

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
June 24, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes

Director Combs called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. via streaming video and teleconference call. Public input was solicited on each item and all public comments received are noted herein.

1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Director Drew Combs, City of Menlo Park
Director Pat Burt, City of Palo Alto
Director Dave Pine, San Mateo County Flood & Sea Level Rise Resiliency District

Members Absent: Director Abrica, City of East Palo Alto, Director Kremen Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

Alternates Present: Director Lisa Yarbrough-Gauthier (Not present at roll call)

JPA Staff Present: Margaret Bruce, Executive Director
Kevin Murray, Staff
Tess Byler, Staff
Miyko Harris-Parker, Staff

Legal Present: Trisha Ortiz

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Motion and second (Burt/Pine) to approve the agenda passed 3-0.

Roll call vote:
Director Burt Aye
Director Combs Aye
Director Pine Aye
Director Yarbrough-Gauthier Not present at time of vote.

Director Abrica Not present
Director Kremen Not present

3) APPROVAL MAY 27, 2021, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ACTION: Motion and second (Burt/Pine) to approve the May 27, 2021, Regular Board meeting minutes passed 3-0.

Roll call vote:
Director Burt Aye
Director Combs Aye
Director Pine Aye
Director Yarbrough-Gauthier Not present at time of vote.

Director Abrica Not present
Director Kremen Not present

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) INFORMATION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Bruce presented her Executive Director's report providing updates related to the Reach 2 and SAFER Bay projects, collaboration and outreach efforts with partners, the Flood Warning system,

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funding updates, comprehensive plan updates, and SFCJPA operational updates.

Director Yarbrough-Gauthier arrived at 3:37 pm.

Debrief on outcome of Joshua suit

SFCJPA Legal representative, Trisha Ortiz, informed the Board that on June 4, 2021, the court denied Mr. Joshua's petition. Mr. Joshua has some period of time to appeal the decision.

6) BOARD DISCUSSION

Project Funding – Discuss funding elements

Ms. Bruce provided a summary of the currently known information regarding the project funding for Reach 2.

Director Combs asked if the 8.9 million dollars listed for the Newell Bridge project is the cost of the project or if subsidy will be needed. Ms. Bruce stated that the Caltrans grant that was awarded for the project needs to have a local match which is being provided through Valley Water Measure S funds. Mr. Murray stated that cost changes could draw down on the local resources.

Michele Jeremias, Senior Engineer, City of Palo Alto Public Works Department stated that the Caltrans grant provides 88.5 percent of the project costs and local match is responsible for the remaining 11.5 percent. Ms. Jeremias explained that the grant was approved to replace an obsolete bridge. The CalTrans grant was not approved for a flooding project and if more funding is needed it would need to be provided through a local funding match.

Director Pine asked for a status update regarding the Army Corp of Engineers. Ms. Bruce shared that a Feasibility Costs share agreement was signed last month and that there will be a project team meeting that will be taking place soon that will provide updated information.

Director Burt asked for an explanation of the HMGP grant funding. Ms. Bruce explained that the grant was applied for in 2017 and that we are expecting to receive funding in 2022. Ms. Bruce stated that she has contacted CalOES for a status update.

Director Burt mentioned that years ago the SFCJPA had once considered creating a financing or assessment district and he asked about the status of that idea. Ms. Bruce explained that with the other assessment districts that are currently in place this idea has not been pursued further.

Director Pine asked what the target date of when the funding gap discussion needs to be completed. Ms. Bruce stated that we cannot bid without the funding set in place. Mr. Murray stated that funding arrangements should be wrapped up by January 2023 for construction to begin by April 2023.

Comprehensive Plan review and update

Ms. Bruce presented the Comprehensive plan updates for review. Director Combs congratulated staff on a job well done.

7) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, REQUESTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Burt shared that he received a briefing from Stanford on their fire protection program. Director Yarbrough-Gauthier stated that she is working with the Silicon Valley Leadership group that is holding a conference on climate change Friday, June 23, 2021. Director Yarbrough-Gauthier stated that she has free invitations for anyone who is interested in attending.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Minutes drafted by Clerk of the Board: Miyko Harris-Parker.