

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
January 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Director Kremen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. via streaming video and teleconference call.

1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Director Gary Kremen, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
Director Ruben Abrica, City of East Palo Alto
Director Drew Combs, City of Menlo Park (Not present at roll call)
Director Pat Burt, City of Palo Alto
Director Dave Pine, San Mateo County Flood & Sea Level Rise Resiliency District

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

Legal Present: Trisha Ortiz
Ginetta Giovinco
Regina Danner

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda item Six a., Board member roles and committee assignments, moved up to next order of business after approval of agenda.

ACTION: Motion and second (Burt/Pine) to approve the agenda moving agenda item Six a., Board member roles and committee assignments, to the next order of business after approval of agenda passed 4-0. Director Combs not present at time of vote.

Roll call vote:
Director Abrica Aye
Director Burt Aye
Director Combs Not present
Director Kremen Aye
Director Pine Aye

3) APPROVAL OF January 28, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ACTION: Motion and second (Kremen/Abrica) to approve the January 28, 2021 Regular Board meeting minutes passed 4-0-1.

Roll call vote:
Director Abrica Aye
Director Burt Abstained
Director Combs Aye
Director Kremen Aye
Director Pine Aye

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) INFORMATION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Bruce presented the Executive Director's report.

Mid-Year Budget Report

Mid-Year budget showing current and estimated expenses was presented to the Board.

Project Timeline Updates

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Ms. Bruce provided the Board with the updated project timeline. Staff directed to bring back discussion on Caltrans funding and status of litigation for the Newell Bridge project.

6) ACTION ITEMS

Board member roles and committee assignments

ACTION: Motion and second (Kremen/Pine) to nominate Director Abrica for Board Chairperson passed 4-0. Director Combs not present at time of vote.

Roll call vote:

Director Abrica Aye

Director Burt Aye

Director Combs Not Present

Director Kremen Aye

Director Pine Aye

Director Combs arrived at 3:33 pm.

ACTION: Motion and second (Burt/Pine) to nominate Director Combs for Board Vice-Chairperson passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Abrica Aye

Director Burt Aye

Director Combs Aye

Director Kremen Aye

Director Pine Aye

Director Burt added to Finance Committee. No changes to other Board Committees.

Settlement of PG&E cost share agreement

ACTION: Motion and second (Kremen/Pine) to approve Resolution Number 21-01-28 approving settlement agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Abrica Aye

Director Burt Aye

Director Combs Aye

Director Kremen Aye

Director Pine Aye

Corrected 2021 Meeting Dates

ACTION: Motion and second (Pine/Kremen) to adopt the corrected 2021 Board meeting calendar with no regular meeting scheduled for July 2021 approved 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Abrica Aye

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Director Burt Aye
Director Combs Aye
Director Kremen Aye
Director Pine Aye

Briefing on Project Information to Cities – Discussion and possible action

A presentation was given to the Board regarding project elements of the upstream project. Staff announced that the Palo Alto ARB presentation will be held on March 4, 2021 and that there also be two community meetings/webinars that will be held for the public to discuss project elements.

Director Burt suggested that a breakdown of the tree removal from each section be shown in the presentation.

Director Combs recommended categorizing the trees to make clear which trees are heritage trees and which trees are being replaced and which trees are not being replaced.

Kamal Fallaha, City of East Palo Alto Public Works Director, commented on the need for the SFCJPA project and Newell Road Bridge project to have more consistency in design approaches.

Xenia Hammer, Palo Alto resident, commented that viewing platforms were eliminated from the Newell Bridge project in 2012 due to an outcry from neighbors.

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

Director Combs commented on residents cleaning up debris in the creek after they did not get help from local agencies.

Director Burt commented the SFCJPA looking into improving water quality in the Creek for fisheries.

Director Kremen suggested staff contact Valley Water regarding access to stream maintenance permits.

Director Kremen suggested looking into the SFCJPA having a creek cleanup day.

Director Abrica suggested that staff agendize a discussion regarding creek cleanup for an upcoming Board meeting.

8) CLOSED SESSION

Public comment on Closed Session

None.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Joshua V. San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

Adjourned to closed session at 4:45 pm.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Executive Director

Adjourned to closed session at 5:03 pm.

Report out from Closed Session

Readjourned to open session at 5:32 pm.

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SFCJPA Legal representative Trisha Ortiz stated that there were no reportable actions from the closed sessions.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:33 pm

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