

San Lorenzo Creek Task Force MEETING SUMMARY

January 3, 2008

7:00– 9:00pm

Attendees: Bill Vandenburgh, Linda Bennet, Kristy Peixoto, Howard Beckman, Barbara Fields, Rex Warren, Ken Peeks, Greg Rau, Linda Ramsay, Mary Ann McMillan, Roxann Lewis, Larry Lepore, Liz McElligott, Sharon Gosselin, Seth Kaplan

7:00 Welcome

1. Reviewed Agenda
2. Approved Meeting Notes from December 20th
3. Announcements – On Saturday, January 12 the Planning and Conservation League will hold a conference pertaining to wetlands. The recent Hayward Historical Society newsletter has an article about how San Lorenzo Creek was named.

7:05 Interim Measures Workgroup Update

The Interim Measures Workgroup asked for comments on their draft recommendations. There was discussion of what is meant by “education” and who is educating whom. There was a discussion of variances and under what circumstances they should be allowed. The work group is in the process of scheduling a meeting for next week with county staff.

Follow-up or Action Items: The item was continued to the next meeting.

7:15 Work Plan for San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force

1. Review revised work plan – There was a recap of the discussion that took place at the previous meeting. Task Force members expressed the need for flexibility as they move forward to address topics that come up. The draft work plan was approved with the following changes: II. C. Key Issues to Be Addressed, add “in regard to ordinance,” and II. D. Other Important Issues (for consideration post-moratorium), delete “post-moratorium.”
2. Set timeline for work plan – The public process was discussed. Mr. Kaplan suggested taking the Task Force’s recommendation to the Board of Supervisors Unincorporated Services Committee before going to the full Board. The Task Force agreed to the following timeline:

<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
1 st meeting presentation by experts	1 st meeting	1 st meeting presentation by experts
2 nd meeting	2 nd meeting	2 nd meeting draft creek setback recommendations
	Other - Interim measures to Unincorporated Services Com.	Other – Interim measures to full Board of Supervisors
<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>

1 st meeting	1 st meeting presentation by experts	1 st meeting
2 nd meeting	2 nd meeting draft development recommendations	2 nd meeting
Other – Moratorium expires		
August	September	October
1 st meeting presentation by experts	1 st meeting	1 st meeting presentation by experts
2 nd meeting draft rights and responsibilities recommendations	2 nd meeting	2 nd meeting draft grading recommendations
November	December	January
1 st meeting	1 st meeting presentation by experts	1 st meeting
2 nd meeting	2 nd meeting draft stormwater management recommendations	2 nd meeting

3. Identify need for and set up work groups to work on work plan tasks – The Task Force agreed that there should be a work group for each topic in the work plan to prepare for each topic in advance of consideration by the full Task Force. Each work group will frame the issues, gather data, and identify resources, relevant agencies, and potential speakers. There will be sign-up sheets for the work groups at the next meeting.

4. I.D next steps – There was discussion of whether county staff should be invited to talk to the Task Force about existing county procedures. The Task Force listed questions that they would like answered regarding setbacks:
 - How is a setback measured, how is it determined, where is it measured from, where does it start and where does it end up?
 - Why are setbacks determined the way they are? Is there a historical precedent?
 - How is the center of the creek defined (since it changes over time)?
 - How does topography relate to the determination of a setback?
 - What criteria are used to allow variances for development within setbacks? (Save for discussion of development?)
 - Are floodplains considered in determining setbacks?
 - Do setbacks apply to culverted creeks?
 - Were there situations in the past where a setback was determined to be more than 20 feet?

There was discussion of how the final report will be developed. There was agreement that the recommendations for each topic of the work plan will become the final report.

Follow-up or Action Items:

8:50 **Public Comment**

- Hear from interested members of the public – Consideration of the subdivision application on Charlene Way has been continued to March.

Follow-up or Action Items:

8:55 **Meeting Evaluation**

- Share ideas, concerns, suggestions on how to improve future meetings

Follow-up or Action Items for January 17 meeting:

- Interim group recommendations
- Work group sign ups
- Review of ground rules

9:05 **Adjourn**