

**ALTAMONT LANDFILL OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**November 18, 2016**

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by Shawn Wilson at 12:30 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.
- II. Approval of the minutes of September 16, 2016.** David Tam asked that the last paragraph on the first page be changed to “David Tam spoke on the importance of the 25 miles corridor from North Livermore to Tesla.” Dick Schneider moved to approve the minutes with changes as submitted. Jerry Pentin seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Public Comment** – None
- IV. Consideration of establishing priority lists and fund allocations consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement** – Kathy Lee, County Counsel, spoke on the settlement agreement and the North Livermore area. She said the committee could disregard the limitations in planning in the use of Open Space funds for the Eastern area. Steve Stewart spoke on the allocation of funds and the priority list. He talked about having a tiered system where the value would be based on the settlement agreement criteria. Discussion ensued on other values that could be used in order to create the tiered system. Joan Seppala said that development potential should also be part of the rating system. The Committee agreed to have County staff, City of Livermore staff, and a Sierra Club representative meet before the next Committee meeting to work on developing a tiered system for prioritizing areas using Doolan Canyon as an example. The findings will be presented at the next meeting.
- V. Discussion of Committee procedures and development of a strategic vision - Liz McElligott**
- A. Mapping – areas of interest – Sharon Grewal and Steve Stewart presented mapping that they developed showing the priority areas in the unincorporated East and West County.
- Seth Adams stated that the mapping should show habitat areas in other counties and also a regional map. He expanded about the importance of wildlife crossings for I-580 and adjacent areas of importance. Discussion ensued on additional resources available from other cities and counties.
- B. Settlement Agreement criteria and use of funds for engaging a consultant to aid the committee in identifying and prioritizing areas for potential acquisition for preservation- Continued to the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Steve Stewart talked about the possibility of needing more money in the future from the committee to hire a GIS person in order to finalize the mapping. He also spoke on the need to hire a consultant to make contact with property owners, perhaps someone from the Resource Conservation District. County Counsel said 5% per fiscal year can be spent to hire a consultant. The consultant needs to be independent. This committee does not have contracting power. There are logistical matters that need to be explored to figure out the contracting process. Liz McElligott said staff will report back in January.
- VI. Consider approval of funding to engage a consultant to aid the committee in identifying and prioritizing areas for potential acquisition for preservation** – Discussed above.
- VII. Update on the outcome of the October 21, 2016 California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission Hearing on the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area** – Liz McElligott said the Committee received a response to its letter to the State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). DPR responded that it is not within the Department’s authority to address this issue. Celeste Garamendi, Friends of Tesla Park, said that together with Biological Diversity and Alameda Creek Alliance, they will file a lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court. The lawsuit states that Carnegie is operating in violation of the Public Resources Code and the illegal trails must be closed. The deadline to file the lawsuit is November 28<sup>th</sup>. The County and the City of Livermore has filed an amended brief.
- David Tam said SPRAWLDEF is also filing a petition on this coming Tuesday. Shawn informed the committee that at the last Board of Supervisors’ closed session, the County decided to file a separate lawsuit.
- VIII. Update on the burrowing owl mitigation contract for City of Livermore properties on Doolan Road – City of Livermore staff** – The agreement has been extended to April.

- IX. Update on available funding** – Liz reported on available funds.
- X. Future Agenda Items/Speakers** – None
- XI. Next meeting – January 20, 2016**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm