

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
September 22, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

Director Combs called the meeting to order at 3:32 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 Gary Kremen, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
Director Dave Pine, San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District

Members Absent: Director Ruben Abrica, City of East Palo Alto

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

Legal Present: Trisha Ortiz

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Motion and second (Kremen/Burt) to approve the agenda, passed 4-0.

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

Director Abrica not present.

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

Consider adopting a resolution (22-09-22-A) reconsidering the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and making findings to authorize public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

Review and consider resolution (22-09-22-B) adopting the FY 22/23 Salary Schedule

ACTION: Motion and second (Kremen/Burt) to approve the Consent Agenda passed 4-0.

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

Director Abrica not present.

5) INFORMATION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Bruce provided a summary of the Executive Director's report.

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Jerry Hearn shared that he attended the creek cleanup last Saturday. Mr. Hearn commended staff from the City of Menlo Park for recycling the metal that was picked up. Mr. Hearn stated that the amount of garbage and debris that was picked up was about the same as last year.

Naomi Goodman asked if the SFCJPA would be consulting and using the recommended options of California Fish and Game regarding what to use in the channel widening areas. Ms. Bruce explained that the material California Fish and Game would require taking up a significant amount of private property and is not feasible.

Dennis Parker complemented the presentation Ms. Bruce made at the East Palo Alto Public Works Transportation Commission on September 21, 2022. Mr. Parker appreciated Ms. Bruce's empathy towards the comments regarding noise pollution and debris.

Jim Wiley asked if the soil nail walls between Newell and Pope Chaucer be abandoned. Ms. Bruce explained that it depends on the results of Valley Water's analysis.

Director Combs asked for staff to reiterate the channel widening areas. Mr. Murray stated that the channel widening areas include the areas of Pope and Newell, downstream of Newell, and two sites at University Avenue.

Jim Wiley asked if staff could create a map showing the top-of-bank locations.

SFCJPA 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update – Planned Release for Public comment on Monday, September 26, 2022.

Ms. Bruce announced the release of the Comprehensive Plan update. Ms. Bruce stated that comments are due October 28, 2022 and will be agendized for the Board adoption in November.

6) CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Peter Joshua v. San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, et al. San Mateo County Court of Appeal Case No. A163294, San Mateo County Superior Court No. 19CIV06305

Adjourn to closed session at 4:08 pm.

Re-adjourn to open session at 4:15 pm.

Director Kremen left at 4:15 pm.

Trisha Ortiz, SFCJPA legal representative stated that there was no reportable discussion or action.

7) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, REQUESTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS (Information only)

None.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:16 pm.

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