

**March 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, Pat Bacchetti, Carl Kohnert, Jill Sunahara, Kristin Ohlson, Paul Frank, Krisztian Varsa, Eleanor Dunn*

*Staff: Sara Marcellino, Executive Director; Megan Hess, Restoration Coordinator*

\* Call to Order and Approval of Minutes– The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Pat Bacchetti. The minutes were approved with minor edits.

\* Pat Bacchetti gave the Board an overview of the critical areas of concern for the transition through Sara Marcellino's departure to a new job, and our hire of a new executive director. Several areas of responsibility were identified and Board Members signed on for these. Member Meeting responsibility assignments were made as follows: July – Pat Bacchetti, September – Helen McKinley, and November – Paul Frank.

\* Executive Director Update – Sara provided a handout and led discussion on the following items, (1) March 18<sup>th</sup> member meeting; (2) The RWQCB watershed grant is at "full stop," but we do not know if it will eventually get money or not; (3) The Journal of Green Building request for an article was explored; (4) the Sausal Creek Environmental Council has not been able to find another funder to date, as PGE will not be providing funds; (5) We still have \$2,700 from Coastal Conservancy coming in to cover incurred and invoiced costs for work on the Demo Garden this fall ; (6) A field walk-through for the Board was postponed until we have a new Director hired; (7) Staff funding update shows us covered through 2009; (8) Interviews for the new Executive Director will be held on Thurs evening; (9) It was noted that the October plant sale date must be set soon and the PRAC use-exemption process initiated; (10) Fundraising updates included a status of the grant proposals that are pending, plus a request for Southwest tickets for an auction item; additionally Jill has been researching how to set up a fun run to raise funds.

\* Mark Rauzon closed out Sara's update with a speech on behalf of the Board, and a gift for Sara in recognition of her four years of very capable service with the "Friends."

\* Nursery/Resoration Update – (1) Molly, Megan and Sara have set specific nursery, restoration and environmental education dates. The schedule is posted on the web site. This schedule will need to be updated by June and put on the website. (2) Kristin Ohlson provided a status of the operations at the nursery that are ongoing with the upgrades and next tasks.

\* Earth Day Overview – April 18 – Tasks and Crew Leader Assignments were scoped and Megan will be coordinating and contacting volunteers for this event.

\* Jill gave an overview of the Sausal Creek 303(d) listing and how we can work with the government layers to address this. The Board discussed ways to work with the listing situation.

\* The next Meeting will be April 8, 2009; Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.