

MINUTES
SOQUEL DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST (SDSF)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2013

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Dias	Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Terris Kasteen	California Department of Fish and Game
Patricia Marland	Neighborhood Representative
Larry Serpa	The Nature Conservancy
Matt Johnston	Santa Cruz County
Patty Ciesla	Stewards of Soquel Forest
Geoffrey Holmes	Registered Professional Forester
Steven M. Butler	Resource Conservation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT

Tim Hyland	California Department of Parks and Recreation
Chris Spohrer	California Department of Parks and Recreation

GUESTS

Thomas Sutfin	Retired SDSF Forest Manager
George Smith	SDSF Neighbor
Jodie Frediani	Sierra Club Central Coast Forest Watch

STAFF

Angela Bernheisel	Forest Manager of SDSF
Jill Butler	CAL FIRE

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Patty Ciesla, Vice-Chair and Acting Chairperson of the SDSF Advisory Committee. Each person present introduced themselves.

2. REVIEW AGENDA AND DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

Angela Bernheisel clarified the Ex Parte Communications and the hand out--A Handy Guide to The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act 2004.

There are no Ex Parte Communications. The Agenda was reviewed.

3. DISCUSS CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND HOLD ELECTION FOR NEW OFFICERS

Angela Bernheisel gave an update from the Director regarding Thomas Sutfin's title as Ex Official Technical Advisor to Advisory Committee. The Committee Members are appointed by

the Director. Patty Ciesla asked if there was a motion to petition the Director to request that Thomas Sutfin be appointed an Ex Officio Technical Advisor to Advisory Committee. Patricia Marland so moved however after discussion the motion died for lack of a second. Thus, Thomas Sutfin is an honored member of the public.

Matt Dias is the new Advisory Committee member representing the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and Geoffrey Holmes is the new Advisory Committee member representing the local Registered Professional Forester.

The Chairperson is appointed by the Director. Patty Ciesla will accept the position. Steve Butler is elected Vice Chairman and Patricia Marland is elected Secretary.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD APRIL 2, 2012

The minutes were approved as submitted.

The field trip on September 6, 2012 was noticed. An article on the field trip is available on line.

5. BREAK

No break.

6. REVIEW NEWEST DRAFT OF UPDATED GFMP AND SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Angela thanked everyone for their input to the Draft and distributed the newest Draft. The Fisheries Chapter still needs comments from biologists. Angela reviewed the progress of the Plan for the new members to bring them up to date. Chapters one through seven contains the comments already submitted.

Matt Dias suggested that someone from the Advisory Committee, perhaps the Chairperson, and Angela attend the meeting in Sacramento to accompany the plan changes.

Angela's goal is to have the revisions ready by the end of the year.

7. DISCUSS PROCESS FOR FURTHER REVIEW, APPROVAL OF GFMP AND DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Advisory Committee is to review Chapters 8, 9 and 10 and submit comments to staff by July 9, 2013. The staff will collate these comments and distribute them at the next Advisory Committee meeting. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 2013. There will be no meeting in August. A September 10th meeting will be confirmed at the July 23rd meeting. A field trip is planned for October.

8. BREAK

The Advisory Committee took a break at 10:25. The meeting was resumed at 10:40.

9. DISCUSS MEMORIAL INSTALLATION FOR STEVE STAUB AND POTENTIAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO PLAN

Suggestions for the Steve Staub Memorial include a plaque, a pedestrian hiking access bridge, or a bench at Badger Springs. A Sub-Committee including Thomas Sutfin, Patty Cielsa, Steve Butler and Patricia Marland will investigate these possibilities and present ideas to the Advisory Committee.

10. UPDATE ON STATUS OF FOREST PROJECTS

Angela Bernheisel reported that the large woody debris project is working. We are continuing to monitor. Two contracts were awarded for additional large wood debris sites and the Hihns Mill Road repair. The Comstock Mill THP is in the process of being reviewed. The three water tanks are in the process of being plumbed and tested. The tank by the helipad is complete and filled.

Drew Perkins described the proposed flow trail which replaces former tractor trail which is now a road. He is supported by the April Mountain Bikers fundraiser and he will develop the CEQA document. The proposed map may be viewed on the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz web site.

11. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Geoffrey Holmes would like to see better public access. He suggested considering easements as well as purchase.

Steve Butler would like to see public access Soquel San Jose Road and it would change the way the forest is used. Easements could accomplish better public access.

Drew Perkins would like to see a comprehensive trail plan that would increase recreation opportunities.

Thomas Sutfin will not be able to come to the next meeting. He emphasizes that the Education program is a core of the SDSF. A key goal is to successfully integrate the Education, Demonstration, Research, Recreation and Watershed Protection Programs on SDSF.

George Smith would like to see SDSF access through the CHY Company property.

Jodi Frediani will not be able to come to the next meeting and she would like to see the education opportunities in the SDSF expanded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers with a possible meeting September 10, 2013 and a possible field trip in October.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Patty Ciesla adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Marland
Secretary, SDSF Advisory Committee