

San Lorenzo Creek Task Force
MEETING AGENDA
HARD Building, 1099 E Street, Hayward, 94541
August 6, 2009, 7:00– 9:00pm

Welcome

- Review Agenda
- Review Meeting Notes
Approved the April, June and July 2009 meeting notes
- Announcements
CalTrans Property in Hayward won't go up for sale until the market improves. The area may continue to be blighted until its sale. County Sheriff's department will begin ticketing for speeding in municipalities as well as unincorporated areas. There was mention of staff at the County who design creeks. This could be referring to the Flood Control District staff when a creek is being restored. Planning will require a trail corridor along the creek for any development at the property at the north side of A Street fronting on Ruby.

Follow-up or Action Items:

None

7:20 Discussion of Task Force Process

- Update on facilitator
Staff is currently contracting with a facilitator. Once the contract is complete, the facilitator will begin work with the Task Force. A facilitator may attend the next meeting.

Follow-up or Action Items:

7:25 Creek Setback Discussion

- Consider approval of draft task force recommendations for creek setbacks and draft outline of creek classification system.
Recommendations for Creek Setbacks
Staff drafted recommendations based on information received from the Task Force in previous meetings in a document titled "San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force Draft Recommendations." Discussion on this document was focused on the section "Recommendations for Determination of Creek Setbacks" #7 "Maintain public access and recreation." Much of the discussion surrounded public access to creeks. Some members are concerned the language provides the impetus to the County to force property owners to allow a public trail along their property as a condition of approval for a permit to do build a deck or an addition at the property. Various language about the public trails were discussed including "encourage," "allow," "provide," "support," "maintain," "facilitate," "promote,". Consensus was reached on the language to be changed to: "expand public access and recreation where appropriate."

Creek Classification System

Staff presented a proposed system based on three categories: Engineered Urban; Mixed Urban; and Primarily Natural. There was discussion on the first draft of a creek classification system. Staff requested a clarification of the Task Force's requested work on the Classification System. It was decided that more work would be conducted by County staff and a second draft brought to the next meeting.

Sharon announced PWA staff was working on a revision to the County's Grading Ordinance. The draft modification to the Grading Ordinance suggests a new definition for "Watercourse". Sharon handed out suggested "Watercourse" definition. Due to lack of time on Agenda and need for feedback before the next Task Force meeting, Sharon will send out email notice to members asking for written comment on draft modified definition for "Watercourse".

Follow-up or Action Items:

- Continue to work on creek classification system.*
- Send out email notice to members asking for written comment on draft modified definition for "Watercourse".*

8:40 Development within Creek Setbacks Discussion – *tabled to next meeting*

- Discuss revised draft findings to determine appropriate exceptions to prohibition of development in creek setbacks inside the Urban Growth Boundary to include in Alameda County's watercourse ordinance.
- Discuss when to allow replacement of existing structures within a creek setback.

Follow-up or Action Items:

8:40 Property Owners' Rights and Responsibilities Associated with the County Watercourse Ordinance – *tabled to next agenda*

- Begin working group discussion.

Follow-up or Action Items:

8:40 Public Comment - None

- Hear from interested members of the public

8:40 Meeting Evaluation

- Review action items and topics for next agenda – items tabled at this meeting
- Share ideas, concerns, suggestions on how to improve future meetings

Follow-up or Action Items:

None

8:45 Adjourn

