

**San Lorenzo Creek Task Force
MEETING SUMMARY
HARD Building
1099 E Street
Hayward, 94541
November 15, 2007
7:00- 9:00pm**

Welcome

- 1 No questions or changes to the agenda
- 2 The importance of available minutes or notes of the previous meeting was stressed
- 3 Announcement- FEMA is coming out with new maps soon. In the next month or so, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will be sending letters to property owners along the San Lorenzo Creek flood channel advising them of changes to the maps--with new designations to the flood-prone area-- affecting about 3,400 properties which will be required to have flood insurance by 2009. The District is working on ways to lessen the risk of flooding and will hold public meetings with FEMA representatives present to explain the new maps and insurance requirements. The SLCWTF will be one of the groups invited by the District to be part of a community coalition along with businesses and environmental groups within the San Lorenzo Creek Watershed-- with the first meeting slated for Dec. 12, 2007. Barbara Fields volunteered to attend the meeting.

Staff Report on Status of Application for Proposed Kennel- the building of the kennel would involve culverting 190 feet of the seasonal creek. There are mitigation concerns from the Bay Area Water Quality Management District regarding loss of stream.

Work Plan, Schedule and Budget for San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force

1 Review, discuss, and modify work plan outline

- no definition of the creek that would protect the banks
- who is policing the procedures within the ordinance?
- does the Public Works Director have too much power in his ability to override the ordinance?
- problem of operation- "if it doesn't get done all at once, what is being neglected?"
- problems in communication between Public Works and the Planning Department
- property rights should be added to the outline

2 I.D steps and initiate the development of work plan

Key terms to be defined:

- creek
- setback
- culvert
- water channel
- riparian
- watercourse
- maintenance
- repair
- implementation
- property rights
- adjacent plan areas
- grading
- bank
- land use designation
- mapping
- seasonal
- tributaries
- excess vegetation

Public Comment

- How much is the task force trying to reinvent the wheel? Many of the definitions should be taken from other task forces, agencies and counties. Perhaps the focus should be a determination of the differences in priorities rather than the differences of definitions.

Meeting Evaluation

- A request was made to bring in outside speakers-- such as people from Public Works-- to discuss implementation.

Adjourn