

**January 2, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes  
San Francisquito Creek  
Joint Powers Authority**

Chairperson Abrica called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. at the City of Menlo Park City Hall Conference room 11, 701 Laurel Street Menlo Park, California.

**1) ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chairperson Abrica, City of East Palo Alto  
Director Robinson, City of Menlo Park  
Director Kwok, Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)  
Director Drekmeier, City of Palo Alto (arrived after roll call at 2:05 pm)

Members Absent: Director Gordon, San Mateo County Flood Control District

Alternates Present: None

Associate Members: None

JPA Staff Present: Kevin Murray, Staff  
Miyko Harris-Parker, Staff

Counsel Present: None

Others Present: Jim Porter, County of San Mateo

**2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved 3-0.

**3) CONSENT CALENDER**

None

**4) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5) REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Resolution # - 08-01-02**

Kevin Murray, Project Manager, presented to the Board resolution # -08-01-02 authorizing the Grants Contract Administrator (JPA Project Manager) to submit a grant proposal to the State Department of Conservation and Cal Bay Delta Authority under the 2007 Watershed Coordinator Grant Program. PM provided a brief description of the grant to the Board.

Director Kwok asked for clarification of the matching amount for the grant. PM stated that the match amount is the amount that the member agencies provide through their membership contributions. Director Kwok asked why the match was not exact. PM explained that the difference has to do with the amount of funding that can be requested from the grantor and what types of funding they would allow to be captured as match funding. Director Kwok asked if the JPA has received a grant from DWR before. PM replied yes that the JPA had received a grant that started in Fiscal Year 2003/2004 and ended in Fiscal Year 2006/2007.

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Director Robinson asked if the grant had to be reapplied for every year. PM explained that it is a onetime application and if the JPA is awarded a contract then we would submit a request for funding. PM continued to explain that there is administrative reporting that is required with the contract. Finance Administrator confirmed that the JPA would not have to reapply every year, but we will be requesting for reimbursed funding on a quarterly basis. Director Robinson asked if the resolution was the only thing the Board had to approve for this grant. PM explained that if the grant is awarded the Board will have to also approve a contract.

Director Drekmeier asked why the Watershed name in grant was called Coyote. PM said that the Watershed name is based off the Hydraulic unit that USGS uses and they call the entirety of the Santa Clara basin the Coyote Hydraulic unit which includes all the watersheds that drain into the South bay from Santa Clara County and portions of Alameda and San Mateo Counties. Director Drekmeier questioned why Senator Leland Yee was listed. PM stated the Senator's District covers part of San Mateo which sits in the upper watershed.

Director Robinson stated the Assembly member on page two should be Ira Ruskin.

Director Drekmeier asked if support materials would be accompanying the application. PM stated that the resolution and support letters will accompany the application.

Chairperson Abrica requested that the Board be given a copy of the completed package after submitted.

Director Drekmeier stated that one of the challenges is that our Watershed is seen as a very wealthy area thereby a lot of grant funding goes to other areas. Director Drekmeier questioned if there is anything we can do to build a better case for ourselves. PM responded by saying in general our collective efforts have been very favorable because of our unique situation in as much as there is an agency that consist of elected officials and also because of the socioeconomic divide throughout the Watershed and the region in general. PM continued to say that the cooperative nature of everyone coming together has been very beneficial. PM stated that in this particular grant there is no weight given to under privileged or underrepresented communities.

Director Kwok questioned if copies of the grant should be sent to Assemblyman Ruskin and Senator Smitian and Yee. PM responded that staff can draft and send a letter that states we have applied and that we may request for a letter of support. Chairperson Abrica stated that due to time constraints of the application process we would not be able to ask for support letters right now. PM agreed and said that if or when we get to a point where we are being offered a competitive contract then we could ask for support letters from the Assemblyman and the Senators. Director Robinson stated that is a good idea to give the Assemblyman and the Senators a heads up to let them know we are applying for this grant.

Director Drekmeier stated that with the Stanford Habitat Conservation Plan and the possible work around endangered species, there might be an opportunity for a partnership. Director Drekmeier questioned if Stanford has been in touch with the JPA about their plans. PM stated that Stanford has been cooperative in providing a presentation of information when we ask for it, but we do not have much involvement with that process.

Chairperson Abrica called for motion to approve resolution # -08-01-02. Director Kwok

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moved. Director Robinson seconded. Resolution #-08-01-02 approved 4-0.

- 6) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORTS** - *Agendized reports from Board and/or Associate Members requesting Board action.* – None
  
- 7) **BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER MATTERS** - *Non-agendized comments, requests, or announcements by Board and/or Associate members, no action may be taken.*  
Chairperson Abrica announced that the OES meeting would be held Friday, February 8, 2008 at the City of Menlo Park Council Chambers at 2:00 pm.
  
- 8) **ADJOURNMENT:**  
Chairperson Abrica adjourned the meeting at 2:18 pm.