

July 10, 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, Carl Kohnert, Paul Frank, Kristin Ohlson, Harry Schrauth, Jill Sunahara, Helen McKinley

Executive Director: Kimra McAfee

* Call to Order – The meeting was held at the Beaconsfield Canyon site and called to order at 7:15 pm by Vice President Carl Kohnert. The June Meeting minutes were approved.

* Executive Director Report - **(a)** (1) Kimra shared the information that Molly Bolt will resign. The Board members discussed staffing and hours options for near and longer term to cover the nursery and restoration work. (2) Kimra reported that Wayne Kirchoffer's donation for the education pavilion continues to be held in a 5-month CD (just renewed). (3) The spreadsheet summary of our financial status was distributed and discussed. **(b) Grant news updates** include (1) Proposition 84 invoices can now be submitted as the "freeze" is completely over. (2) The Regional Board grant is still between state grant officers and the status uncertain due to problems with the subcontract as well as the uncertainty of getting an extension from the Regional Board. Follow up strategies pending various outcomes were discussed. (3) The pre-application for a NFWF grant (pallids work) has been submitted and deadline (August 17th) noted for final proposal pending the invitation to provide a full proposal. (4) It has been decided that we will move forward with the EPA grant proposal and partnership with the SF Estuary Project for Beaconsfield restoration work. If selected as a partner, the deadline is September 23rd and Jill and Paul are taking the lead on the proposal development. **(c)** We are finalizing the details of our partnership with Bay Nature magazine. **(d)** Mark has written and distributed to the Board a start (2000 of 6000 words needed) for the Sausal Creek piece for Journal of Green Building. **(e)** We have two watershed sites newly adopted by volunteers. **(f)** The Board discussed the resurrection of the Restoration Committee and other announcements for the newsletter (Molly's departure, monitoring dates).

* Fundraising: **(a)** Mid year appeal – With the fish kill flyer mass mailing due to go out by end of summer, the Board decided to not mail out a mid year appeal but agreed to start the end-of-year appeal on the early side. **(b)** The board discussed the Fun Run which is still under serious consideration. Jill continues to research this as an option for raising money and visibility.

* Upcoming Events Noted:

July 15 – Membership Meeting

July 16 – Fire Prevention Assessment District Meeting (Carl will attend)

July 21 – Evening Restoration Project

July 26 – Date cancelled to be rescheduled – Board Retreat

August 13 – Crew Leader Training and BBQ (tentative)

Sept. 19 – Creek to Bay Day

Oct 10 – Oaktoberfest Eco-Fair booth (Sat.)

Oct 17 – Fall Plant Sale (Sat)

Fall – River network tabling

* Board toured the area of the canyon earmarked for the EPA grant/SF Estuary Partnership proposal and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9 pm.