

**Brisbane Baylands Community Advisory Group (BBCAG) Minutes
January 18, 2008, Community Center 250 Visitacion Avenue**

Members Present/Absent: *See attendee roster*

Welcome Remarks: Dana Dilworth, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Motion made to accept agenda as amended, seconded and approved. Motion made, passed to accept 8/21/07, 11/20/07 meeting minutes

Business:

- Unanimous election of Clara Johnson, Chair and Alison Wilson, Secretary for 2008 and 2009.
- Iris Gallagher presented the budget, Motion made, seconded and passed to accept.
- New member, Steve Mobia, introduced, membership will be discussed at 2/21 meeting.
- Joan Douglas, ESA and John Nyznk, CDM provided an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), on the upcoming EIR review of the Baylands, and stated that questions posed by the BBCAG via e-mail will be answered in the upcoming EIR. EIR is a programmatic EIR. The presentation will be placed on the BBCAG Web site, bbcag.com. Peer review suggested for land fill compression and long term settlement. The MMRP has to identify toxins, measures to mitigate and what the alternatives may to manage the toxins if measures failed to be as effective as imagined. *(California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provides that when an agency approves a project for which mitigation is required, that agency must adopt a mitigation monitoring or reporting program (MMRP) that ensures the mitigation measures will be implemented (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6[a]).* The MMRP is crucial and has real weight in addressing the concerns with contact with materials in the landfill. From the EIR perspective, the question is the existing condition (contaminated property) and the significant impact of the future project condition (introduction of people and property to those contaminants).
- Steve Hanson and David Elias provided an overview of plan to complete interim remediation of the Contaminated Drainage Ditch to enhance the remaining existing wetland and wildlife habitat, Stated wildlife enhancement work came from the BBCAG. Talked about plan to manage ditch by re-digging it out, re-lining, and planting willow trees. Concern expressed about overshadowing with the planting of willow trees (birds don't like this tree); migrating birds, current wildlife studies. Discussed underground water, wells, gasses, dry plumbing mitigation, what are other alternative remediation techniques. Motion made, seconded and passed to continue discussion to 2/21 meeting.
- Lenny Siegel, Center for Public Environmental Oversight provided meaningful insights on responsibility of the advisory group. Key is the word advisory. Group is made up of citizens who are advisors. In successful groups, citizens learn the technical issues; understand the process of how decisions are made; how agencies work; and the process issues. He stressed the importance of understanding the process and how/when the key decisions are made. He stated that when members come to the meeting technical issues, timeline and when decisions are made. Stated key points for a successful community group is to realize technical issues; determine when they feel is a good solution and what others in the community believe is a good solution and then develop a unified view; set priorities – determine where group can be most effective in influencing decision; have independent technical consultants to call upon to help interpret for the communities the documents coming from the agencies, the developers, which helps clarify the problem; the process done right benefits everyone; recurring meetings allow the community to play a constructive role in providing individual points of view, sharing specialized knowledge and understanding of each other to provide advice which they; and the

final point is the final use is dependant on the cleanup of the project for a more holistic approach. By participating well, developing consensus the community group can make a difference. Suggested visiting <http://cpeo.org/tree.html> to review the technology tree on remedialogy technology along with publications on Brownfield and newsgroups. Link to site will be placed on bbcag.com.

Sub-Committee reports:

- Communication Committee reported minutes, agendas placed on Web site.
- Executive Committee stated they met and will meet again in February.

Announcements:

- Please e-mail announcements to secretary for inclusion in the minutes.

Public Comments: None.

Next meeting: February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center, 250 Visitacion Avenue below the Brisbane Library with confirmation from city that Community Center is available. E-mail will be sent to members confirming meeting date and location.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.