

San Lorenzo Creek Task Force MEETING NOTES

HARD Building

1099 E Street

Hayward, 94541

May 1, 2008

7:00– 9:00pm

Welcome

- *Review Agenda*
- *Announcements:* There will be an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting to amend meeting notes if necessary. Sometime soon there it will be necessary to send a memo to the Board of Supervisors summarizing Taskforce Progress. Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the creek cleanup, it was a huge success.

Discussion County Progress with Addressing Task Force Issues

- *County Counsel recommendation:* County Counsel clarified that while it is legal to change practices in defining “watercourse,” and applying a definition of “riparian” without an ordinance change, it is not recommended because it opens up opportunities for litigation. It is a better idea to just modify the current ordinance, especially if the issue is urgent or important.
- *Ordinance modification:* The County will modify the WCP ordinance in order to address necessary FEMA issues.
- *Review handouts (list of changes to WCP ordinance and TF recommendations):* Bill Lepere reviewed and explained the proposed modifications to the WCP ordinance. It was noted that creeks draining less than 50 acres would be exempt. This is a concern to the taskforce and they would like to see, on a map, what areas and creeks this would include.

Follow-up or Action Items: Taskforce members will email WCP ordinance modifications document to Sharon with their comments in it. Bill Lepere will bring a diagram or map showing where the 50 acre watersheds are located.

Discussion on Update to BOS

- Discuss and decide on how to proceed with update to the BOS
 - *Staff report:* Written summary of progress necessary in order to make sure Supervisors Miley, Lai-Bitker, and Steele are well informed of Taskforce progress.
 - *Immediate action:* Working with PWA to modify Watercourse Protection Ordinance.
 - *Long term goal/intentions:* Prepare work plan and determine how much and what kind of staff and/or consultant assistance is needed by Taskforce. Define & discuss headwaters as relates to 50 acre watershed exemption. Also need to discuss fisheries, past

and present condition, and future potential. The ultimate long term goal is a comprehensive creek protection ordinance.

Follow-up or Action Items: Sharon will draft a staff report bringing together current status and long term goals of Taskforce.

Work Plan Workgroups –

- Discussion on long term goal/intention of work plan (for BOS update)
 - Creek Setback Workgroup
 - Development within Creek Setback Workgroup
 - Rights and Responsibilities of Creekside Property Owner Workgroup
 - Grading (as it relates to creeks) Workgroup
 - Stormwater Management and Discharge Control Workgroup

Reconvene and report back

8:50 Public Comment

- Hear from interested members of the public: no members of the public present.

8:55 Meeting Evaluation

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

Follow-up or Action Items:

9:00 Adjourn

**San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Taskforce
Attendance 5/1/08**

Name	Supervisor District
Linda Bennett	District 2
Barbara Fields	District 4
Chris Higgins	District 4
Bruce King	District 4
Larry Lepore	District 2
Roxann Lewis	District 4
Robin McCoy	District 4
MaryAnn McMillan	District 3
Ken Peek	District 4
Greg Rau	District 4
Rex Warren	District 2
Other	
Sharon Gosselin	County PWA
Seth Kaplan	Alameda County BOS
Liz McElligott	County Planning Dept
Tami Turpin	County PWA