



**Task Force Meeting No. 26 Synopsis  
September 28, 2009**

**Task Force Members Present\*:**

Jackie Adams, Teresa Alvarado, Shiloh Ballard, Michele Beasley, Gary Chronert, Brian Darrow, Pat Dando, Harvey Darnell, Dave Fadness, Enrique Fernandez, Leslee Hamilton, Sam Ho, Nancy Ianni, Frank Jesse, Matt Kamkar, Karl Lee, Shirley Lewis, Linda LeZotte, Sam Liccardo, Pierluigi Oliverio, David Pandori, Dick Santos, Patricia Sausedo, Erik Schoennauer, Judy Stabile, Neil Struthers, Alofa Talivaa, Michael Van Every, Jim Zito.

**Task Force Members Absent:**

Judy Chirco, Frank Chavez, Yolanda Cruz, Pastor Oscar Dace, Lisa Jensen, Charles Lauer, Jenniffer Rodriguez.

**City Staff and Other Public Agency Staff Present\***

Roma Dawson (Council Office, D3), Peter Hamilton (D9 Council Office), Junko Vroman (ESD), Ron Eddow (Housing), Wayne Chen (Housing), Matt Cano (PRNS), Joseph Horwedel (PBCE), Laurel Prevetti (PBCE), Andrew Crabtree (PBCE), Lee Butler (PBCE), John Baty (PBCE)

**Public Present\*:**

Bob Gross, Martin Delson, Rosylin Dean (Coalition for a Downtown Hospital), Leah Toeniskoetter, Adriana Farkouh, Pat Reardon (LWV), Stan Williams (Poseidon Water), Jack Nadeau, Trixie Johnson (LWV), Kerri Hamilton (CEEJ), Helen Chapman, John Urban (Newhall N.A.), Nancy Garrison, Greg Cabrera (Metro ED), Lonnie Gross (Alviso Task Force & Water Collaborative), Alexis Shields (SJSJU Student), Kevin Carley (SJSU), Travis Smith (The Health Trust), Terri Balandra (FLAG), Walker Kellogg (Salas O'Brien), Joan Bohnett (SOT of SCC), Rosemary Kamei (SCVWD), George Belhumeur (San José Water Co), Bill Tuttle (San José Water Co)

\*As verified by registering attendance on Sign-In Sheets.

**1. Welcome**

The meeting convened at 6:33 p.m.

**2. Review and approval of August 24, 2009 synopsis**

It was noted that the synopsis should be corrected to identify Leslee Hamilton as being present at the July Task Force meeting, and the August 24, 2009 synopsis (revised September 28, 2009) was then approved.

**3. Proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies for Parks, Trails, Open Space, & Recreation Amenities/Programs**

The Task Force identified specific Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies for discussion: Policies PR-1.1, PR-1.9, PR-1.10, PR-2.4, PR-3.2, PR-3.3; Action PR-1.16; and Goal PR-6.

Task Force discussion on these items included various suggestions for strengthening and clarifying language. During the discussion of Action PR1.16, it was suggested that potential areas for large parks should be identified through the General Plan Update process. Laurel Prevetti proposed that this topic be brought back when the Task Force discusses the Land Use diagram.

Three members of the public provided comments, Helen Chapman, Kerri Hamilton, and Martin Delson. Ms. Chapman provided a handout that she, John Guisto, and Virginia Holtz prepared for the Task Force identifying recommended changes to the proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions. Ms. Hamilton cautioned that the City should not unduly box itself in with its policies. Martin Delson, referring to Policy PR-3.2, suggested deleting the reference to “one-half kilometer” as this distance is not equal to 1/3 mile and because the City does not generally use Metric measurements.

The Task Force first approved the remaining Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies that had not been identified for discussion and then discussed and approved the following items with the changes noted below.

Items PR-1.1, PR-1.9, PR-1.10, and PR-1.16 were approved with language to strengthen each item. In the same motion staff was requested to provide a Land Use diagram demonstrates a greater commitment to planning for large and neighborhood parks it that it specifically depicts the land areas identified for large park sites and to the greatest extent possible depicts parklands consistent with the 3.5 acres per 1,000 population goal.

Item PR-2.4 was approved with direction to strengthen language regarding the expenditure of PDO fees to benefit residents and neighbors.

Items PR-2.6 and PR-3.2 were approved with direction to strengthen language regarding park accessibility and safety.

Item PR-3.3 was approved with a wording change from, “paying particular attention to” to “prioritizing”.

Item PR-6 was approved with direction to include language regarding riparian corridor protection.

Item PR-5 was approved with added text identifying a “series of” grand parks (rather than a single grand park) consistent with the public comment handout from Helen Chapman.

#### **4. Proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies for Water Supply**

A panel of four water experts, John Stufflebean (City of San José Environmental Services Department), Jim Fiedler (Santa Clara Valley Water District), Stan Williams (Poseidon Inc.) and Glen Daigger (CH2M Hill) each provided opening statements to introduce the topic of water supply. The panel then responded to questions from the Task Force and participated in the Task Force discussion of the proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies for Water Supply.

The Task Force discussion covered several topics, including the future reliability of the City’s water supply, possible use of desalination as a water supply source, expanded use of recycled

water, increased water conservation and how the City can continue to be a policy leader in this area.

On desalination the panel discussed how desalination could be technically viable, but noted possible challenges related to the cost and possible environmental impact for desalination when compared to other possible water sources. It was noted that the desalination process is the same as advanced water treatment for wastewater, but less costly because wastewater has lower salt content than sea water. Responding to a question about the economic feasibility of using desalinated water for the water supply, Stan Williams noted that cost is dependent upon the scale of the desalination facility, comparing Marin's 5MGD plant to Carlsbad's more economical 50MGD plant that serves multiple communities.

Co-Chair Liccardo reminded the Task Force that in developing the Water Supply Goals and Policies for the General Plan, the Task Force shouldn't try to pick a particular technology. Glen Daigger recommended selecting a portfolio of different options and suggested Singapore as a good example for getting a better sense of relative cost of options, noting that Singapore's mix of water sources is distributed as 30% local water capture, 20% desalination, and 50% indirect potable reuse.

Stan Williams advised that a major increase in recycled water use would require strong political leadership.

In response to a question about whether there will be a calculation of the water needed to supply the growth being studied in the Envision Land Use Study scenarios, Andrew Crabtree answered that the City has requested that the City's three water retailers provide Water Supply Assessments for each of the four scenarios being studied and that those Assessments would be provided to the Task Force, once they are available, as part of the process to identify a preferred scenario.

Jim Fiedler responded to a question about possible citizen opposition to expanded use of recycled water, by stating that the City would have to be more aggressive with water use restrictions and conservation if increased use of recycled water is not viable.

In response to a question about model water cities, Jim Fiedler suggested Orange County as a model for use of recycled water and Glen Daigger suggested Las Vegas and John Stufflebean suggested Tucson as models for water conservation policies.

Four members of the public provided comments: Rosemary Kamei, Walker Kellogg, Kerri Hamilton, and Bob Gross. Rosemary Kamei noted that the Santa Clara Valley Water District is working with the City on indirect potable reuse. Walker Kellogg recommended that the Task Force see the film, "Flow" and that there be more aggressive language about percent of consumption, that other non-urban uses (e.g. agricultural, habitat) for water also be considered, and to avoid privatization of water. Kerri Hamilton promoted increasing reductions in impervious surfaces. Bob Gross stated that without water there is no life, and recommended the formation of an independent task force of experts to further study water policies.

A Task Force member commented that there should be more detailed language about pursuing recycled water use for drinking water and a stronger statement about retrofitting the existing city either through incentives or mandates. Another member suggested that rainwater capture is a low-

hanging fruit. Co-chair Liccardo expressed the desire of the Task Force for more quantitative goals. Staff indicated that the Goals, Policies and Actions would be revised to incorporate Task Force input and presented to the Task Force at their next meeting.

## **5. Announcements**

Andrew Crabtree made an announcement that staff will post all correspondence to the Task Force on the Envision San José 2040 website calendar page and will not be providing paper copies at the Task Force meetings. Correspondence received less than one week prior to a Task Force meeting will be posted in the calendar section for the following Task Force meeting.

The Task Force and Public were reminded to participate and encourage others to participate in the WikiPlanning website.

## **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.