

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT PLAN REVIEW**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 03, 2011

The Council of the City of San José convened in Regular Study Session at 1:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chu, Constant (3:18 p.m.), Herrera, Kalra, Liccardo (1:46 p.m.), Nguyen, Oliverio, Pyle, Rocha; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Manager Debra Figone, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel, Principal Planner Darryl D. Boyd, City Clerk Dennis D. Hawkins, CMC, and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel, dated February 22, 2011, providing background information on the Draft Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan. (2) Staff presentation dated March 3, 2011 outlining the Draft Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan. (3) Letter from Myron Crawford, Berg & Berg Developers, Inc., dated February 26, 2011, expressing objection to the imposition of a Habitat Conservation Plan Review.

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The purpose of the review of the Draft Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan (Plan) and other related documents is to provide an opportunity to evaluate and comment on the Plan's content in advance of final action. This review period will present a forum for parties to understand the multitude of perspectives regarding the Plan's proposals, as well as an opportunity for the Plan's preparers to analyze and synthesize the comments received for final consideration.

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Mayor Reed presented introductory remarks and expressed concerns about the cost.

Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Joseph Horwedel provided opening comments. Senior Planner Darryl Boyd presented the Habitat Plan Background, Overview and Conservation Strategy report.

Council discussion ensued.

Wildlife Agency Comments

Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager, California Department of Fish & Game and Cay Goude, Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service presented observations about the Plan.

Plan Implementation, Costs, Funding and Joint Powers Authority

Principal Planner Darryl D. Boyd summarized the Plan Implementation, Cost and Funding and Case Studies and responded to Council questions.

Stakeholder Panel and Discussion

Kevin Bryant, Santa Clara Valley Chapter CA Native Plant Society, Paul Campos, Senior Vice President, Building Industry Association of the Bay Area, Jan Hintermeister, Audubon Society and Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission, Dennis Martin, Managing Director, National Association of Industrial Office Properties (NAIOP) Silicon Valley, Daniel Olstein, Project Director, CA Central Coast, The Nature Conservancy and Tim Steele, National Association of Industrial Office Properties Silicon valley provided presentations and responded the Council questions.

Public Comments

- (1) Stuart Weiss, Biologist, invited the City Council to visit the habitat within the City limits of San José and understand the value of why the area should be preserved.
- (2) Patricia E. Sausedo, San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that all the cities need to link up with the City of San José, be a part of the contract to protect the species and create resources for long term conservation areas.
- (3) David Wall suggested suspending the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation for fifty years, among other comments.

Closing Remarks

Mayor Reed reiterated his concerns about the direct cost to the City of San José, the cost of administering the new entity, the Joint Powers Agreement and the implications of Proposition 26.

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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