

A correction was made. Councilman DeBrum was not in attendance at the September 15, 2008 meeting as it was reflected in the minutes. No action was taken on this item due to a lack of a quorum.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Acquisitions

a. Jaques Property

Mr. Steve Mayo discussed the Jaques Property acquisition and public hearing scheduled for October. He stated the two public hearings are to be held on this property, one in the HTAC Meeting the other one is to be presented in the Board Meeting on October 23, 2008. He gave a brief overview of the Jaques Ranch property as an active agricultural operation and is known to contain habitat elements for several SJMSCP covered species. He explains that there might be minor enhancements planned for the site.

This item was discussion only, no action was taken.

b. Connolly Ranch, Inc. Property

Mr. Steve Mayo presented and discussed the Connolly Ranch Preserve Acquisition. He explained the requirement for the two public hearings. Mr. Mayo stated that the Connolly Ranch property is an active cattle operation and is known to contain habitat elements for

several SJMSCP covered species including San Joaquin Kit Fox as well as a potential for Red Legged Frogs. The easement will cover approximately 800 to 1,200 acre depending on negotiations. Mr. Mayo commented on the property explaining that DFG has an Elk hunting program currently on this property. There may be enhancements for this property.

Mr. Mayo detailed the surrounding property to the Connolly property has existing easement, which was done in 1991. The surrounding neighbors are Hetch Hetchy property, Thomas Shaft property and the Gallo property. The other property located to the south is M3 Cattle Company and the Mc Domney family

This item was discussion only, no action was taken.

c. Potential Sites

Mr. Mayo discussed the opportunity for potential easements sites. He stated that The Grupe Company is interested in working with staff in obtaining an easement to mitigate one of their development projects.

This item was discussion only, no action was taken.

V. Acquisition Strategy of Stacking

Mr. Mayo discussed the potential for stacking easements. He detailed the type of properties that would be considered for stacking, the benefits to stacking, and the obstacles it may have to overcome. Mr. Mayo further discussed process in which properties are selected for potential acquisition. He explained that the goal is to build a large corridor.

Mayor Haskins asked if staff was looking at Ag mitigation as the same as any other project or easement. Mr. Mayo explained that it would be preferred that the developers bring us the mitigation land. Then stacking of an Ag easement and a SJMSCP easement could occur. He stated that it was very important for all parties involved in the easement understand the terms of participating.

This item was discussion only, no action was taken.

VI. SJMSCP Project Implementation Process

Mr. Mayo stated that two implementation process workshops will be held on October 29th and 30th. The purpose of these workshops is to ensure consistency throughout the jurisdictions.

Mr. Steve Dial stated that each jurisdiction is processing projects differently. The goal is for a standardized process that each jurisdiction can follow.

This item was discussion only, no action was taken.

VII. Other Matters of Business

None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. in the executive conference room.