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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
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FROM: John Stufflebean

SUBJECT: PLANT MASTER PLAN –
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP
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INFORMATION

A Community Advisory Group has been formed to assist with the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's (Plant) Master Plan. The group will help guide the three-year Plant Master Plan process by providing input and suggestions from the community's perspective throughout the development of the Master Plan. The group's mission is to provide for collaboration with the community while ensuring the region's environment, economy, and public health are protected by a world-class facility.

The following members were appointed to represent San José and all of the tributary cities served by the Plant: Santa Clara, Milpitas, Campbell, Cupertino, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, and Los Gatos. They also bring valuable expertise in the areas of education, environment, business, recreation, and community activism. The attached document contains brief biographies of the Community Advisory Group members.

1. Tony Santos, Alviso
2. Robert Levy, San José
3. Diana Foss, San José
4. Wai-Ying Lieu, San José
5. Gina Marin, Santa Clara
6. James Alves, Santa Clara
7. Steve Soriano, Milpitas
8. Patrick Wong, Milpitas
9. Bob Power, Cupertino
10. Richard F. Yanda, Los Gatos
11. Eve Matelan, Saratoga
12. Carrie Jensen, Campbell
13. *Vacant*, Monte Sereno
14. Joe McCarthy, At Large
15. Carl Cilker, At Large
16. Eileen McLaughlin, At Large
17. Bobby Ram, At Large
18. Don Peoples, At Large
19. *Vacant*, At Large
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The application process was posted on the City's website and advertised widely in local English, Spanish and Vietnamese papers. Additionally, over 3,000 plant tour participants and 150 stakeholders, including adjacent landowners, environmental groups, and Neighborhood Associations, received the invitation to apply. The Public Outreach Working Group for the Plant

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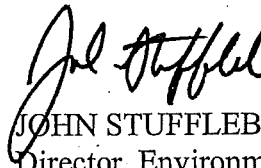
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Master Plan, which includes community relations staff from the respective cities, received and screened 35 applications. The Community Advisory Group was appointed on August 11th at a regular meeting of the Plant's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The Public Outreach Working Group members will continue to work with their respective communities to solicit members for the remaining three vacancies which will be approved and appointed by the TAC.

This fall, the members of the Community Advisory Group will attend orientation sessions on Plant operations, the wastewater industry, and the Master Plan process in preparation for the first community meeting scheduled for early 2009.

The Plant, now over 50 years old and one of the most advanced wastewater treatment facilities on the West Coast, will undergo a billion dollar construction program over the next 10 to 15 years to rehabilitate or replace aging infrastructure, introduce more energy-efficient technology, respond to increasingly strict environmental regulations, meet the demands of a growing population and economy, and select best options for using the Plant's 1,700 acres of surrounding bufferlands and 850-acre former salt pond.

The Plant Master Plan will establish a sustainable framework for integrating a prioritized set of infrastructure improvements with a land use plan defining how best to use the Plant's large acreage. The Community Advisory Group is a critical and integral component of this technical and community-based master planning process.

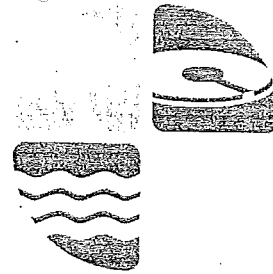


JOHN STUFFLEBEAN
Director, Environmental Services

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Garnett, Communications Manager, Environmental Services, at (408) 535-8554.

Attachment

SAN JOSE/SANTA CLARA
WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL PLANT



Plant Master Plan

Community Advisory Group Members

Appointed Members

CITY OF SAN JOSE

Tony A. Santos is a life-long Alvisoan 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 currently a board member of the Legacy San Jose Alviso Youth Foundation and an Alviso Water Task Force member working in conjunction with the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Robert Levy, an IT Project Manager, has been a member of the 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. He holds degrees in environmental studies and urban planning, and has extensive experience in land use, recreation, and environmental issues.

Diana Foss is a full-time mom and volunteer with Village Harvest, River Glen School and Año Nuevo State Reserve. She holds a Masters 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.

Wai-Ying Lieu is an Information Systems Analyst at State Compensation Insurance Fund in San Francisco. She holds a Masters of Science in Computer Engineering from the University of Southern California. She is committed to education and currently volunteers in the Mentor Pen Pal Program for Mission High School and Groundhog Job Shadow Day at State Fund. She was a board member and associate dean for the Language Curriculum Department at Berryessa Chinese School in Milpitas. She is a current member of the Sierra Club and REI, representing an environmental, technical, educational and recreational point of view. Her scientific and engineering background has exposed her to infrastructure challenges, including global warming and drinking water shortages.

CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Gina Marin is an administrative assistant in the Office of the Provost at San Jose State University. She holds a Masters of Administration in Political Science from San Jose State University and is a member of the University's Sustainability Task Force. She is a volunteer with the Santa Clara City Library and former elementary school parent volunteer. She has an interest in showcasing the plant as a "sustainable" facility with renewable energy sources.

James Alves is an active member of the Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens. He is a Santa Clara resident and San José business owner. His main interest is in the use of recycled water.

CITY OF CUPERTINO

Bob Power is the executive director for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. He is also 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.

WEST VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT

CITY OF LOS GATOS

Richard F. Yanda is the Chief Technical Officer for RTE Water, a startup company specializing in wastewater treatment. His education includes degrees in physics, chemistry and math and he has just completed his Ph.D. in physics. He has taught technical courses and seminars for many years, including online courses through the Stanford Center for Professional Development. He 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.

CITY OF SARATOGA

Eve Matelan a former jeweler is a founding member of the West Valley Green Leaf Committee, and an active representative of the "Cool Cities" campaign, led by the Sierra Club. Both are environmental organizations that acknowledge the need for a cleaner and sustainable future to fight global warming.

CITY OF CAMPBELL

Carrie Jensen has an Environmental Studies degree from San Jose State University with an emphasis on environmental education. She is also a former instructor for the Youth Science Institute for the Santa Clara Valley Water District. She currently works as a field biologist and landscape designer for H.T. Harvey & Associates and is a landscape architecture student at West Valley College.

CITY OF MONTE SERENO

Vacant

CITY OF MILPITAS

Steve Soriano is a retired water quality technician from the City of Sunnyvale and has served as a member of the South Bay Water Recycling Advisory Committee, the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District's East Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee. He also has organized several Milpitas Creekside Cleanup events. His interest is in the long-term management of the Plant's infrastructure and ultimately "water quality."

Patrick Wong holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering with a concentration in Biotechnology from UC Berkeley. He has a passion for serving the community, demonstrated by his previous work in biodegradable product research at U.S.D.A., and active involvement in organizations that have focus on social-impact. He is a community grant committee member of

Yahoo! Employee Foundation (Y!EF), a certified non-profit business consultant for world-wide consulting (REP), and a member of Berkeley Environmental Alumni Network (BEAN). He is currently preparing himself for a future career in "environmental technology" by pursuing an MBA from Santa Clara University with a concentration in entrepreneurship and technology management.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Carl Cilker is the Senior Vice President for Cilker Orchards Management Corp. an adjacent 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, Terraces of Los Gatos, and San Jose City/Evergreen Community College Foundation Board. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in Agricultural Business Management.

Joe McCarthy, Jr. is the representative for The McCarthy Ranch, an adjacent Plant neighbor and business in Milpitas. He currently volunteers with the UrbanLand Institute and was previously involved with the Milpitas Community Image Stakeholder Group. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of San Diego.

Eileen McLaughlin is a full-time community activist, and long-time volunteer with the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, a Plant neighbor. She currently monitors San José shoreline issues as part of the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge and is Vice President of the Blue Goose Alliance, a National Wildlife Refuge System advocacy organization. Since 2003 she has been a community participant on working groups of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, is on the public outreach committee of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture and has previously been a board member for other wildlife-oriented groups. She 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.

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.

Bobby Ram, Director of Global Community Relations for SunPower Corporation is responsible for developing and driving strategic programs that help build stronger communities. He drives strategic partnerships with local leaders and government agencies to incorporate SunPower's high-efficiency solar solutions into their clean technology initiatives. Bobby serves on the board of directors of Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, and is one of the champions of the groups Climate Protection Task Force.

