

HCPA East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan Association

HCPA Coordination Group Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2003
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

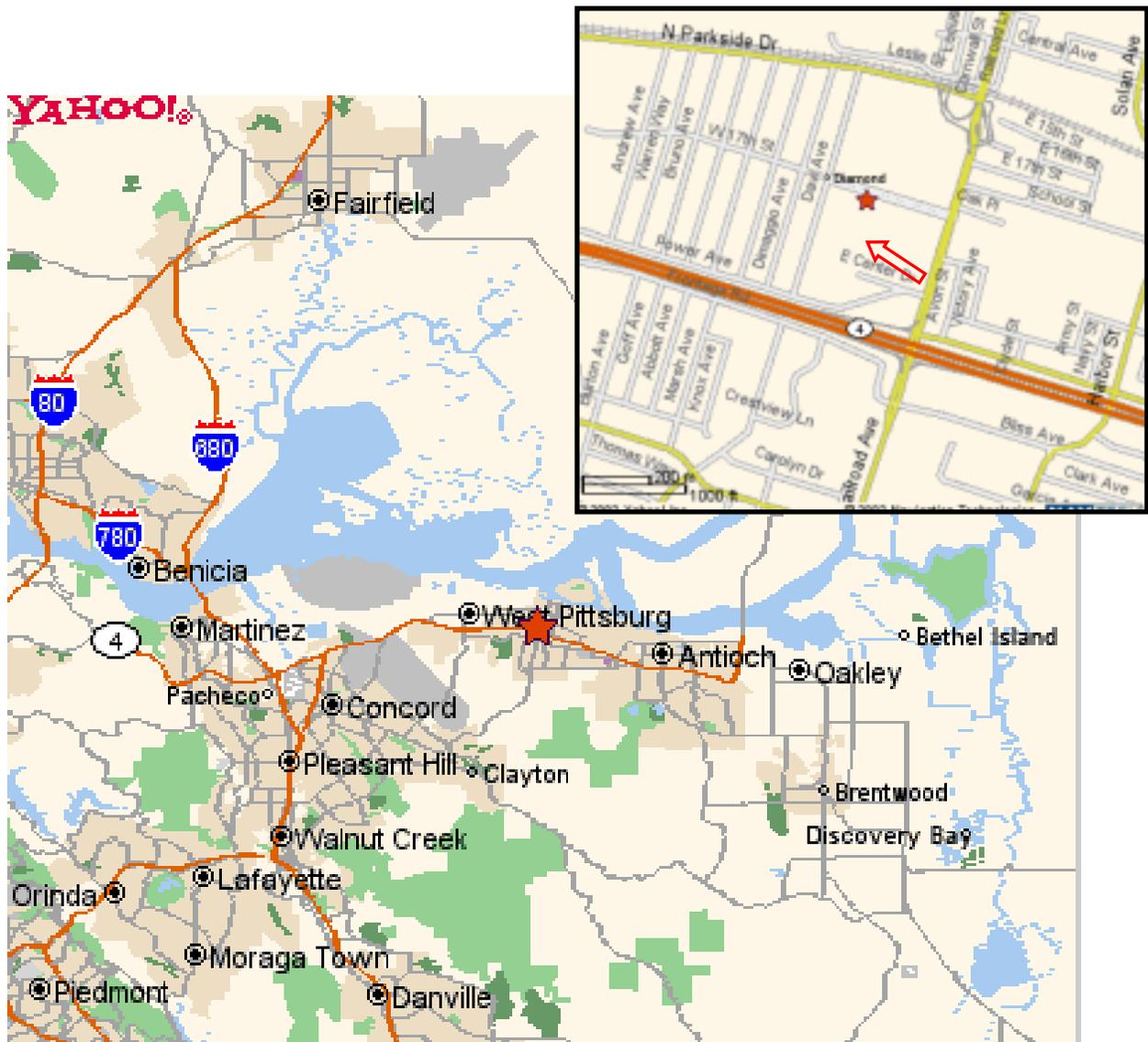
City of Pittsburg Council Chambers
65 Civic Drive in Pittsburg, 3rd Floor
(see map on reverse)

Agenda

- 1:00 Introductions. Review contents of meeting packet.
- 1:05 Review and approve Draft Meeting Record of the November 20, 2003 Coordination Group meeting.
- 1:10 Updates:
- December 4 Conservation Planning Conference & December 9 Science Review Panel
 - Reminder: comment deadline on Preliminary Working Draft HCP/NCCP is January 31, 2004
- 1:20 Continue discussion of Preliminary Working Draft HCP/NCCP, including the following:
- Review updated plan summary: the Framework document discussed many times in the past has been updated to reflect current status of the planning effort
 - Case studies on how the plan would work in practice: At this meeting, we will begin to look at hypothetical case studies of plan implementation. For instance, how would the plan work for a hypothetical development, for a hypothetical willing seller, and for a particular set of circumstances (i.e. what happens if a species the plan intends to benefit are not thriving in preserves?). The purpose of these case studies is to help us all understand how the plan would work and what sections of the plan affect what aspects of the process. Another purpose is to identify what aspects of the plan need to be clarified or improved.
 - Request for presentation of “big picture” verbal comments at January Coordination Group meeting
 - Request for representatives of the Coordination Group to attend the January 22 Executive Governing Committee meeting to present an overview of comments
- 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, December 18, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday, January 15, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
HCPA Executive Governing Committee: Thursday, January 22, 2003, 5:30 pm
- 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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City of Pittsburg Council Chambers

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

Chris Barton, City of Pittsburg
Bradley Brownlow, Morrison and Foerster
for CC Council
Mike Daley, Sierra Club
Abigail Fateman, CCC Community Dev.
Janice Gan, CA Dept. of Fish and Game
Bob Glover, HBA
Jim Gwerder, CCC Citizens Land Alliance
Barry Hand, City of Oakley

John Kopchik, CCC Community Dev.
Sheila Larsen, US Fish & Wildlife Service
Suzanne Marr, US EPA
CeCe Sellgren, CCC Public Works
John Slaymaker, Greenbelt Alliance
Donna Vingo, CCC Citizens Land Alliance
Mike Vukelich, CCC Farm Bureau
Kerri Watt Brage, Shea Homes
David Zippin, Jones & Stokes, Inc.

Also in attendance: John Hopkins, Institute for Ecological Health, and Cheryl Morgan

1:05 Review and approve Draft Meeting Record of the October 16, 2003 Coordination Group meeting. The Draft Meeting Record was accepted without change.

1:10 Overview Presentation: Preliminary Working Draft of East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP. David Zippin and John Kopchik reviewed the Preliminary Working Draft of the HCP and answered a variety of questions. Copies of maps and selected tables from the Draft were distributed as were CDs with the entire document. John Kopchik indicated that an updated summary—the Framework Document—would be provided for the next meeting. Some errors were noted in the distributed materials including: out-dated Vasco Road alignment on maps; Map 2.3 greens in the legend and maps don't match and some colors are not represented in the legend; Map 4.1 difficult to differentiate between green and grey in the Kit Fox habitat; Map 5.10 need to improve dataset outside study area; Figure 5.11 Title needs to be more explicit. It was also noted that a printing error occurred with the habitat models: no text printed on those maps. The models display properly on the CDs and will be posted on www.cocohcp.org. The group discussed the idea of posting project maps on the web, and after confirming that appropriate disclaimers would appear on the maps, it was generally agreed that posting of maps on the web was OK.

- **CD-ROMs of the draft document will be handed out at the meeting (if you can't attend but want the document, contact staff).**
- **Powerpoint presentation on work-to-date included in the preliminary draft document.** Not conducted.
- **Overview of pending products (economics, updated framework document, etc.)**

- **Discuss comment period and comment methods.** The comment deadline is January 31, 2004. Comments will be accepted as margin notes, letters, or email. Verbal comments will also be noted. Comments should be directed to John Kopchik.

2:30 Report from Economic Subcommittee. John Kopchik a verbal summary of the Subcommittee meeting, which focused on information sharing. There were no specific recommendations resulting from the subcommittee's meeting. Participants expressed the opinion that this was a very complicated subject.

2:40 Review and comment on list of questions to be posed to Science Advisory Panel. John Slaymaker had a number of comments on the questions proposed to the Science Panel. His suggestion that 4 additional questions be recommended for science panel consideration was discussed and not disagreed with. John's suggestions were to be conveyed to the Science Panel Facilitator.

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HCPA Science Advisory Panel: Tuesday, December 9, 2003, 11am to 3 pm

HCPA Executive Governing Committee: Thursday, January 22, 2003, 5:30 pm

2:55 Public comment. None

3:00 Adjourn.