

**DRAFT - Brisbane Baylands Community Advisory Group (BBCAG) Minutes
September 16, 2008, Community Center 250 Visitacion Avenue**

Members Present/Absent: *See attendee roster.* [BBCAG members 10; Public 14 attendees]

Welcome Remarks: Clara Johnson, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Motion made to accept agenda. Motion made, passed to accept 08/19/08 meeting minutes with correction of Mary Gutekanst's name.

Presentation

- Will Travis, Executive Director of Bay Conservation and Development Commission was welcomed. Mr. Travis gave a comprehensive talk on the state of the Brisbane Lagoon, the San Francisco Bay and the Baylands. He spoke on global warming, climate change and how the Bay has been and is currently being affected.
- An Adobe PDF copy of the BCDC presentation can be found on the web at bbcag.com. Following is a brief synopsis of Mr. Travis' presentation: San Francisco Bay is the largest estuary on the west coast of the American continents. When the California gold rush began in 1849, the Bay covered 787 square miles. But the Bay was shallow; two-thirds of it was less than 12 feet deep. The unfortunate result was that as the new State of California began to grow, the Bay began to shrink. By the middle of the 20th century, the size of the Bay had been reduced by one-third, and 239 square miles of low-lying filled land surrounded the Bay. One of the most publicized impacts of global warming is a predicted acceleration of sea level rise. This increase would increase the historic rate of sea level rise, which between 1900 and 2000, raised the level of the Bay waters by seven inches. As a result, water levels in San Francisco Bay could rise an additional one meter by the end of this century and inundate over 200 square miles of low-lying shoreline property and over \$100 billion worth of public and private development. Over the past year, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has taken the initiative to formulate a broad outline of a comprehensive strategy for addressing climate change and adapting to sea level rise in the Bay region. Will Travis, the Commission's executive director, is providing a presentation to the public so that all interested parties can be aware of the ideas expressed in BCDC's suggestions for a regional strategy and have an opportunity to engage in a thoughtful discussion on the critical issue of how government, businesses, the academic community, community organizations and the general public can most productively work together to address global warming in the Bay Area.
- Ms. Joyce Whitten, Public Participation Supervisor of the Department of Toxic Substance Control was introduced to the BBCAG and spoke briefly to the BBCAG.
- Clara Johnson spoke about the possibility of a brain storming meeting to discuss the EIR alternatives process and improving public participation. Topic moved to the October 21, 2008 meeting.
- The Remediation Committee reported on the difficulty and challenging to understand and ask meaningful questions on the Landfill Reports.
- Cris Hart spoke on the preservation and restoration of 1911 railroad equipment located on the Baylands courtesy of Universal Paragon. He has requested from the city an interim use permit for the use of a concrete pad located adjacent to the historic Round House. Currently he is working on having the Round House registered as a historic artifact.

Announcements:

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

Next meeting: October 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 8:45 p.m.