



**Community Advisory Group Meeting**  
**San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant**  
**January 26, 2010**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**About the Community Advisory Group**

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed in fall 2008 to provide ongoing feedback and a community perspective throughout the three-year Plant Master Plan process. CAG members were appointed by the Plant’s Technical Advisory Committee and are representative of all Plant service area cities – San José, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga. Members were selected to reflect a range of backgrounds in education, environment, business, recreation, and community activism.

**Minutes**

**Attendees**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
David Zwack	CAG Member, City of Campbell	X	
Bob Power	CAG Member, City of Cupertino	X	
Richard Yanda	CAG Member, Town of Los Gatos	X	
Dolores Hovey	CAG Member, City of Milpitas	X	
Patrick Wong	CAG Member, City of Milpitas	X	
Dave Baxter	CAG Member, City of Monte Sereno		X
Carrie Jensen	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Diana Foss	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Robert Levy	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Tony Santos	CAG Member, City of San José	X	
Gina Marin	CAG Member, City of Santa Clara	X	
Jim Alves	CAG Member, City of Santa Clara	X	
<i>Vacant</i>	CAG Member, City of Saratoga		
Bobby Ram	CAG Member, At-large		X
Carl Cilker	CAG Member, At-large	X	
Donald Peoples	CAG Member, At-large	X	
Eileen McLaughlin	CAG Member, At-large	X	
Joseph McCarthy, Jr.	CAG Member, At-large	X	
Michael Gross	CAG Member, At-large	X	

<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Jennifer Kincaid	CirclePoint, Facilitator
Nicholas Dewar	CirclePoint, Facilitator
Leslie Stobbe	City of Milpitas, Utility Engineering Public Information Specialist
Kristen Yasukawa	City of San José, CAG Liaison
Jennifer Garnett	City of San José, Communications Manager
John Stufflebean	City of San José, Environmental Services Director
Kirsten Struve	City of San José, Project Manager
Matt Krupp	City of San José, Project Planner
Allison Chan	Member of the public
Bob Gross	Member of the public
Dick Santos	Member of the public
James Quinn	Member of the public
John Bagnatori	Member of the public
Kathy Duong	Member of the public
Lonnie Gross	Member of the public
Lorna Chang	Member of the public
Noel Eberhardt	Member of the public
Will Sievert	Member of the public

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss economic land use opportunities and constraints, and attend to normal business.

### **Introductions**

Facilitator Nicholas Dewar was introduced. Nicholas led a brief discussion of the meeting outline and format.

#### *Outcomes*

- The group agreed to the ground rules as necessary.

### **Agenda Review**

The group reviewed the January 26 meeting agenda.

#### *Outcomes*

- The January 26 meeting agenda was approved without changes.

## **January 19 CAG Meeting Summary**

The January 19 meeting summary was distributed to CAG prior to the meeting for individual review. At the meeting, CAG members were asked to discuss the summary and accept it as a document that accurately reflects the January 19 meeting.

### *Outcomes*

- The January 19 meeting summary was approved with a few changes. View the final January 19 meeting summary at [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan)

## **Economic Land Use Opportunities and Constraints**

Project Planner Matt Krupp gave a presentation on economic land use opportunities and constraints to inform CAG's discussion.

Continuing the land use exercise from the previous two meetings, CAG members formed three smaller groups and members of the public formed a fourth group. Building upon the social and environmental land uses recommended at previous meetings, participants evaluated each economic land use according to its value, compatibility, and location on the Plant lands.

The groups were asked to consider specific economic land uses on the map:

- High-density land use (e.g. central business district, office towers)
- Medium-density land use (e.g. research and development office park)
- Low-density land use (e.g. clean tech manufacturing)
- Retail
- Hybrid land use – economic uses that may provide an environmental benefit (e.g. solar farms, algae farms, education center, research facilities, farming/pastureland, recycling centers)

Considering new ideas not listed was also encouraged. Actual costs have not been determined, so a relative value was provided for each proposed land use.

The groups used existing maps to place their land use recommendations and were able to move previous land uses to accommodate an economic land use, if necessary.

For easier recording and readability, the group agreed to note input by group instead of by type of land use. After deliberating in small groups, participants provided the following input:

Group One

The first group suggested that a retail land use near Zanker Road and the Cilker property could be accessed from McCarthy Boulevard. They felt that a medium-density economic use, such as clean tech manufacturing, would be appropriate with proximity to the Calpine power plant, and that a high-density land use off of Highway 237 and Baytech Drive would benefit from high visibility and presence. Retail land use and transportation access were important aspects for this group. A potential constraint included new bridges across Coyote Creek.



Map Key:

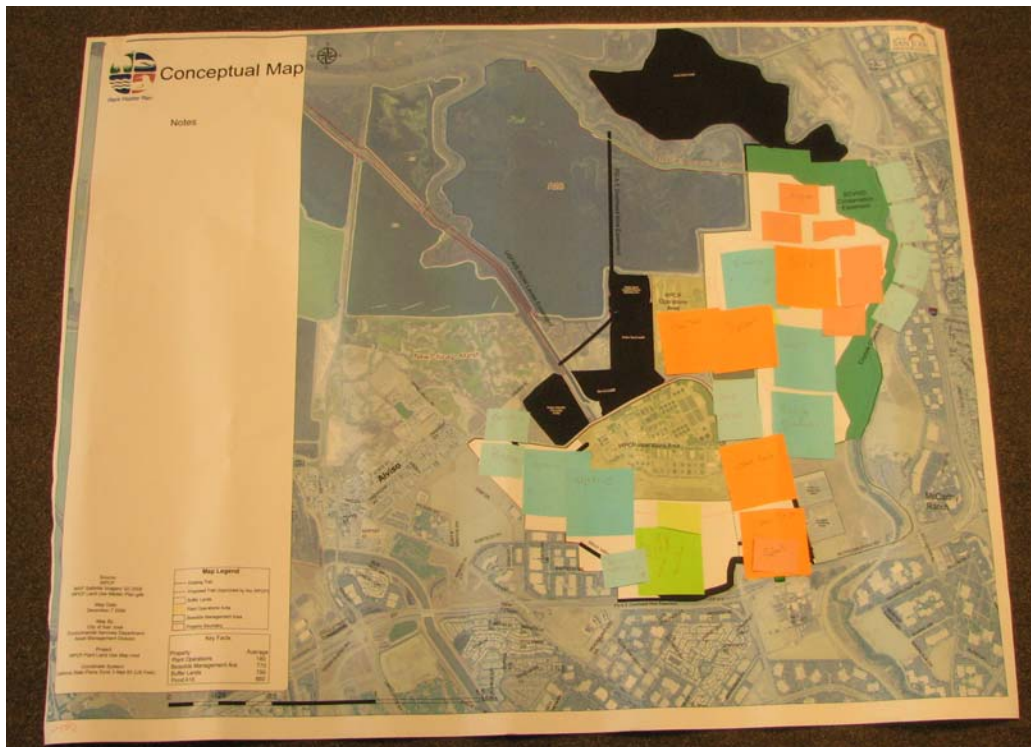
Green – Social land uses

Blue – Environmental land uses

Orange – Economic land uses

Group Two

The second group stressed the importance of keeping the bufferlands as they exist now, and suggested placing retail land use by Zanker Road and Highway 237. They felt that the Calpine power plant area is a constraint and not compatible with high-density use. They also recommended avoiding office space overlooking the power plant for aesthetic reasons. The group felt that a medium-density use, such as clean tech manufacturing, would be appropriate to be placed by the Calpine power plant. Solar farms and an algae farm on the north end of the site was suggested as a hybrid land use. They concluded that a previously recommended trail (social land use) was relocated to accommodate the economic land uses. This group was conscious of odor constraints and the need for jobs and clean tech manufacturing.



Map Key:

Green – Social land uses

Blue – Environmental land uses

Orange – Economic land uses

### Group Three

The third group suggested placing a low-density land use along Highway 237 from the southern end of the site to its southeast corner. While the group did not feel an immediate need for a medium-density land use, they felt it would be appropriate beside Highway 237 if necessary. The group decided that pastureland adjacent to the south bufferland would be an appropriate hybrid land use. They suggested solar only when placed on the roofs of buildings. In addition, they felt that a farming/agricultural land use or hybrid/green energy land use could be located east of the Plant, while algae farms could be placed northeast of Pond A18 in the existing biosolids drying beds location. However, this group's primary concern with the algae farm was odor control and the lack of information on the algae farm process.



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### General Comment

The CAG participants emphasized that any type of development for the economic land uses should meet high LEED standards.

### Outcomes

- CAG input will be provided to Steering Committee on economic land use opportunities and constraints.
- Contact Project Planner Matt Krupp at [matt.krupp@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:matt.krupp@sanjoseca.gov) or 408-945-5182 for more information.

## Public Comment

The public also participated in the exercise to evaluate economic land uses on value, compatibility, and location on the Plant lands. A member of the public suggested that a future road from Interstate 880 to Zanker Road may negatively affect Alviso, and that any retail development would be in direct competition with North First Street.

Two model airplane groups expressed interest in using some of the Plant lands for their glider and engine-powered planes. One group stated that they need a minimum of 25 acres for overfly space, and both groups agreed they could share the space by using specific radio control equipment. Both groups will follow up with Project Manager Kirsten Struve for further discussion.

Other members of the public stressed the significance of the Alviso Master Plan as an important vehicle for San Jose planning, and requested that CAG members keep the plan in mind when making recommendations.

A member of the public expressed specific concern over controlling the odors from the drying beds. They felt that the best available technology should be used to reduce odors and have a positive impact in the community.

Another member of the public suggested a golf course because it would protect the environment and wildlife, make use of open space, and satisfy economic criteria.



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## **February Meeting Arrangements**

The group agreed to meet at Roosevelt Community Center on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The group listed climate change-related topics to discuss at the meeting:

- Height of levees
- Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere
- Groundwater conditions in presence of the levees (saltwater intrusion)
- Sea levels limiting other proposed ideas
- What climate change interactions/collaboration of local agencies exist?
- The impact of agriculture/farm runoff on the Bay
- Carbon credits and habitat mitigation
- Transit/emissions control

## **Meeting Review**

The group agreed to add a review of the meeting process for areas of improvement and feedback. The following points were discussed:

- Brainstorming creative economic land use ideas was beneficial
- Documentation of the last meeting was thorough
- Time for group discussion to hear ideas from others would be beneficial before breaking into smaller groups
- Broadening perspectives regarding land use constraints and more briefing on context of each topic would be helpful
- More time is needed between meetings to review documents and preparatory materials

## **Adjournment**

The CAG meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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