San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Trustees Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018

The meeting convened at 11:15 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, 400 County Center, 1st Floor, Redwood City

TRUSTEES PRESENT: John Maltbie, Mike Callagy, Shawnna Maltbie, Mike Futrell

STAFF PRESENT: Ramona Arechiga, Hannah Ormshaw, Brett Jones (consultant)

1. Oral Communications

There were none.

2. Consideration of Minutes August 14, 2017 Meeting

Action: M/S Futrell/S. Maltbie to approve the August 14, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. Report Backs

a. Dedication Status Updates:

Last year, as anticipated, McKesson Lands were dedicated in the Fall of 2017. There have been no new dedications accepted.

Pending dedications include the toll brother property, and three parcels in Daly City. The Daly City parcels had gone up for auction recently, and were removed from auction due to being specified as lands too be dedicated for conserved habitat

No action items required for this update.

Updates on the Toll Brothers Parcels provide by Ramona Arechiga - additional weed management work recommended, and outstanding receipt of the reclamation plan. Acceptance of the parcels cannot occur until either this has been received or if there has been an amount of funding for management agreed upon. The City of Brisbane still holds the grading bond for the parcels.

4. Review and Approval of the SBM HCP Budget

a. Review and Approve Audit of SBM HCP Trust Fund for FY 2016-17

Brett Jones reported on the findings of the audit. There were no findings on the audit to report

M. Futrell – noted error on page 5 – operation loss, but should be a surplus. Request a correction for the audit report.

Action: Motion for an amended audit plan Futrell/ S. Maltbie Motion carried 3-0.

b. Review and Approval of funds to implement the FY 2017-18 audit*

c. Review and Approval of FY 2017-19 Proposed Budget.

Actuals to be provided upcoming, budget at this time reflects projected as of 2017. No major changes to be anticipated from projected, other than lower expenditures due to short staff.

Action: Motion to approve funds to implement the 2017-18 audit, adopt last year's projected budget as it stands, and to be provided with actuals & changes M/S Futrell/S. Maltbie to approve FY 2017-19 Proposed Budget Motion carried: 3-0

5. Review and Approval of planned expenditures for Habitat Conservation Activities within the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan area.*

Ms. Arechiga described the proposed planned expenditures for the next two years. FY17-18 and FY18-19 to include the following:

- a. Vegetation management of conserved habitat (\$150,000 annually)
- b. Funds to support grazing research to support future pilot project (\$20,000
- c. annually);
- d. Monitoring Support (\$15,000 annually);
- e. Emergency Fund (\$15,000 annually);
- f. Other (\$5,140 FY 2017-18);
- g. Terrabay Parcels 1,2, and 6 work (\$87,395 FY 2017-18)
- h. McKesson Parcels (\$100,000; \$80,000)

Line item in the budget to be noted – PG&E Vegetation Management funds to be removed from the budget, in conjunction with the adoption of the Bay Area HCP for all PG&E work in Bay Area Counties

6. Review and Approval of Grazing Technical Advisory Committee

Ramona provided background for grazing on San Bruno Mountain, and the proposal for the technical advisory committee to facilitate the reintroduction of grazing on San Bruno Mountain as a large scale management technique for managing conserved habitat in perpetuity.

Cattle grazing is the focus for the efforts, and there has been proven successful in managing grassland habitat for the benefit of butterfly species. The goal for the TAC is to conduct the appropriate studies and determine measures for success. All details for implementation of grazing are still to be determined through the involvement for the TAC

Technical Advisory Committee at this time has involvement at this time from Stu Weiss and Dr. Ryan Hill, two butterfly experts, as well as Larry Ford and Sheila Barry, both Rangeland Management and grazing experts.

Action: M/S S. Maltbie/Futrell to approve Grazing Technical Advisory Committee Motion carried: 3-0

7. Review of 2017-18 Annual Report Highlights

Callippe silverspot and San Bruno elfin monitoring was conducted this spring, as well as host plant mapping activities and mission blue butterfly presence/absence surveys. Summary of the findings provided.

Discussion of the stability of San Bruno elfin population stability and refinement of the monitoring techniques or requirements.

Update on the success of the bay checkerspot introduction activities at San Bruno Mountain, and the observation of the butterfly using a non-native host plant rather than the preferred native.

Discussion of the grassland habitat threats, through scrub encroachment and nonnative annual grass thatch buildup which prevents desired forbs from being able to grow successfully and proliferate in the habitat

Feature on Open Road television segment, which was an excellent opportunity to showcase the diversity of the species and habitat.

Annual field tour occurred this April, which involves all organization and community members actively involved in resource management activities on the mountain.

Overview provided of the priority vegetation management areas for the 2018-19 fiscal year, with maps showing the work performed for vegetation management in 2017-18

8. Review of Upcoming Meetings

Ramona provided overview of the upcoming meetings and events planned relevant to the HCP

Mr. Maltbie asked if anyone had any questions or conflicts. None were raised.

Mr. Maltbie closed the meeting.