



**Community Advisory Group Meeting**  
**San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant**  
**December 9, 2009**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**About the Community Advisory Group**

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed in fall 2008 to provide ongoing feedback and a community perspective throughout the three-year Plant Master Plan process. CAG members were appointed by the Plant’s Technical Advisory Committee and are representative of all Plant service area cities – San José, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga. Members were selected to reflect a range of backgrounds in education, environment, business, recreation, and community activism.

**Minutes - DRAFT**

**Attendees**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<i>Vacant</i>	CAG Member, City of Campbell		
Bob Power	CAG Member, City of Cupertino	X	
Richard Yanda	CAG Member, Town of Los Gatos	X	
Dolores Hovey	CAG Member, City of Milpitas		X
Patrick Wong	CAG Member, City of Milpitas	X	
Dave Baxter	CAG Member, City of Monte Sereno		X
Carrie Jensen	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Diana Foss	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Robert Levy	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Tony Santos	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Gina Marin	CAG Member, City of Santa Clara	X	
Jim Alves	CAG Member, City of Santa Clara		X
<i>Vacant</i>	CAG Member, City of Saratoga		
Bobby Ram	CAG Member, At-large		X
Carl Cilker	CAG Member, At-large	X	
Donald Peoples	CAG Member, At-large		X
Eileen McLaughlin	CAG Member, At-large	X	
Joseph McCarthy, Jr.	CAG Member, At-large	X	
<i>Vacant</i>	CAG Member, At-large		

<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Nicholas Dewar	CirclePoint, Facilitator
Jennifer Kincaid	CirclePoint, Facilitator
Leslie Stobbe	City of Milpitas, Utility Engineering Public Information Specialist
Kristen Yasukawa	City of San José, CAG Liaison
Jennifer Garnett	City of San José, Communications Manager
John Stufflebean	City of San José, Environmental Services Director
Dave Mitchell	City of San José, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services
Dale Ihrke	City of San José, Plant Manager
Matt Krupp	City of San José, Project Planner
Bhavani Yerrapotu	City of San José, Technical Services Manager
Bob Gross	Member of the public
Chirag Amin	Member of the public
David Zwack	Member of the public
Denise Cuenca	Member of the public
Diane Reese	Member of the public
Greg Martin	Member of the public
James Horton	Member of the public
Jane Frommer	Member of the public
Josh Ferris	Member of the public
Karl Darr	Member of the public
Lonnie Gross	Member of the public

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss social land use opportunities and constraints, and attend to normal business.

### **Introductions**

Facilitator Nicholas Dewar was introduced. Nicholas led a brief discussion of the meeting outline and format. CAG members introduced themselves.

#### *Outcomes*

- The group agreed to the ground rules as necessary.

### **Agenda Review**

The group reviewed the December meeting agenda.

#### *Outcomes*

- The December meeting agenda was approved without changes.

### **November CAG Meeting Summary**

The November meeting summary was distributed to CAG prior to the meeting for individual review. At the meeting, CAG members were asked to discuss the summary and accept it as a document that accurately reflects the November meeting.

### *Outcomes*

- The November meeting summary was approved with a few changes. View the final November meeting summary at [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan)

### **Social Land Use Opportunities and Constraints**

Project Planner Matt Krupp gave a presentation on social land use opportunities and constraints to inform CAG's discussion.

CAG members formed three smaller groups and members of the public formed a fourth group. Participants evaluated each social land use according to its fit and best location on the Plant lands. Actual costs have not been determined, so a relative value was provided for each proposed land use. After deliberating in small groups, participants provided the following input to the Steering Committee:

#### Trails

Participants noted that trails should be used as links between various locations, including the Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek, the existing trail and Coyote Creek, and the interior side of Coyote Creek and the San Francisco Bay Trail. These trails could also provide safe walking areas, ADA accessibility, family-friendly activity, an educational component, and access to interpretive areas.

#### Interpretive Areas and Educational Farm

Interpretive areas were suggested in association with trails around the current biosolids area. Participants explained that an educational farm would not be appropriate due to existing plans to develop similar centers elsewhere in the area. However, some suggested that an educational farm could be placed beside Highway 237, which would help limit building in the south end of the Plant lands.

#### Active Recreational Areas

Participants suggested a golf course and playing fields could be located in the biosolids area. They explained that this placement would reserve the buffer zone for future development.

#### Victorian Parks

Participants considered Victorian parks (like San Francisco's Golden Gate Park) as inappropriate for the area since they are better suited to a more densely urbanized location, the cost of building and maintaining these parks is high, and the park would not be the best use of the available open space. However, some suggested that a small Victorian park placed against the edge of the water would take advantage of the existing water view.

#### Visitors' and Educational Center

Building a visitors' center at the Plant was discussed as an option to use existing facilities, versus building new facilities, to welcome and educate the public. Some suggested using the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge facility in lieu of building a new structure.

## Habitat

Participants presented habitat as a method to protect the burrowing owl that already lives on the Plant lands. They suggested that this habitat could serve an educational purpose by involving university students, specifically those from San Jose State University, and simple facilities could be provided to encourage this involvement.

## *Outcomes*

- CAG provided input to Steering Committee on social land use opportunities and constraints.
- Contact Project Planner Matt Krupp at matt.krupp@sanjoseca.gov or 408-945-5182 for more information.

## **January Meeting Planning**

The CAG reached consensus to recommend that both January meetings to be held at Roosevelt Community Center from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The following environmental land use topics were recommended for inclusion in the January 19 agenda:

- Existing constraints on the biosolids area (e.g. wetlands)
- Understanding of the historic ecology of the site and discussion of the feasibility of restoration
- Sea-level rise
- Seismic activity
- Economic constraints of environmental demands

The following economic land use topics were recommended for inclusion in the January 26 agenda:

- Financial sources – What funding is available? Where does it come from? How much money has already been spent?
- Overview of the development “business model” for the area – Is it expected that development will involve one-time sales of the land, or is it expected to continuously bring in money? What developers/companies will be involved in development of economical land uses? What different types of commercial development are considered for the area?
- Existing situation – What existing development is already in place? How would new commercial development fit into existing development in adjacent areas? Any existing deficits in facilities and amenities in north San José?
- What is the projected need for economical land use?
- What legal considerations, such as the San José General Plan and environmental regulations, constrain economical land use?
- Review of transportation access
- What is the City’s Department of Economic Development’s plan for the area? Is there a plan to offset development costs?

### *Outcomes*

- Staff will incorporate CAG's suggested environmental and economic land use topics into the January CAG meeting presentations.

### **Public Comment**

One individual stated that the level of information requested by CAG before making decisions is impressive. Another individual asked whether CAG members considered recycled water from the Plant as part of the social land uses (e.g. using gray water to maintain sports fields and gardens.) She asked whether the use of gray water may influence the priority of certain social land use options. Several CAG members responded that the availability and opportunity of this resource had affected their recommendations.

### **Meeting Review**

The group agreed to add a review of the meeting process for areas of improvement and feedback. The following points were discussed:

- The meeting location was appropriate
- The map exercise was positive and helpful in their consideration of social land use
- The break-out groups were helpful by fostering collaboration and more in-depth discussion
- More background and contextual information is needed, including information about the City's perspective and presentation from the experts, to support the CAG's deliberations.

### **Adjournment**

The CAG meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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