

**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 4, 2009**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Niblock called the meeting to order at 9:40 am; introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

Gary Stockel	Ag Department
Dan Gifford	CDF&G
Mike Niblock	City of Stockton
Vicki Lombardo	City of Tracy
Charles Mullen	City of Lathrop
Immanuel Bereket	City of Lodi
Duane Peterson	City of Escalon
Sheryl Prater	City of Ripon
Rick Cagulat	City of Manteca
Jeremy Terhune	Conservation
John Beckman	BIA Delta
Ellen McBride	USFWS

SJCOG Staff/Consultants Present:

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
Monica Streeter	Neumiller & Beardslee
Rod Attebery	Neumiller & Beardslee
Douglas Leslie	ICF Jones & Stokes

Public Present:

II. Approval of October 14, 2009 Minutes:

It was moved/seconded (**Mullen/ McBride**) to approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 14, 2009. Motion passed by voice vote.

III. Agenda Revision:

Mr. Niblock stated Item No. 5 will be pulled from the Agenda and brought back at a later time.

IV. Public Comment:

None

V. Consent Calendar:

- a. St. Patrick Church Project
- b. Pickens Squab Operation Project

It was moved/seconded (**Beckman/Mullen**) approval of the recommendation to SJCOG, Inc. to allow the St. Patrick's Church Project and Pickens Squab Operation Project to participate in the SJMSCP. Motion passed by voice vote.

VI. Other Matters of Business:

- a. Financial Analysis Update:
Mr. Mayo gave a brief update on the Financial Analysis; he stated the sub-committee discussed prevailing wages. Prevailing wages have been paid on the restoration project; but have not been implemented in the new fees. Mr. Mayo stated the sub-committee discussed using the cost from similar projects to create the new fees. Staff will be collecting data from other agencies for the prevailing wage. The Sub-committee discussed comparables. Next meeting day will be January 13, 2010.
- b. Department of Fish and Game (NOD/CEQA Fees):
Mr. Mayo stated that Sandy Moray and Kim Nickel, representatives from Fish and Game Habitat Branch; will be here tomorrow to discuss the Notice of Determination. Amy Augustine will also be at the meeting via conference to give her institutional knowledge.

Mr. Gifford commented on the notice City of Stockton received from San Joaquin County. He stated the letter indicated the County will no longer accept the receipt from Fish and Game. Every time Notice of Determination is filed you have to pay the Fish and Game fees as it currently stands. Mr. Gifford suggested that SJCOG calls the County and explain the situation.

Mr. Dial stated staff could contact the County but to reinstate these fees is a unilateral decision from Fish and Game.

Mr. Niblock gave his concerns regarding the new fees Fish and Game are trying to implement. He asked that SJCOG staff find a temporarily solution to the problem.

A lengthy discussion ensued among committee members regarding the Fish and Game fees.

Mr. Mayo commented that Mr. Peterson will be retiring and thanked him for being a valuable part of the Habitat committee.

VII. Summary and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned until January 13, 2010.