

**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, November 12, 2008**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Niblock called the meeting to order at 09:38 a.m. Self-introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

John Beckman	BIA Delta
Duane Peterson	City of Escalon
David Morimoto	City of Lodi
Lantz Rey	City of Manteca
Mike Niblock	City of Stockton
Vicky Lombardo	City of Tracy
Ken Zuidervaart	City of Ripon
Ray Hoo	SJC Community Development
Susan Jones	U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Jane Humes	Conservation
Dan Gifford	Department of Fish and Game
Gary Stockel	Ag. Commissioner's Office

SJCOG Staff/Consultants Present:

Steve Dial	Deputy Executive Director/CFO
Steve Mayo	Senior Habitat Planner
Anne-Marie Poggio-Castillou	Habitat Regional Planner
Katy Castro	Office Assistant
Rod Attebery	Neumiller & Beardslee
Doug Leslie	ICF Jones & Stokes
Amy Augustine	Augustine Planning Associates, Inc.

Public Present:

Mark Connolly

II. Approval of October 08, 2008 Minutes

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/ Hoo**) to approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 08, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Consent Calendar

a. Morada Produce Project

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/ Hoo**) to approve Recommendation to SJCOG, Inc. to allow the Morada Produce Project to participate in the SJMSCP.

V. Public Hearing for Connolly Ranch Preserve Acquisition

Mr. Steve Mayo presented and discussed the Connolly Ranch Preserve Acquisition. Mr. Mayo discussed the requirement of two public hearings. The land owner present at the HTAC meeting. The Connolly Ranch property is an active cattle operation and is known to contain habitat elements for several SJMSCP covered species. There may be enhancements for this property. The easement will cover approximately 1,200 acre depending on negotiations. It will be a Grassland preserve for San Joaquin Kit Fox as well as a potential for Red Legged Frogs.

Mr. Mayo commented on the surrounding property. He said DFG has an Elk hunting program currently on this property.

Mr. Mark Connolly commented on his property; he said Union Live Stock is operated by the other half of the Connolly family. The Connolly property has existing easement, which was done in 1991 the original conservation easement 426 acres kit fox section 5. The surrounding neighbors are Hetch Hetchy, Thomas Shaft and Gallo. Gallo does not have conservation easement on this particular property, but is familiar with conservation easements. The other property located to the south is M3 Cattle Company. The other neighbor is the Mc Domney family which Mr. Connolly spoke with regarding the easement. No objections were made by the Mc Domney family.

Mr. Mark Connolly commented that Mr. Waldo Holt and he had done survey work on the Connolly Ranch and the Gallo property for Red Legged Frog.

VI. Hansen Restoration Contract

Mr. Mayo discussed the Hansen Restoration Contract. He stated staff is moving forward on this project. The area for restoration includes two wildlife habitat enhancement areas, totaling approximately 3-4 acres along the existing irrigation pond. Restoration Resources Inc. will be creating more emergent marsh around pond. The SLEWS program project will be restoring another area on the site. There will also be the removal of the Himalayan blackberry and some earth moving required. ICF Jones and Stokes compiled a scope of work plan for a wildlife habitat restoration and long-term maintenance contract.

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/ Hoo**) to approve the Hansen Preserve habitat restoration contract for Restoration Resources; and to authorize the Treasurer of SJCOG, Inc. to execute the contract.

VII. Hilder Preserve Habitat Restoration Project

Mr. Mayo explained the Hilder property has been secured in total of 1,200+ acres. The staff report contains three parts. The first is a motion to approve the restoration plan for two areas of the property. The two main areas of enhancement are on the existing water supply and drainage ditch along the north side of the property and an area called Shop Slough located near the center of the property. The second action is the approval of the restoration contract itself. The third action is to authorize the Treasurer to execute the contract.

Mr. Mayo gave the breakdown of attachment 6 discussing the overall cost of the enhancements in each aspect for material, equipment and labor. He stated the best thing to do was to contract the landowner for work. Mr. Mayo explained that contracting the landowner would be the most cost effective.

It was moved/seconded (**Lantz/Morimoto**) to approve the Restoration Plan, approve the contract; and authorize the Treasurer of SJCOG, Inc. to execute the agreement with landowner for work.

VIII. SJMSCP Implementation Procedures

Ms. Anne-Marie Poggio-Castillou briefly discussed the October 29th and 30th workshops. She explained that the comments made at the workshops led to revisions of the presented draft Interim Implementation Procedures and flow charts.

Ms. Amy Augustine detailed the SJMSCP interim implementation handbook. She gave a brief summary of the proposed process and explained all projects should use the application form. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding which projects need to be reviewed under the proposed process. SJCOG, Inc. staff requested a list of permit types be sent for review. The deadline to submit the list is Nov 19th.

It was moved (**Lombardo**) to approve recommendations to our Board for adoption; the motion dies for the lack of the second.

It was moved/second (Lantz/ Lombardo) for a revised motion. The revised motion was to recommend adoption to SJCOG, Inc. for the interim implementation procedures under the SJMSCP with modifications of an exempt activities list for participation to be defined.

A hand count was conducted with a 7/0 approval to move forward staff recommendation while 4 abstained.

1. Other Matters of Business

A. 2009 SJMSCP Fees to Jurisdictions for Approval

Mr. Mayo discussed the 2009 SJMSCP; he said all jurisdictions have adopted the fees.

B. Potential HTAC Meeting (December 3rd at 9:30 AM – Special Time)

Mr. Mayo commented on the items will be discussing on the next HTAC meeting.
We will continue to discuss implementation procedures.

It was moved/seconded (**Zuidervaart/Beckman**) to approve the next HTAC Meeting in December.

2. Summary and Adjournment

There being no further business to, the meeting was adjourned until December 3, 2008.
Adjourned at 10:10 am.