PÁJARO DUNES GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

MEETING

Due notice having been made and received, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement District was held on September 8, 2007 in the Sandpiper Center at 2661 Beach Road, Watsonville, CA 95076.

PRESENT
John Lundell  Chairperson
Al Ragonesi  Director
George Kelly  Treasurer
Bob Altick  Director
Carol Turley  Clerk
Also present were two district members.

ABSENT
Steve Brock  Director

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Lundell called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. ADOPT AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as written.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2007 - Upon motion made by Director Ragonesi, seconded by Director Altick, and passed 4 to 0, the minutes of the August 11, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT –

A. CONSULTANT’S MONTHLY REPORT  The Board reviewed the monthly report from California Strategies consultant Jared Ficker which follows: Over the last few weeks we have a number of meetings to work on further clarifying our CDP application. We have met with CCC technical staff on site and this has given us considerable insight as to where to focus our response efforts. We are now working on a draft revised response for CCC to address the incomplete application letter which we will have prepared for September 21. John Kasunich, John Lundell, and Jared Ficker will meet in Watsonville to further discuss impressions of the CCC technical site visit and to discuss key elements needed for the response and the analysis need to deal with rock revetment vs. sheet pile wall.

John Kasunich and Mark Foxx are working on cost estimates, technical justifications, and a discussion of construction feasibility for the various design alternatives. California Strategies
will assist in reviewing and editing to make the most persuasive case for our rock revetment solution.

Rusty Areias has met with the neighboring landowners on the east side of Watsonville slough. The meeting went well because the owners group is interested in selling just a narrow strip along-side the slough for the public access trail. They will conduct some survey work to attempt to determine the amount of land and then discuss how we might go about a transaction. Rusty and Jared have had subsequent meetings with the California Coastal Conservancy and the Wildlife Conservation Board about potential funding.

Also, Steve Monowitz, the CCC Supervising Planner for the Santa Cruz office is departing and we may have a new face at CCC to interact with.

We are currently evaluated and developing a narrative for Kasunich and Foxx's beach elevation model which is a key justification for our design alternative.

We will have a draft response for the entire incomplete letter on September 21.

B. COASTAL RESPONSE - President Lundell reported the target date for a draft response to the May 9, 2007 Coastal Commission letter is September 21, 2007. Mr. Lundell met with Misters Ficker and Kasunich on August 24 to review the task list relative to the response. Both have since reported that they are making progress on their respective portions of the response.

C. MONTHLY TELECON WITH RUSTY AREIAS – Mr. Lundell reported that he had a monthly phone conference with Mr. Areias on September 7 and they discussed the following: The need for access to the east side trail across the drainage ditch along Beach Road; the need for a permanent easement across the dunes at the end of Beach Road so we can access the beach with an excavator and front-end loaders and transport rock to the beach; a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and a Zone of Encroachment (ZOE) will be useless to us if we do not have beach access when we need it; get everything we need from state agencies now because we will have no more trump cards if we need further concessions in the future. Mr. Areias reported to Mr. Lundell the following: he has a call into Chuck Allen regarding the 115 acres for sale along Beach Road and will discuss with Mr. Allen the need to get across the drainage ditch; he has talked to Sam Shuchat of the Coastal Conservancy about funding for the east-side trail, he will contact John Donnally of the Wildlife Conservation Board about helping to fund the trail, he has not heard back from Ed Boutonnet about control of land on the east side of the slough.

D. LEGAL OPINION REGARDING USE OF ASSESSMENT FUNDS – Attorney Jerry Bowden prepared a legal opinion regarding use of construction assessment funds for soft costs. The Board decided that clarification was needed. Director Lundell will discuss this with the attorney.

6. SCHEDULE ASSESSMENT ELECTION – The Board reviewed a memo from John Lundell about the schedule of the election. Upon motion made by Director Kelly, seconded by Director Ragonesi, and passed 4 to 0, the Board approved proceeding with the Assessment Election based on the schedule prepared by Mr. Lundell.

7. APPROVE 2006 AUDIT – The Board reviewed the 2006 audit. Treasurer Kelly reported that it is a complicated statement. There are a number of final changes to be made. Upon motion by Director Kelly, seconded by Director Ragonesi, and passed 4 to 0, the Board approved the 2006 audit pending Mr. Kelly’s final review.

8. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.
ATTEST:
Carol Turley
Clerk of the Board
Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard
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