

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, July 8, 2009

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Niblock called the meeting to order at 9:34 am; introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

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| Gary Stockel | Ag Department |
| John Beckman | BIA of Delta |
| Dan Gifford | CDF&G |
| Mike Niblock | City of Stockton |
| David Morimoto | City of Lodi |
| Vicki Lombardo | City of Tracy |
| Ken Zuidervaart | City of Ripon |
| Duane Peterson | City of Escalon |
| Lantz Ray | City of Manteca |
| Jeremy Terhune | Conservation |
| Ellen McBride | USFWS |
| Ray Hoo | SJC Community Development |

SJCOG Staff/Consultants Present:

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| Steve Dial | Deputy Executive Director/CFO – SJCOG, Inc. Treasurer |
| Steve Mayo | Senior Habitat Planner |
| Anne-Marie Poggio-Castillou | Regional Habitat Planner |
| Katy Castro | Office Assistant I |
| Douglas Leslie | ICF Jones & Stokes |
| Rod Attebery | Neumiller & Beardslee |
| Monica Streeter | Neumiller & Beardslee |

Public Present:

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| Bill Murphy | Grupe Company |
| Steve Moore | BIA of Delta |

II. Approval of April 8, 2009 Minutes:

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/Morimoto**) to approve the minutes of Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lesley made a clarification on the minutes. He stated the finding for the propose project is consistent with the plan and with his opinion. There is pending clarification from the permitting agency for points G2 and G11.

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Consent Calendar:

- a. T-Mobile Tower Project
- b. 5-Mile Slough Erosion Repair Project

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/Morimoto**) to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. Tracy Holly Sports Park Project:

Mr. Mayo briefly discussed this returning item from last month's discussion. Mr. Mayo commented on the two parts that needed clarification; G2 regarding the Burrowing Owl and G11, the Swainson's Hawk. Staff worked with permitting agency to resolve the matter regarding the burrowing owl. Mr. Mayo discussed that based on the clarification provided by permitting in both written and verbal correspondence regarding the Transition Zone and burrowing owl matter. Staff considers the projects to be within the guidelines of the Unmapped Land Use Process. The project is consistent with the SJMSCP and the Biological Opinion.

Ms. McBride commented on the second to last paragraph of the letter. She stated that BO has made it clear the Tracy is a hot bed area for burrowing owls. She said we have to be conscious doing acquisition or restoration with Burrowing Owls habitat in mind.

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/Lombardo**) to recommend approval to the SJCOG, Inc. Board for coverage under the SJMSCP utilizing the Unmapped Land Use Process. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Nakagawa Preserve Habitat Restoration Project:

Mr. Mayo presented this item. He stated that the Nakagawa Preserve is a 288-acre easement located in the northern part of San Joaquin County. 200 of these acres are under a SJCOG/USDA agriculture easement. Restoration is planned to begin in 2012 for 66 acres. In the meantime, the Nakagawa family will continue to be use the land for agricultural. The enhancement creates concern to the landowner regarding protection of the active agricultural area. Mr. Mayo discussed the portion that will be restored. Floodplain restoration will consist of constructing a setback levee north of the existing levee. The estimated cost for the restoration plan is \$400,200 (amount does not include the 10% contingency).

Mr. Niblock asked where the funding comes from for this project. Mr. Mayo stated that the funding comes from other preserves that do not presently have or will not have future enhancements on.

Mr. Gifford asked if the inside of the set back levee drops below the flood plain. Mr. Stockel commented on the landside levee which states that will be graded approximate 3:1 slope. However, it should be 2:1 slope.

Mr. Niblock recommended that statements be clarified in the staff report as the project moves forward to Board.

It was moved/seconded (**Mcbride /Morimoto**) to recommend to SJCOG, Inc. Board approval of the restoration plan. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. Other Matters:

Mr. Mayo discussed the method of sending out the HTAC packet. He stated that in order to be more efficient he proposes that the HTAC packet be posted on the SJCOG website. This will help COG cut down on cost. He asked the Committee members for comments and suggestion. Mr. Mayo commented for the month of August the packet will be available online and e-mail will follow with the link to our website.

Mr. Niblock asked if the annual report was finalized and everything was okay with the permitting agency. Mr. Mayo responded that this month we should be receiving comments from the permitting agency.

VIII. Summary and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned until August 12, 2009.