

**San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan  
Habitat Technical Advisory Committee  
San Joaquin Council of Governments  
555 East Weber Ave.  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Mr. Niblock called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Self introductions were made.

**Committee Members Present:**

John Beckman	BIA Delta
Jane Humes	Conservation
Duane Peterson	City of Escalon
David Morimoto	City of Lodi
Lantz Rey	City of Manteca
Mike Niblock	City of Stockton
Ken Zuidervaart	City of Ripon
Vicki Lombardo	City of Tracy
Dan Gifford	Dept. of Fish and Game
Andrea Boertien	Dept. of Fish and Game
Gary Stockel	SJC Ag. Commissioners
Ray Hoo	SJC Community Development
Teresa Becchetti	UC Co-op Extension

**SJCOG Staff/Consultants Present:**

Steve Dial	Deputy Executive Director/CFO
Steve Mayo	Senior Habitat Planner
Kim Anderson	Associate Habitat Planner
Anne-Marie Poggio-Castillou	Habitat Planner Technician
Rod Attebery	Neumiller & Beardslee
Monica Streeter	Neumiller & Beardslee

**Public Present:**

James Jones	EBMUD
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**II. Approval of April 9, 2008 Minutes**

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/Hoo**) to approve the minutes of Wednesday, April 9, 2008 with one correction of the spelling to Neumiller & Beardslee. Motion passed unanimously.

### III. Public Comment

Jane Humes announced the Waldo Holt San Joaquin wildlife Conservancy will be hosting the Waldo Music Fest on Saturday May 31, 2008. For more information please contact her.

### IV. Consent Calendar

#### A. Delta Wetland Tower Project

This item was pulled from the consent calendar by Lantz Rey. He asked why this property was designated as agriculture on the compensation map when the map shows that it is on a levee.

Mrs. Castellou explained that the property is designated as C5 Ruderal land which is agricultural land; however, the site of the project is located on the dirt roadway and not a part of the existing row and field crops.

It was moved /seconded (**Rey/Beckman**) to approve recommendation to SJCOG, Inc. Board to allow the Delta Wetland Tower Project to participate in SJMSCP. Motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Rocha Truck Parking Project

#### C. Singh Truck Parking Project

It was moved /seconded (**Beckman/Zuidervaart**) to approve recommendation to SJCOG, Inc. Board to allow the above projects to participate in SJMSCP. Motion passed unanimously.

### V. Pescadero Industrial Park Reduction of Burrowing Owl Buffer

Mrs. Castellou presented the Pescadero Industrial Park Reduction of Burrowing Owl Buffer. She stated that this project is in the City of Tracy. It is a mapped project with biological already completed. She explained that a nest pair of burrowing owls was identified by the SJMSCP biologist on a neighboring property north of the project location. The roadway separating the owl nest and the project site is a heavily traveled truck through fare in Tracy. The establishment of the 75-meter buffer would impact Pescadero Avenue which cannot be hindered from public use. Mrs. Castellou stated that the project proponent and the SJMSCP biologist have suggested the buffer be established on the project side of Pescadero Avenue to keep the owls at bay.

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/Hoo**) to approve the recommendation to the SJCOG Inc. Board to revise burrowing owl buffer for the Pescadero Industrial Park Project The motion passed unanimously.

### VI. Consultant Contract for Land Management Services

Mr. Mayo presented the consultant contract for SJMSCP land management services. Staff distributed a Request for Qualification to over 20 environmental firms. Eight firm's submitted Statements of Qualifications and five of the firms attend an oral interview with staff, and Dan Gifford. He stated that upon the completion of the interviews the panel recommended that ICF-Jones & Stokes be retained by SJCOG, Inc. to provide land

management services for SJMSCP. The interview panel has recommended that Restoration Resources be the alternative selection.

Dan Gifford asked the length of the contract. Mr. Dial stated that the contract will be three years in length can be extended administratively if needed.

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/Zuidervaart**) to approve the recommendation to SJCOG, Inc. Board for contracting of Land Management Services with ICF-Jones & Stokes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Matters of Business**

**a. Minor Amendment Proposal Update**

Mr. Mayo reviewed the Minor Amendment proposal. He stated that staff has sent the proposal to the permitting agency for a 60-day review and are awaiting comments. It is planned that this item should be an item on the June HTAC.

Dan Gifford stated that at this time the Minor Amendment Proposal is being reviewed by Dept. of Fish and Game legal department. There has been no comment to date.

Mike Niblock requested that preserve acquisitions be an item on other matters of business for continuing updates.

**VII. Summary and Adjournment**

There being no further business to, the meeting was adjourned until June 11, 2008.  
Adjourned at 10:08 am.