

January 14, 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

Staff: Sara Marcellino, Molly Bolt

Visitors: Paul Frank, Krisztian Varsa, Jill Sunahara, Bill Lassell

* 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.

* Personnel Discussion – Pat Bacchetti introduced the topic and the Board discussed needs and our current financial status. Kathren Stevenson has accepted a job at Mills and will no longer be able to perform all of the restoration coordinator duties, but has offered five hours a week of environmental education work. The Board discussed, Helen McKinley moved, Harry Schrauth seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to not accept Kathren’s offer for the five hours. Further discussion about how to maintain (1) the restoration program work and (2) the nursery work during Molly’s maternity leave occurred. A number of options are up for consideration; it is planned that the steering committee and email discussions will follow up on these matters.

* Executive Director Update - Sara Marcellino provided her update for the Board, passing out a handout summary on the following items: (1) Our watershed grant with RWQCB has a “stop work” order due to the State budget crisis;(2) Coastal Conservancy grant is also “stop work;” (3) Journal of Green Building has approached us to write a long article about our work due mid-March (4) Clorox Annual Report with Color spread on FOSC; (5) Richard Kaufman shared what he’d learned regarding the fundraising concert that we have been researching; (6) Meeting with Sue Piper tomorrow to discuss next year’s funding; (7) Molly Bolt provided a nursery update, which included news of a prospective bid on the irrigation work, and a pot luck for the newly trained propagators, crew leaders and Board members; (8) Sara reported on grant writing work; (9) The end-of-year appeal netted about \$10,000.

* New Board Members – After introductory statements from the four prospective Board Members, Harry Schrauth moved, Mark Rauzon seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to bring on the four new members. The new members, Krisztian Varsa, Paul Frank, Jill Sunahara, and Bill Lassell will be added to the Board listserve, and introductory activities will be planned.

* Kriztian Varsa, who will be taking the lead on the aquatic insect monitoring in the Creek and will present what he has culled from the historical aquatic insect data.

* The next Meeting will be February 11, 2009; Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.