

**April 8, 2009 – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Friends of Sausal Creek, a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation**

*Attending Board Members: Mark Rauzon, Helen McKinley, Pat Bacchetti, Carl Kohnert, Jill Sunahara, Kristin Ohlson, Krisztian Varsa, Eleanor Dunn*

*Staff: Kimra McAfee, Executive Director*

- \* Call to Order and Approval of Minutes– The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Pat Bacchetti. The minutes were approved with minor edits.
- \* Pat Bacchetti introduced our new Executive Director, Kimra McAfee.
- \* Executive Director Update – (1) Kimra reported that the East Bay Community Foundation proposal for \$7K was submitted; (2) The Alameda County Stewardship Grant is under consideration for funding ideas – several suggestions were discussed including a possible reprint of the trail map; (3) The American Academy of Dermatology Grant proposal can be completed as Kimra has located a dermatologist who will sign a support letter; (4) Kristin Ohlson reported on discussions with Laural Marcus regarding the RWQCB grant project work, the outstanding data and the State's stop work order; (5) Kimra reported that we received \$4,000 from Cliff Bar for restoration work.
- \* Nursery Update – Kimra reported on the EBMUD grant and the irrigation project status including incurred and estimated costs. The Board discussed ways to complete the project and meet the costs.
- \* Earth Day Review – April 18 – Megan has sent out a thorough listing of the tasks. Pat and Jill are covering the food. Tasks and Crew Leader assignments are almost all set.
- \* Fundraising – Pat B. suggested creating and selling a Sausal Creek calendar.
- \* Pat B. raised the matter of a missed deadline for signing up for the April 15 Earth Day tabling at Frank Ogawa Plaza, but Kristin Ohlson will check and see it is still possible. Also we discussed participation in the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Blitz on May 16. Additionally, strategies to garner the interest of graduate student projects in the watershed were discussed.
- \* Jill Sunahara reported on her research with the Fun Run. It was discussed as a possibility for May next year as it requires a great deal of planning and further research.
- \* Kimra reported on the status of the Sausal Creek Environmental Council. They remain hopeful that they can still receive PG&E funding and are again requesting our support as fiscal agent. The Board will have to consider the proposal through email exchanges and be prepared to discuss with Sue Piper at the May Board Meeting as we only received their submittal today.
- \* Aquatic Insects, Birds, and Water Quality monitoring scheduling were discussed and will be scheduled.
- \* Calendar for Creek to Bay Day and the Fall Plant Sale was also discussed. Creek to Bay Day is set for Sept; the Fall Plant sale date will be determined later; and the Board Retreat will be at Karl's on a date during the summer to be determined.
- \* The next Meeting will be May 13, 2009; Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.