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Item: E - 1

**Minutes
 SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY**

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Board Meeting Location:
 Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Board Room
 5469 E. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727

**and
 via phone conference:**
 Natural Resources Agency
 1416 Ninth Street, Ste. 1311
 Sacramento, CA 95814

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Manuel Nevarez began the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and Mr. Donald Holley led the pledge of allegiance.

A. ROLL CALL

Name	Present	Telecon- ference	Absent	Late
Mr. Manuel Nevarez, Chair	X			
Mr. Steve Brandau, V. Chair	X			
Mr. Andreas Borgeas			X	
Mr. Donald E. Holley	X			
Ms. Barbara Goodwin				10:09
Mr. Carl Janzen	X			
Dr. Jeff Single	X			
Mr. Kent Gresham			X	
Mr. John Donnelly		X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp		X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X			
Ms. Karen Finn		X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X			

Ms. Colindres stated that a quorum was present.

Legal Counsel Present: Michael Crow, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present: Melinda Marks, Executive Officer
 Marile Colindres, Staff Services Analyst

Joshua Morgan, Staff Services Analyst
Scott McFarlin, Public Lands Mgt. Specialist, Wildlife Conservation Board by
teleconference

B. PUBLIC COMMENT & BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

The first ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

Dr. Peter Mehas, Bluff Homeowners Association expressed his appreciation for staff's transparency in developing the Parkway Master Plan Update. He expressed support for buffer policies that allow trails as near to the river as possible.

Mr. Barry Bauer, Herb Bauer Sporting Goods, reported on a grass fire on the Fresno side of the river along the road that serves the Spano house. He also mentioned that the Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should take into account impacts of the project on people, as affirmed by the courts in other cases.

Ms. Goodwin arrived at 10:09 a.m.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Items identified after preparation of the agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration. (Gov. Code § 54954.2(b) (2))

Chairman Nevarez reported that Mr. Borgeas requested the Board postpone Item G-1 Continuation of Board workshop on San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update: Discussion of Refined Buffer Policies until the next meeting so that he could be present. After discussion among the Board members, the Board decided to keep the item on the agenda in order to avoid project delays and allow for Board and public comments.

D. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

None.

E. MINUTES

E-1 Approve Minutes of May 15, 2013

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Forhan, seconded by Mr. Janzen and unanimously passed by the voting members. Dr. Single abstained as he was not present at the previous meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Manuel Nevarez, Chair	X		

Mr. Steve Brandau, V. Chair	X		
Mr. Donald E. Holley	X		
Ms. Barbara Goodwin	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Dr. Jeff Single			X
Mr. John Donnelly	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Karen Finn	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed below will be approved in one motion unless removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

- F-1 Report on County of Fresno Request for Conservancy to Participate in a Proposed Friant Corridor Study

Staff Recommendation:

This report is provided for informational purposes. No Board action is recommended.

A motion to accept the report on the consent calendar as presented was made by Ms. Forhan, seconded by Mr. Holley, and unanimously passed.

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Manuel Nevarez, Chair	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau, V. Chair	X		
Mr. Donald E. Holley	X		
Ms. Barbara Goodwin	X		
Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Dr. Jeff Single	X		
Mr. John Donnelly	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Karen Finn	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		

G. DISCUSSION

- G-1 Continuation of Board Workshop on San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan Update: Discussion of Refined Buffer Policies

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board review refinements to the buffer policies presented at the Board workshop on May 15, 2013, and provide direction to staff. The refined policies are proposed to be included in the draft San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan update.

Ms. Marks explained that this is a continuation of last month's workshop and that today's discussion will focus on refining existing policies regarding buffers. Buffer policies mitigate impacts of Parkway development on valuable habitat and on neighbors and adjacent land uses. When future projects conform to Master Plan policies, future environmental review will be minimized. Ms. Marks reviewed the refinements made to the text and graphics as presented in the staff report. The revisions were based on questions, comments, and general direction of the Board members at the May meeting. The Board, the regulatory agencies, and the public will have the ability to comment on all Master Plan policies during the formal review period.

The Board members discussed the proposed buffer policies, noting that the policies discussed today will not be set in stone, and will be evaluated and discussed in detail as the Master Plan Update progresses. Board members expressed concern about possible delays to the project.

Public Comments:

Dr. Peter Mehas inquired if this was an action item or discussion item. Ms. Marks responded that the item recommended the Board provide general direction; no formal action can be taken to approve proposed policies until environmental review is complete.

Upon inquiry from Mr. Radley Reep, Friends of Lost Lake Park, Ms. Marks stated that staff and consultants were requesting Board direction on proposed plan policies so that the evaluation of environmental impacts of the plan can proceed on schedule.

Mr. Bauer commented that staff has refined the proposed buffer policies to more clearly provide flexibility as requested at the May meeting.

Board Comments:

Chairman Nevarez brought the item back to the Board for discussion

Ms. Goodwin offered to make a motion indicating the consensus of the Board to direct staff to continue this item at a future meeting.

Mr. Janzen requested clarification that the scoping process and public workshop in July would not be delayed.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodwin to seek Board consensus to place the item on the next Board agenda so that Board members not present can provide input on the policies; however, the continuation should not delay the progress of the work on the Master Plan and EIR. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holley and unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Manuel Nevarez, Chair	X		
Mr. Steve Brandau, V. Chair	X		
Mr. Donald E. Holley	X		
Ms. Barbara Goodwin	X		

Mr. Carl Janzen	X		
Dr. Jeff Single	X		
Mr. John Donnelly	X		
Mr. Patrick Kemp	X		
Mr. Michael McKown	X		
Ms. Karen Finn	X		
Ms. Bryn Forhan	X		

G-2 Report on Potential Bond Funded Land Acquisitions, Projects, and Priorities

Staff Recommendation:

This report is provided for informational purposes. No Board action is recommended.

Ms. Marks reviewed the item as presented in the staff report. The report was requested by the Board at the last meeting. The report identified the bond funds allocated for Conservancy purposes, the investments and accomplishments to date, the remaining funds and how they might be used over the next several years to implement the highest priority land acquisitions, habitat enhancements, and public access and recreation projects.

Board Comments:

None.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following provided verbal reports for information purposes. No action was required or taken.

Mr. Dave Koehler from the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust reported on the River Camp program and expansion of the program into Firebaugh.

H-1 Deputy Attorney General

None.

H-2 Executive Officer

Ms. Marks reported on Assembly Bill 618 (Perea) Protection for San Joaquin River Conservancy Lands. The bill did not come up for a floor vote in the Assembly this year and will therefore be a two year bill. Ms. Marks expressed appreciation for the assistance of Assemblymember Perea and his staff. Ms. Marks also stated that the Notice of Preparation has been released for the Master Plan Update project, with a public scoping workshop scheduled July 9. She noted the Conservancy is implementing vegetation and water management measures to abate mosquitos at the oxbows on Jensen River Ranch.

H-2a Committee Reports

None.

H-3 Board Members' Reports

Dr. Single reported that this summer the San Joaquin River Restoration Program will be releasing the EIR for salmon reintroduction and the salmon conservation facility at the fish hatchery.

Ms. Janzen asked about the bridge project on Sycamore Island. Ms. Marks responded that the bridge is on schedule to build in late summer.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Russ Austin, consultant representing Vulcan Materials, stated that he has been working with staff for over a year on drafting the lease to be discussed under Item I-1. He expressed his pleasure working with the Conservancy staff and attorneys. He noted that Vulcan has about 500 acres remaining near the San Joaquin. When the property becomes available, Vulcan will welcome negotiations to purchase the land for the Parkway from the River Parkway Trust and Conservancy.

I-1 Government Code Section 54956.8
Consultation with real property negotiators concerning negotiations to extend lease

Lease: CalMat Company/Vulcan Materials Company
APN 579-09-10 & 11 (Fresno County)

Negotiating Parties: Robert Sears, Vice President, Vulcan Materials
Lindsay Sinor, Assistant General Counsel

Agency Negotiators: Melinda S. Marks, Executive Officer
Mitchell Rische, Deputy Attorney General

I-2 Government Code Section 54956.8
Consultation with real property negotiators concerning negotiations to terminate lease

Lease: San Joaquin Koi
APN 502-020-46P (Fresno County)

Negotiating Parties: Richard Rombold, lessee

Agency Negotiators: Melinda Marks, Executive Officer
Mitchell Rische, Deputy Attorney General

Mr. Mitchell Rische reported out of Executive Session that the Board provided direction and guidance to staff regarding items I-1 and I-2.

J. NOTICE OF BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

None.

K. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

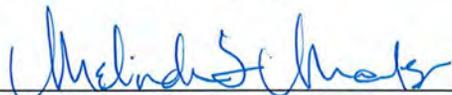
The meeting scheduled for July 17, 2013, was cancelled in the June meeting notice. The next meeting of the Board will be held August 21, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. (Please note an earlier start time is observed March through October.)

L. ADJOURN

For further information or if you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Marile Colindres at (559) 253-7324 or Marile.Colindres@sjrc.ca.gov.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Holley, seconded by Dr. Single, and unanimously approved. Chairman Nevarez adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Melinda S. Marks
Executive Officer