

HCPA East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan Association

HCPA Coordination Group Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2003
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

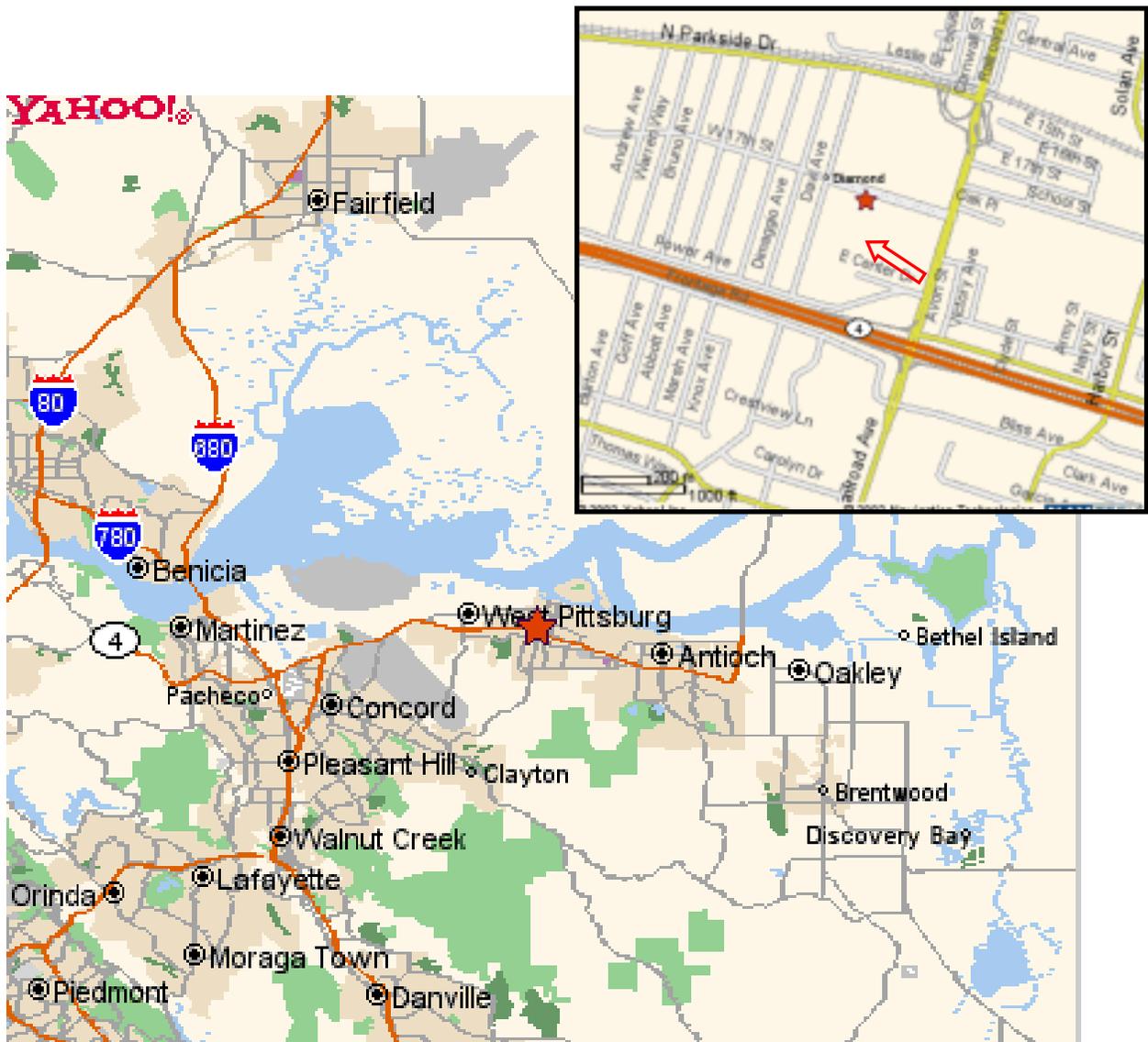
City of Pittsburg Council Chambers
65 Civic Drive in Pittsburg, 3rd Floor
(see map on reverse)

Agenda

- 1:00 Introductions. Review contents of meeting packet.
- 1:05 Review and approve Draft Meeting Record of the December 19, 2002 Coordination Group meeting.
- 1:10 Presentation on, and initial discussion of, Preliminary Draft Conservation Strategies and Alternatives, a partial, early draft of the Conservation Strategy Chapter of the HCP/NCCP. Several preliminary draft work products will be discussed under this item, though the Conservation Strategies document will be the primary focus:
- Cover memo putting the series of partial draft documents into context
 - Main body of Preliminary Draft Conservation Strategies and Alternatives
 - Preliminary Impacts Analysis Memo
 - Memo on proposed approach to wetlands permitting
 - Preliminary economic analysis materials, including draft memos on land valuation and potential funding sources
 - Revised draft of Biological Goals
- These documents (minus color maps) are available on the project website. Hard copies of these documents with the color maps will be handed out on the 23rd. All of these documents may also be obtained by contacting staff.
- 2:40 Discuss schedule for collecting input and developing recommendations on the Preliminary Draft Conservation Strategies and Alternatives and associated documents.
- 2:50 Confirm upcoming meeting dates. Upcoming Coordination Group meetings are scheduled as follows for the City of Pittsburg Council Chambers (usually 3rd Thursdays):
Thursday, February 20, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.(tentative)
Thursday, March 20, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.(tentative)
(*Science Advisory Panel scheduled to meet again on 2/26 at 11 a.m.*)
- 2:55 Public comment.
- 3:00 Adjourn.

Times are approximate. If you have questions about this agenda or desire additional meeting materials, you may contact John Kopchik of the Contra Costa County Community Development Department at 925-335-1227.

Map and Directions to Pittsburg City Hall 65 Civic Drive



Directions from I-680, Central County

- 1) Take Hwy 4 East toward Antioch/Stockton
- 2) Follow Hwy East over the hill (Willow Pass)
- 3) Exit Railroad Ave. (the 2nd exit after the hill)
- 4) At the end of the exit ramp, turn left on Railroad Ave.
- 5) Turn left at the second intersection, East Center Drive (signs for various city offices will also point you this way)
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Directions from Antioch and points east

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DRAFT MEETING RECORD

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1:00 Welcome and introductions. Meeting attendees introduced themselves. Coordination Group members in attendance were:

Carol Arnold, CCRC	Teifion Rice-Evans, Economics & Planning Systems
Chris Barton, City of Pittsburg	Nancy Thomas, CCRC
Abby Fateman, CCC Community Dev.	Jim Toland, CCRC
Janice Gan, CA Dept of Fish and Game	Jason Thunderman, EPS
Barry Hand, City of Oakley	Donna Vingo, CLLA
John Kopchik, CCC Community Dev.	Mike Vukelich, Farm Bureau
Kathy Leighton, Byron MAC	
Jodi Merriam, Byron MAC	

1:05 Review and approve Draft Meeting Record of the November 21, 2002 Coordination Group meeting. The Coordination Group approved the meeting record with the following modifications:

- Donna Vingo was present at the November 21st meeting.
- The first paragraph of the **Open discussion** section of the meeting record was amended to read: “Mike Vukelich suggested that an agricultural exemption from permitting was important. The topic will be discussed again at another meeting.” The intervening middle sentence was removed from the final meeting record.

1:10 Overall project update: budget, meetings schedule, and upcoming decisions. John Kopchik provided a short project update. 2 handouts were circulated: The recommended budget and a pie chart graphically illustrating the budget.

1:30 Another update on development of Draft Alternative Conservation Strategies Report, including:

- **Augmented overview memo (attached to meeting packet)**
- **Indirect impacts (table attached to meeting packet)**

John Kopchik explained that most of the draft conservation strategy materials had been presented and discussed at the September meeting, but that these materials had been augmented slightly for the December 12 EGC meeting packet. To keep all the committees up to date, the new materials had been included in the Coordination Group packet for December. John Kopchik quickly summarized the nature of the new content and suggested the group devote its time to the next item.

2:00 Update on Economic Analysis component of the HCP from Teifion Rice-Evans, Economic and Planning Systems (EPS)

- **Preliminary land valuation work (tables attached to meeting packet)**
- **Preliminary funding sources work (memo attached to meeting packet)**

Teifion Rice-Evans and Jason Tunderman presented a detailed update on the Economic Analysis component of the HCP using a detailed powerpoint presentation and the draft materials in the meeting packet. The topics presented were discussed at some length and individual members offered comments and suggestions.

- 2:40 Open discussion, including discussion of Science Advisory Panel meeting reports (2nd meeting report now available).** Mike Vukelich reiterated his view that there seems to be a lack of agricultural expertise on the panel and stated that he would like to see more balance on the panel. John Kopchik stated that the panel had a legally prescribe role to advise on biological issues and the panel had been selected accordingly, including a strong representation of scientists with expertise on the interconnections between agriculture and habitat issues.
- 2:50 Confirm upcoming meeting dates. Upcoming Coordination Group meetings are scheduled as follows for the City of Pittsburg Council Chambers (usually 3rd Thursdays):**
Thursday, January 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (exception: 4th Thursday)
Thursday, February 20, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (tentative)
(Executive Governing Committee will be scheduled in January)
(Science Advisory Panel tentatively scheduled to meet again on 2/26 at 11 a.m.)
Upcoming topics include: initial work on economic analysis, review of draft alternative conservation strategies.
 Thursday, January 23, 1p.m. to 3p.m. was confirmed as the next Coordination Group meeting.
- 2:55 Public comment.** None
- 3:00 Adjourn.**