
SCAC – Oso Flaco *Ad Hoc* Committee

Memorandum

To: SCAC
From: Oso Flaco *Ad Hoc* Committee
Date: March 25, 2019
Subject: Committee Update & Recommendations

I. Background

A motion was made and seconded at the SCAC's February 25, 2019, meeting to give the Chair the authority to appoint an *ad hoc* committee to look into the Oso Flaco Campground and Public Access Project (the "Oso Flaco Project") that is part of State Parks' proposed Pismo Beach and Oceano Dunes SVRA Public Works Plan. A vote of the SCAC was subsequently conducted by email and the motion carried. Steve Dippell was thereafter asked by the Chair and agreed to chair the committee, and Sue Huls, Jesse Hill and Dan Woodson were asked and agreed to serve on the committee.

The committee held an initial organization meeting on March 19, 2019. This update and the recommendations contained herein are intended to comply with Article X, Section 3, of the SCAC's Bylaws, which reads:

Each committee will have a chairperson elected by the Council. The committee chair will present the plans of work to the SCAC for approval. Work will be undertaken with the approval of the SCAC. The SCAC will review the plan. All committee updates, including committee members, must be brought to SCAC for approval.

II. Proposed Committee Objectives

State Parks' proposed Public Works plan contemplates several different projects that will have impacts in the surrounding areas of the County. The committee intends to look

specifically into the potential impacts to the surrounding community that are identified -- both positive and negative -- that may result solely from the Oso Flaco Project. For instance, although there continues to be considerable debate about the impact on air quality from use of the existing park facilities, the committee intends to focus specifically on the potential impact, if any, to air quality in the surrounding area of the County that might result from the proposed Oso Flaco Project. Similarly, while there continues to be a much broader debate about the pros and cons of OHV use in the park in general, that debate is beyond the scope of the committee's intended focus. The committee recognizes that members of the surrounding community represented by the SCAC include both those who support and those who are opposed to OHV use in the park. The committee intends to set aside any such opinions and collect facts -- facts about the potential impacts to the surrounding community that may result specifically from the proposed Oso Flaco Project, and facts about how the County and members of the community, including both those who favor the project and those who oppose it, can potentially influence the outcome of the State's planning process -- and report those facts to the SCAC.

Consistent with these intentions, the committee submits for SCAC approval the following three objectives for the committee:

1. Ascertain facts about the potential impacts to the surrounding community that may result from the Oso Flaco Project;
2. Determine how the County and members of the community, including both those who favor the project and those who oppose it, can potentially influence the outcome of the State's planning process regarding the Oso Flaco Project; and,
3. Report facts, potential opportunities to influence the outcome, and recommendations to the SCAC.

III. Proposed Plan of Work

The committee has (so far) identified the following potential impacts to the surrounding community that may result from the Oso Flaco Project, and divided responsibility for them among the committee members as noted below:

1. Air – Steve Dippell
 2. Traffic – Dan Woodson
 3. Noise – Steve Dippell
 4. Economic – Jesse Hill
 5. Growth – Sue Hul
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6. Public Safety – Sue Hul

Committee members will submit their intentions for investigating the potential impacts they are responsible for at the committee's next meeting.

The committee has also intends to request a meeting with State Parks to clarify the details of the proposed Oso Flaco Project, follow-up with State Parks in regard to the requests contained in the SCAC's March 2, 2019 letter to State Parks, seek clarification of the planning and approval process for the Public Works Plan, and open channels of communication with various potential resources such as the County and the Air Pollution Control District ("APCD").

IV. Opportunity for Community Input

A joint State Parks – APCD meeting to review State Parks' Oceano Dunes SVRA Concept Draft Particulate Matter Reduction Plan and CEQA Notice of Preparation efforts is scheduled for May 1, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the County Regional Center, 800 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande.

V. Recommended SCAC Action

1. Elect Steve Dippell as the Chair of the Oso Flaco *Ad Hoc* Committee;
2. Approve and appoint Sue Huls, Jesse Hill and Dan Woodson as committee members;
3. Review, approve and authorize implementation of the Plan of Work described above; and,
4. Approve the committee's March 25, 2019 update.