

Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct., Hayward
Room 230

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Kathie Ready; Dan Gallagher; Walt Fuji; Vice-Chair, Dee McDonough; Don Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd; Chris Hughes;

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Inta announced that TAB members terms have expired and the County is requested each District to reappoint/appoint a member to represent their district.

III. DISTRIBUTE NEW BINDERS: Inta distributed new binders for 2015/2016 and informed TAB members that the County would recycle their old ones.

IV. MINUTES

- November 19th, 2014 TAB meeting: Minutes approved 5 - 0

V. INTRODUCTION OF PG&E'S NEW VEGETATION PROGRAM MANAGER

- Chris Hughes explained PG&E's reorganization that included adding 2 more VPMs to the area.
- Chris offered to help out communities with Arborday with everything from how to organize to planting of trees.
- He also offered to help communities out with tree planting projects under OHV lines.
- Chris shared a joint project with the city of Hayward along Harder Rd. as an example.
- Chris answered questions regarding line clearance pruning.
- Inta clarified that PG&E is still adhering to the agreed upon methods for San Lorenzo but, because the trees have grown since last being pruned (10 years ago) to balance out the canopies, the cuts are more obvious.
- Questions regarding pipeline pruning/removal came up. Chris answered questions and informed the TAB that Walnut Creek and PG&E had reached an agreement that was likely to be the standard for other jurisdictions.

- Dan requested a copy of this agreement. Chris replied that he would send to all interested parties.

VI. VIOLATION HEARING

16058 Via Primero, San Lorenzo

- George Santos, owner, appeared before the TAB and explained the home is a rental.
- He further explained that year ago PG&E removed the original tree and never replaced it.
- His most recent tenant had a maple tree in a pot that he put into the ground.
- Tenant and Mr. Santos received notification from SLVHA to clean up property.
- He indicated the tree had been dead for over year and felt the notice had to do with removing the tree. He removed the tree, trimmed up some bushes, and cleaned up the leaf litter.
- Dan suggested when using pictometry to attach date and provide measurements.
- Inta gave Mr. Santos a copy of the pictures being discussed.
- Dee motioned that Mr. Santos consult with the County, plant an appropriate 24" boxed sized tree under the OHV lines within 60 days. She also added that if there is no irrigation then a watering plan would also need to be submitted.
- Dan amended the motion to include that the owner needs to obtain a permit.
- Walt Fujii seconded the motion.
- The amended motion was approved unanimously.
- Inta explained process to owner and the next steps.

VII. OTHER:

- Dan requested that meetings be held at 4 whenever possible.
- Inta explained that unless the Agenda had a lot of action items meetings would be held at 4pm.

VIII. Wrap up and adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.