

ALTAMONT LANDFILL OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 27, 2015
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by Shawn Wilson at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes May 16, 2014** – Dick Schneider moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Jerry Pentin, City of Pleasanton, seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- III. Public Comment** – Dick Schneider announced that San Francisco is contemplating sending waste to Solano County sometime in 2016. Shawn Wilson recommended agendaizing the matter to monitor and analyze impacts re loss of fees. David Tam added that SPRAWLDEF will be submitting written comments which are due by next Friday, April 3rd.

Colleen Dhaoui discussed and requested additional information regarding property owners' rights re conservation easements.

At the request of Dick Schneider, item VI was discussed before IV.

- IV. Discussions of the Committee's effectiveness in carrying out open space protection as contemplated in the Settlement Agreement, including the following topics:**

- Past and potential future implementation issues and how to address them.

Dick Schneider stated that he had requested agendaizing this item. He distributed and discussed a table on grants for land acquisitions through 2014. Per the Settlement Agreement, there should be a list for East and West sides which would be submitted yearly (March) to the Board of Supervisors. Instead, the Committee has been accepting grant applications. He recommended perhaps meeting more often and inviting other jurisdictions. Initially, the advice had been to not create a list as it increases costs. Shawn Wilson suggested perhaps maintaining a list of prospective properties internally. Luke Sims, City of Dublin, indicated that the City MOU with City of Pleasanton for fund distribution (50%) was initiated based on this list and recommended a list of priority areas/values vs. specific properties. David Tam said that the primary criteria are wild life corridor followed by open space with major recreational conservation value and Joan Sepalla added protection of urban growth boundaries. Shawn Wilson suggested perhaps working on a criteria/process re land acquisition at the next meeting and also to invite key stakeholders (EBRPD, TVC...etc).

- Recent and future open space priorities of the three East County cities and the County

Adam Weinstein, City of Pleasanton, distributed and explained an aerial land use map of open space dedication (current/future) projects: East Pleasanton Specific Plan--draft plan going through review for 1,300 residential units, 706 acres of dedicated open space and 50 acres of adjacent public park; Lund Ranch II--50 residential units on 22 acres, 161 acres of dedicated open space with public trails; Austin property--22 acres dedicated for permanent open space for grazing/staging area and provide open space link between Alviso Adobe and Castleridge property; Lester/Shriner property—preliminary application for 39 units with 59 acres dedicated to EBRPD for staging area.

Andy Ross, City of Livermore, said that the City acquires property for conservation and works with Tri-Valley Conservancy to facilitate some development and conservation of agricultural land/open space in South Livermore.

Luke Sims, City of Dublin, with the aid of an aerial map, noted that most of the open space is embedded in East Dublin Specific Plan with a few undeveloped parcels in the west but in the County; initial

discussions with City of Livermore re Doolan Canyon; and in discussion with EBRPD and private land owners in Contra Costa County for access point.

Liz McElligott said that she has provided copies of the policies related to open space in the East County Area Plan and noted the approval of Measure D.

Discussion ensued re cities' estimate funding, possible wild life corridor, ROSA and total acquisition cost per acre. Bob Nisbet, EBRPD, said that Liz Musback will provide a detailed presentation at the next meeting re areas of interest (Vargas Plateau area and Doolan Canyon) and Dick Schneider said he has prepared a list of acreage and acquisition costs which is different from the County. Colleen Dhaoui said that it did not provide a true reflection of the cost paid to the property owner.

- Consideration of use in principle of Altamont Landfill Open Space funds to help acquire land in the proposed expansion area for Carnegie SVRA

This item was agendized by Dick Schneider who further provided his reasons—"perhaps pre-qualify our criteria".

Nancy Rodrigues, Friends of Tesla Park, said that this area would be appropriate for funding, further described the site (wild life area, endangered plants/animals, golden eagle nesting site, historical/cultural significance and watershed) and distributed a map of the area, a picture of destruction by motorized vehicles and a list of supporters. Dick Schneider made the motion that the area does qualify and that the Committee consider a grant proposal to protect the area adjacent to Carnegie. Heather Littlejohn, County Counsel, confirmed an action was appropriate. Jerry Pentin, City of Pleasanton, seconded the motion. Motion carried with City of Livermore abstaining as the City Council has not provided any direction on this matter.

Colleen Dhaoui requested clarification re process of agendizing/submitting a grant application for the Frick property.

V. Report by City of Livermore on the burrowing owl mitigation contract for its properties on Doolan Road - *City of Livermore staff*

Andy Ross provided background information and an update—City is working on the Purchase Settlement Agreement and will be closing escrow this summer.

VI. Update on available funding – *Maria Palmeri, CDA*

Liz McElligott noted the totals for Altamont and Vasco Landfills and explained the errors (in red) which have been corrected.

VII. Consider request to landfills to provide standardized back-up information regarding fees and tonnage to simplify review

Andy Ross, on behalf of Steve Stewart, requested consistencies in the spreadsheets. Liz McElligott provided further clarification-- encourage landfills to provide reports in the same format, perhaps a letter administratively.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Speakers – Presentations by Tri-Valley Conservancy and other entities re important wild life areas. Dick Schneider to compile a list.

IX. Next meeting – May 13, 2015

X. Questions/Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.