

**Sunol Yard Long Term Improvements – Alameda Creek Watershed Center Project
Community Meeting**

**Monday, February 8, 2016
Sunol Yard Conference Room, 505 Paloma Way, Sunol**

Minutes

Attendees:	Rosemary Chang	SF Department of Public Works:
Solveig Shearer	Ted Buttner	Paul De Freitas
Lalitha Vish	Diane Tiessen	Nick Ancel
Ann Dowling	Irv Tiessen	SFPUC:
Jim O’Laughlin		Tim Ramirez
Joanna Letz	SF Bay Bird Observatory:	Carla Schultheis
Barry Kaminsky	Bill Rose	Neal Fujita
Dan Reasor	Dolores Bengston	Amy Dawson
Maryanne Canapero		Bryan Dessaure
Mary Marshall	Amy Evans -ALCO RCD	Tim Koopmann
Debi Foland		Betsy L. Rhodes
Marian Foland	The Acorn Group:	
Bob Foster	Jenny Rigby	

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Tim Ramirez, SFPUC
 - a. Sunol Golf Course.
 - i. Came into SFPUC possession on January 29.
 - ii. There are no identified long term uses of the Sunol Golf Course at this time.
 - iii. In the short term, SFPUC will store equipment and offices there from the Sunol Yard during construction.
 - iv. Our watershed keepers are patrolling the grounds. We are working to make it secure and safe.
 - v. The SFPUC will share potential plans for the long term use with the Sunol Community
 - vi. All lands owned by the SFPUC in this watershed are subject to our Alameda Watershed Management Plan.

- II. Project Overview and Schedule – Bryan Dessaure, SFPUC
 - a. The project is almost complete with Design.
 - b. The Phase III Civic Design review meeting with the SF Arts Commissions is this afternoon.
 - c. Estimated Schedule:
 - i. Advertise the project in March 2016
 - ii. Award the contract in June 2016, with Notice to proceed to the contractor in August 2016.

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- iii. Construction on the Yard will begin first, since there will be 9 months of archaeological work that needs to be done at the watershed center prior to the start of construction work at the site.
 - iv. Construction is anticipated to be complete in August 2018.
 - v. During construction, public access to the Water Temple will be closed.
 - vi. The farmers at the Ag Park will have continued access.
 - vii. We will work with them on their school tours as well.
 - viii. Site preparation for the Temporary Yard at the Sunol Golf Course area and Archaeological investigation work at the Watershed Center area will start this month.
- III. Comments
- a. Bill Rose relayed concern about the effects of construction on the Great Blue Heron Rookery on Alameda Creek nearby.
 - b. Nesting birds become easily agitated by people (not vehicles) and could abandon or ruin their nests.
 - c. Nesting period is February to July.
 - d. Bryan Dessaure will gather information from Mr. Rose to relay to the project team.
 - e. Tim Ramirez reiterated that there will be a team of monitors that ensures environmental compliance during construction.
- IV. Architectural Design Overview - SF DPW, Dept. of Building Design and Construction [Please find presentation posted on our website]
- a. Building – Paul De Freitas
 - b. Landscaping - Nick Ancel
- V. Interpretive Design – Jenny Rigby, The Acorn Group [Please find presentation posted on our website]
- VI. Next Steps
- a. The SFPUC will be creating a native plant nursery nearby to grow the plants for the watershed center and Sunol Yard from seed.
 - b. We will be asking for help if anyone is able to assist with this extensive effort.