

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

6:30 p.m.

ALAMEDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Member DeGrange called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members present: Connie DeGrange, Gerry Beemiller, Jordan Franco, Mary Conant

Board Members excused: Paul Dentinger

Staff present: Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Melissa Rydman, Clerk, Board of Supervisors' Office, Chris Miley, Supervisor Valle's Office, Marc Petrini, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Sandra Rivera, Community Development Agency, Dilan Roe, Environmental Health Department

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**
SFPUC Native Plant Tour and Photography Event

Walter Kitundu spoke about the guided tour Watershed Walks for the new Alameda Creek Watershed Center. On Saturday 6/5/21 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. there will be a native plant tour at the Water Temple and on Saturday 6/12/21 at 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the Ohlone regional wilderness. Participants will be able to take pictures inside the Water Temple or on the walk, pictures can be submitted via email and will be used to inform the imagery that will be used in the eagle sculpture at the Watershed Center.

Shirley Kaminsky requested that public speakers be identified by first and last name and she asked if the number of Sunol residents and non-residents attending the meeting could be announced at the end of the meeting or in the minutes.

Lynn Kozma announced that Sunol Community Emergency Response Team will hold a general meeting on Saturday 5/22/21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sunol Depot Garden and the chipping event with Alameda County Fire Department will be on Saturday 6/5/21, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. On Sunday 6/6/21 Sunol CERT will host a summer social for Sunol residents.

Grantt Franco introduced himself, he is the new Plant Manager for Mission Valley Rock.

Kelly Abreu commented that the Board of Supervisors upholds the actions taken by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments over the West County Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Henry Baum, President of the Pacific Locomotion Association, announced that trains are running on the second and third weekend of every month until October. The horn is used as little as possible, while fulfilling federal administration requirements. Upcoming events are Sunday 7/4/21 members' picnic to be held in the park, a pumpkin train at the end of October. If restrictions are lifted, the Train of Lights will run as it did in 2019.

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3. REPORTS/UPDATES – Informational Items:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Marc Petrini reported 11 calls for service were received. Calls included vandalism, the use of firearms too close to the road and a person wandering near Calaveras Road.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported 36 calls for service were received. The majority were Emergency Medical Service calls, five calls for fire, one vehicle fire and four small vegetation fires. There have been several red flag warning days, it is important to keep vegetation managed. CalFire inspections have not started in the Sunol area, but are anticipated to start soon, a report will be provided on how many properties pass on the first inspection.

CalTrans – Route 84 Expressway Widening & I-680/84 Interchange Construction Update

Presenters: Ron Kiaaina, CalTrans, Rocquel Johnson, CalTrans, Baljit Sidhu, CalTrans, Hung Ngo, CalTrans, Gary Sidhu, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Mike Strom, Alameda County Transportation Commission

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The project is to widen Route 84 between Ruby Hills and I-680 to meet expressway standards, improve the I-680/84 interchange and to extend the existing South-bound express lane. Approximate total cost of the project is \$245 million, construction has started and is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2024. There will be lane closures, ramp closures and detours during construction. Traffic advisories about closures will be given to stakeholders, a construction flyer will be sent to residents and businesses and there will be a project website where the advisories will be posted. Questions about the project can be sent to the Public Information Officer Janis Mara at: Jamis.Mara@dot.ca.gov. Caltrans agreed to provide the SCAC the dates of the interim signal light construction at Pleasanton-Sunol Boulevard and the planned detours through this intersection.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) – Informational Items:

Regional Wildfire Mitigation Monitoring Project – No report this month

PG&E Wildfire Prevention Work in Sunol

Presenters: Sarah Yoell, PG&E Government Relations Representative, John Walsh, PG&E Public Safety Specialist

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Community Wildfire Safety Program (CWSP) is to reduce wildfire potential, increase situational awareness and reduce the impacts of the Public Safety Power Shutoff events (PSPS). To reduce the impact on the community PG&E is hardening equipment, to reduce wildfire risks, sectionalizing power to areas to reduce the number of customers impacted and working with community-based organizations to help communities before, during and after a PSPS event. Information can be found at: pge.com/wildfire_safety. PG&E was unable to speak on the mitigations that will be taken during a PSPS to notify residents of possible evacuations.

5. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Connie DeGrange asked the Council if there is any objections to a follow-up letter to CalTrans in regard to the public records disclosure act and the documents provided. The Council did not voice any objections.

Chris Miley commented that a more detailed report on the Sunol mapping boundary item will be presented at the 6/16/21 Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council meeting.

6. RECEIVE AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA REDISTRICTING PROCESS

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7. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FROM THE COALITION FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

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8. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE SUNOL SEPTIC FEASIBILITY STUDY

Presenters: Dilan Roe, Alameda County Environmental Health Department and Norm Hantzsche, Qesta Engineering Corporation

The feasibility study addresses the seven options for septic systems in Sunol. The feasibility study enables Sunol to apply for or accept grants that become available. The reason for the presentation is to inform Sunol of the different options and to correct any factual errors so the feasibility study report can be finalized. No corrections were voiced during the meeting so the report will be considered final.

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[Attachment 2](#)

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

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Motion to accept the Minutes of 4/21/21 by Member Beemiller, seconded by Member DeGrange – 3 Ayes, Member Franco and Member Dentinger Excused

10. ADJOURNED