



Plant Master Plan COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP Appointed Members

CITY OF SAN JOSE

Tony A. Santos is a life-long Alviso resident and business owner. He was a member of the City of San José's Master Plan for Alviso and the Santa Clara County's Alviso Marina Master Plan. He is a Legacy San Jose Alviso Youth Foundation board member and an Alviso Water Task Force member working with the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Represents: Business and civic stakeholders

Robert Levy, an Information Technology Project Manager, served on the City of San José Planning Commission, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission, Santa Clara County General Plan Advisory Committee, Santa Clara County Parks Master Planning Steering Committee, and the Evergreen Visioning Task Force. Robert holds degrees in environmental studies and urban planning and has extensive experience in land use, recreation, and environmental issues. Robert currently serves on the San José Parks and Recreation Commission.

Represents: Planning and recreation stakeholders

Diana Foss is starting a produce store, Veggie Box, at the San Pedro Square market in downtown San José. She volunteers with Veggielution Urban Farming Project, Village Harvest, and Año Nuevo State Reserve. She holds a Master of Science in astronomy and is committed to water quality, education, and future water sources. She ran for a seat on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board.

Represents: Civic stakeholders

Carrie Jensen has an environmental studies degree with an emphasis in environmental education from San Jose State University. After graduating, she worked as an instructor for the Youth Science Institute (YSI), teaching environmental education programs. Carrie also taught school outreach programs on watershed management and urban runoff prevention for the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Carrie works as a field biologist and landscape designer for H.T. Harvey & Associates and is a landscape architecture student at West Valley College.

Represents: Environmental and educational stakeholders

CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Gina Marin is an administrative analyst in the Office of the Provost at San Jose State University. She holds a Master of Arts in political science from San Jose State University and is a former member of the University's Sustainability Task Force. She is working with a group of community members and Green Belt Alliance to form an environmental action team for the City of Santa Clara. Gina is interested in showcasing the Plant as a "sustainable" facility with renewable energy sources. In addition, she is currently pursuing an MLIS degree, with a concentration in sustainability in libraries, from San Jose State University.

Represents: Environmental and educational stakeholders

James Alves is an active member of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. He is a Santa Clara resident and San José business owner interested in future Plant infrastructure upgrades and the use of recycled water.

Represents: Business and civic stakeholders

CITY OF CUPERTINO

Bob Power is the executive director for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. He is a member of the County's Habitat Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Group and the Alviso and Ravenswood steering groups for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project.

Represents: Environmental stakeholders

TOWN OF LOS GATOS

Richard F. Yanda is the Chief Technical Officer for RTE Water, a company specializing in wastewater treatment. He holds degrees in physics, chemistry, and math and a doctorate in physics. He taught technical courses and seminars for many years, including online courses through the Stanford Center for Professional Development. Richard is the author of "Demystifying Chipmaking," the story of how semiconductor devices are manufactured. He served on the board of directors for his homeowner's association for ten years.

Represents: Business, civic and educational stakeholders

CITY OF SARATOGA

Vacant

CITY OF CAMPBELL

David Zwack has worked in the field of water pollution control for many years, beginning with the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, and later as a Source Control Inspector in the Monterey area. He holds a bachelor's degree in zoology with a concentration in wildlife, emphasizing fisheries, from San Jose State University. He is a long-time, active member of the California Native Plant Society. David is especially interested in the possibility of Coyote Creek, in its approach and at its intersection with San Francisco Bay, being restored as nearly as possible to its natural and original state, thereby becoming an educational destination for students and interested parties throughout the larger Bay Area.

Represents: Technical and environmental stakeholders

CITY OF MONTE SERENO

Dave Baxter

Represents: Business and civic stakeholders

CITY OF MILPITAS

Patrick Wong holds a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering with a biotechnology concentration from UC Berkeley. He is passionate about serving the community, demonstrated by his work in biodegradable product research at U.S.D.A. and involvement in organizations that focus on social-impact. He is a grant-committee member of Yahoo! Employee Foundation, a certified non-profit business consultant for world-wide consulting, and an active member of Yahoo! Employee Green Team. Patrick is pursuing an MBA, with concentrations in entrepreneurship and international business, from Santa Clara University to prepare a career in green-business and technology consulting.

Represents: Technical stakeholders

Dolores Hovey is a long-time Milpitas resident active in civic affairs and volunteer endeavors, and a leader in her church community. Her experience as Terrace Gardens Milpitas Board of Directors secretary, six years on the Fremont Senior Center board of directors, eight years as a Kaiser Permanente volunteer, 12 years as past-president of the Friendly Village Homeowners Association, and 30 years volunteering as an election officer exemplify Dolores' commitment to her community.

Represents: Plant neighbor stakeholders

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Carl Cilker is the Senior Vice President for Cilker Orchards Management Corp., a Plant neighbor. He is a board member of Good Samaritan Hospital, California Walnut Commission, Samaritan Medical Center, and a volunteer with Rotary Club of San José, Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, and Terraces of Los Gatos. Carl holds a Bachelor of Science in agricultural business management from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Represents: Plant neighbor and business stakeholders

Joseph McCarthy, Jr. is the representative for The McCarthy Ranch, a Plant neighbor and Milpitas business. He currently volunteers with the Urban Land Institute and was involved with the Milpitas Community Image Stakeholder Group. Joe holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of San Diego.

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Eileen McLaughlin is a community activist and volunteer with the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, a Plant neighbor. She monitors San José shoreline issues as part of the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge and is active in the Blue Goose Alliance, a National Wildlife Refuge System advocacy organization. Since 2003, she has participated in working groups of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, is on the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture public outreach committee, and has been a board member for other wildlife-oriented groups. Eileen has a professional background in marketing management and has resided in west San José for many years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in medical technology and a certificate in non-profit management from San Jose State University.

Represents: Plant neighbor and environmental stakeholders

Donald Peoples is a licensed civil and structural engineer and owner of Peoples Associates Structural Engineers in Milpitas since 1990. He is a member of the City of Milpitas Economic Development Commission, chairman of the City of Milpitas Parking Task Force, president of the Milpitas Downtown Association, past-president of the Milpitas Rotary Club, and resident of the Milpitas area for 19 years.

Represents: Business stakeholders

Michael Gross has been in the waste and recycling industry for 30 years. He currently oversees all marketing of recycled products from the Z-Best Composting Facility, the Zanker Road Resource Recovery Operation and Landfill, and the Zanker Material Processing Facility. Michael holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of Phoenix and has published several articles in Bio-Cycle Magazine.

Represents: Plant neighbor stakeholders

Lawrence Ames holds a Ph.D. in physics and has lived in San José for over 30 years. Larry served on the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association Board for 20 years and is founder/moderator of the 1,500-member eList. Larry is interested in creeks, trails, and parks, having served on task forces and committees for the Los Gatos Creek Trail, the Guadalupe River, the Coyote Creek, and the Three Creeks Trail. Additionally, he served on the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Environment Advisory Committee, as a Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and was Project Manager for a state-grant-funded Urban Stream Restoration Project along the Los Gatos Creek. Larry currently serves on San José's new Neighborhoods Commission, is involved with Citizens for a Livable San José (CalSJ), and is an active participant in the Willow Glen/Lincoln Avenue Study, the MidTown Plan, and various City and County Plans (e.g., Envision 2040 -- the San José General Plan Update, GreenPrint -- the San José Parks Strategic Plan, and the County Parks Strategic Plan).

Represents: Civic and recreational stakeholders