

ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 16th, 2003, 3:00 p.m.
PWA Executive Conference Room 111

MINUTES

Attendees: Lupe Serrano, Richard Hancocks, Audrey LePell, Joey Kalofonos, Don Sheppard, Inta Brainerd, Howard Beckman (public)

I. Announcements

Revised Ordinance Draft distributed.

Public participation in Tree Advisory Board meetings

The Board is okay with the public present at meetings.

Don - Members of the public are welcome to listen but may not disrupt the agenda.

Lupe - The Board does not fall under the Brown Act as members were not appointed by the entire Board of Supervisors. The Board is hence not required to be open to the public.

Audrey – Note to staff: PG&E is administrating the Safe Tree Grant.

Audrey – The Planning Commision wants to tighten up riparian setback restrictions. It involves the Watercourse Ordinance and restrictions. Several projects in the past years have affected trees, and there have been setbacks because of buildings too close to streams. The Clean Water Program and Director LaBelle are participating in a formal presentation in May.

II. Minutes

Richard –Sam Wilson was mentioned in Kevin Dowling’s presentation as the person who is facilitating the \$25,000 settlement. Who is Sam Wilson? Perhaps it is actually Sean Wilson.

The Board agreed to the change.

- Minutes accepted as mailed.

III. Revisions to the Tree Ordinance

Lupe – Clarified current enforcement: sheriff must witness offense or someone would have to perform a citizen’s arrest. We are working with the District Attorney’s office regarding support.

Richard proceeded to read through the Revised Draft of the Ordinance. Revisions were completed for pages one through six.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 23rd, from 9AM to 12PM.