



Memorandum

TO: COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC
PLAN TASK FORCE

FROM: Sal Yakubu

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING #5 HELD ON 11/18/03

DATE: November 25, 2003

Approved

Date

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members Present:

Marc Lucca (Santa Clara Valley Water District), Bill Smith (SCVWD), Bobbie Fischler, (League of Women Voters), Michael Bomberger (Silicon Valley Conservation Council), Mike Griffiths (County Roads and Airports), Rebecca Tolentino (City of Morgan Hill), Eugene Maeda (Valley Transportation Agency), Bill Miller (San Jose Police Department), Craig Breon (Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society).

Consultants Present:

Chuck Anderson (Schaaf & Wheeler), Gary Black (Hexagon), and Mike Waller (Hexagon).

City Staff Present:

Sal Yakubu (PBCE), Darryl Boyd (PBCE), Susan Walsh (PBCE) and Perihan Ozdemir (PBCE).

1) Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started at 3:00 p.m. and everybody introduced themselves.

2) Updates: 11/10 Task Force Meeting (Land Use Policies, Progress Report #6: Traffic and Progress Report #7: Hydrology)

Sal Yakubu presented a brief summary of the input received at the two community meetings and some additional information regarding land use policies for the Coyote Valley from the San Jose 2020 General Plan (see attached summary from Task Force Meeting #8). Gary Black from Hexagon made a PowerPoint presentation of Progress Report #6: Traffic, and Chuck Anderson from Schaaf and Wheeler made a PowerPoint presentation of Progress Report #7: Hydrology (please see attached summary of the Task Force Meeting).

The TAC asked whether the City would be able to figure out what the City Service Levels were in 1993, and staff said that there was a report done for the Council on this issue, which will be made available to the TAC. The TAC also asked if the 1993 service levels could not be met would the Task Force look at changing the triggers. Staff responded that it would be possible for the Task Force to look at the possibility of changing some of the triggers, and that there is a process in the General Plan for this.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) questioned whether VTA would reconsider light rail in their 20-year plan (which currently shows no light rail into the Coyote Valley). Gary Black with Hexagon, stated that for the purpose of the Existing Conditions analysis they would assume no light rail, but that VTA may reconsider the potential for light rail in their 20-year plan circulation system in response to the Specific Plan for higher intensity development in the Coyote Valley. He also indicated that it would be desirable for the Plan to reserve right-of way and pedestrian systems for light rail in the future in conjunction with the higher intensity of development planned.

The TAC had a question about whether the Plan would specify required infrastructure improvements for the whole plan area. Staff indicated that it would.

The TAC commented that they wanted to maximize the internalization of trips in Coyote Valley and encourage alternative transportation modes. The SCVWD questioned whether the Specific Plan would trigger the need for a new arterial extension of Hale Avenue (from Santa Teresa Blvd.) into Morgan Hill. The traffic consultants indicated that the need for a new arterial in that area has already been identified and planned for by the City of Morgan Hill.

The TAC asked whether there would be a formal written report regarding today's PowerPoint Progress Reports. In response, the consultants indicated that this was the extent of the Existing Conditions presentation, but that a comprehensive report will be submitted to the Task Force in January 2004. The TAC will have enough opportunity to review the report and send their comments to the Task Force. Planning staff indicated the availability of the progress reports on the Coyote Valley Specific Plan web site. Interested TAC members could download color-coded copies of the presentations.

The TAC also asked about the extent of traffic impact analysis for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Gary Black stated that it would be necessary to analyze any roads outside the

study area for potential significant traffic impacts as well as indirect cumulative traffic impacts. Some TAC members advocated for an opportunity to review and comment on baseline information for the EIR before the Task Force. Staff advised TAC members to apprise themselves of the Task Force's schedule, and provide their input appropriately. Staff indicated that there are some hard and fast deadlines to complete a Draft Specific Plan, and that the Task Force drives the process, not the TAC. The TAC is urged to submit their comments at Task Force Meetings and staff will continue to provide TAC meeting summaries to the Task Force for their review. Staff reiterated that Technical Advisory Committee is different from those of previous Specific Plans in that it is more of a stakeholder's group with representation from many diverse groups from non-governmental agencies.

Some TAC members were concerned that the use of the Coyote Creek Trail by bicyclists for commuting would conflict with recreational users. They observed that the trail was not ideal for commuters because of its circuitous nature. They felt that bicycles should stay on the roads for commuting not on Coyote Creek Trail.

With regard to hydrology the TAC was concerned with impacts from nitrates, and per chlorate contamination (product used in rocket fuel). They questioned whether the pending remediation from the per chlorate plume southerly of the CVSP area would be completed soon. Chuck indicated it would soon be underway, but would take years to complete. He indicated that the CVSP has good potential for habitat conservation. Some TAC members observed that the hydrologic mitigation should include matching the base flows for the 1-10-year levels in the Coyote Creek. Chuck also indicated that a groundwater basin management plan would have to be done.

Finally, in response to questions about future water supply for the Coyote Specific Plan, Chuck explained that the area would be served similar to any other new development in San Jose. The Specific Plan would also consider the potential use of recycled water.

3) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at about 4:30 p.m. The next TAC meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16, 2003.

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