

February 11, 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, Richard Kauffman , Helen McKinley, Harry Schrauth, Pat Bacchetti, Carl Kohnert, Jill Sunahara, Kristin Ohlson, Paul Frank, Krisztian Varsa, Eleanor Dunn

Staff: Sara Marcellino

* Call to Order and Approval of Minutes– The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Pat Bacchetti. The minutes were approved with minor edits. It was noted that since the last meeting, new Board Member Bill Lassell has passed away.

*Executive Director Update – (1) Sara reminded the group of the potluck on 2/18/09 for volunteer propagators, staff and board members. (2) The Board discussed the Green Building publication request for a written contribution and how we might respond. (3) The concert concept is still on the table. (4) Sara reviewed recent discussions and shared ideas regarding use of the Sausal Creek Environmental Council (SCEC) grant funds that remain; further a second year of continued relationship with SCEC is up for decision. (5) Sara provided a copy of the Chabot press release on the Pallid Manzanita issue. (6) A CD has been established with the environmental education pavilion earmark money. (7) A mid-march Sausal Creek walk- through will be scheduled along with some handouts packaged for the new board members.

* Fundraising Update - Sara Marcellino provided an update on fundraising with a handout itemizing the list of pending and considered bids for funds. Krisztian Varsa introduced some information on the River Network partner program and the group responded positively. There was significant discussion regarding a variety additional fundraising events and/or a mid-year appeal. Follow up consideration of these will be placed on next (March) meeting agenda.

* Coordinator Position Update - Sara gave the Board profile of the candidate we plan to offer the Restoration Coordinator Position to, pending final reference checks. After some discussion the Board directed Sara to proceed with the offer.

* Program Updates – Field updates include the following: (1) Kristin Hopper will be leading a few work days for us; (2) Earth Day on April 18 is our next major work day; logistics and sign up for associated tasks will be fleshed out in the upcoming weeks; (3) Richard Kauffman shared local press coverage in the Montclarion, and Cal IPC on Beaconsfield, and noted that they have had more volunteer participation recently; (4) The new Restoration Manager may be available for a March 7 workday, shadowing Kristin Hopper and sorting nursery/field time splits; (5) June 26-29 is slated for the Volunteers for Outdoors California (VOCal) to do trail work in the Dimond Canyon with input through us for focusing the trail work. Nursery updates include the following: (1) We have news that EBMUD has the irrigation funding for us; (2) Pat summarized some of the other needs at the nursery for specific focus during the upcoming months; (3) there will be a workday this Saturday February 14, 1:30 – 4:30.

* The next Meeting will be March 11, 2009; Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.