

City of Lafayette
Regular Meeting Agenda
Creeks Committee

Monday February 6, 2012 (7:00 pm)
Lafayette City Offices, Conference Room 265
3675 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 pm)
2. Consent Calendar (7:00)
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes from January 9, 2012 meeting.
3. Public Comments (7:05)
4. New Business (7:10)
 - a. Creek information updates (7:10)
 - b. Task group updates (7:15)
 - c. Contra Costa County Clean Water Program update (7:20)
 - d. Discuss and vote on changing Committee meetings to third Monday of the month (7:25)
 - e. Discuss City support of Contra Costa County Clean Water Program 2012 Community Clean Water Initiative (7:30)
5. Old Business (7:45)
 - a. Finalize CCC Fish and Wildlife Committee grant proposal for signage (7:45)
 - b. Discuss vision map of Plaza Way overlay and committee involvement (8:00)
 - c. Discuss Downtown Specific Plan task group meeting with Resource Design Group and Council Liaisons (8:20)
 - d. Review committee comments to City Council regarding Downtown Specific Plan (8:35)
6. Agenda for March 2012 meeting (8:55 pm)
7. Adjourn (9:00 pm)

I, David Terhune, declare under penalty of perjury that this agenda has been posted at least 72 hours in advance at the Lafayette City Offices, 3675 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA.

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Monday January 9, 2012 (7:00 pm)
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:05 pm)
 - Present: Jeffrey Gilman, Austin Payne, Will Elder, Scott Honegger, Laura Ponder, Peter Gutzwiller, Abigail Fateman, and David Terhune, City Staff
 - Absent: N/A
2. Consent Calendar (7:05)
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - Motion to approve by Scott. Second by Jeff. *Motion approved unanimously.*
 - b. Approval of minutes from December 5, 2011 meeting.
 - Motion to approve by Peter. Second by Scott. *Motion approved unanimously.*
3. Public Comments (7:05)
 - N/A
4. New Business (7:05)
 - a. Creek information updates (7:10)
 - Discussion only.*
 - b. Task group updates (7:40)
 - Discussion only.*
 - c. Consider letter of support for Contra Costa Resource Conservation District Community Watershed Stewardship grant proposal for a Walnut Creek watershed coordinator (7:50)
 - Scott moves to support grant proposal. Abby seconds. Motion approved unanimously*
 - d. Discuss potential Creeks Committee involvement in vision map for Plaza Way Overlay concept (8:00)
 - Scott moves to formally request a member of the Creeks Committee be placed on the Plaza Way Overlay Advisory Committee, and be included in future information/ updates. Abby seconds. Motion approved unanimously.*
5. Old Business (8:15)
 - a. Discuss and review CCC Fish and Wildlife Committee grant proposal for signage (8:15)
 - Scott moves to have will edit draft proposal using edits at his discretion and submit final draft to Public Works. Laura seconds. Motion approved unanimously.*
 - b. Outline Downtown Specific Plan task group meeting with Resource Design Group and Council Liaisons (8:50)
 - Will moves to send a memo to Council Liaisons regarding establishing a meeting with Resource Design Group to discuss matters in the Downtown Specific Plan. Austin seconds. Motion approved unanimously*
6. Agenda for February 6, 2012 meeting (9:10 pm)
 - Discussion only.*
7. Adjourn (9:10 pm)
 - Motion to adjourn by Scott. Abby seconds. Motion approved unanimously.*

**Contra Costa County
2012 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund
Application Cover Page**

Project title: Lafayette Creek Pervious Path Interpretive Signage

Organization/Individual applying: City of Lafayette Creeks Committee

(Organization type: please check one – government, non-profit, for-profit, other (explain)
Governmental (volunteer advisory committee)

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Name and title of contact person:
Will Elder, Chair, Lafayette Creeks Committee

One sentence summary of proposal:
This proposal is to create and install two signs along a pervious concrete pathway along Lafayette Creek that will interpret Low Impact Development techniques and the value of creeks and riparian corridors for fish and wildlife habitat.

Requested grant: \$4,200.00

Proposal prepared by (name & title):
Will Elder, Chair, Lafayette Creeks Committee

Signature (*Typing your name does not count as a signature. If this section is empty, your proposal will not be considered*):

_____ Signed on _____

Lafayette Creek Educational/Interpretive Panels

1) Project Narrative

This is a proposal to design, fabricate and install two interpretive panels along a pervious concrete pathway along Lafayette Creek. This path connects downtown Lafayette to the Lafayette Reservoir. The popularity of this pathway provides opportunities for public education about creeks and riparian corridors, Low Impact Development techniques and stewardship of the watershed to enhance fish and wildlife values. This proposal to the CCC Fish and Wildlife Committee requests \$4,200.

This half mile of all-purpose trail along Lafayette Creek from downtown Lafayette to the Lafayette Reservoir was installed with pervious concrete in 2009. The pervious concrete allows water to infiltrate into the ground, as otherwise would not occur with the use of conventional impervious surfacing materials, thus preserving soils hydration for the adjacent riparian corridor. The Lafayette Creeks Committee, a city appointed advisory committee, worked with the City's Public Works staff and community members to design and construct the trail using this Low Impact Development (LID) technology. The trail has been a huge success. It is heavily used on a regular basis, and the pervious pavement surface has held up to the high use. There is currently no signage to educate trail users about the trail's construction, the importance of creeks, or the community's role in protecting watershed health. The City wishes to lead by example and to use the signs to educate citizens about LID and encourage them to take steps at home to lower their impact on the watershed and to improve fish and wildlife habitat.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) recently installed new signage around the Lafayette Reservoir, and the Lafayette Creeks Committee will work with EBMUD staff to create a consistent look and message on the proposed signs with the existing Reservoir signs. Signage will be printed on a high pressure laminate surface that is durable and designed to withstand weather and vandalism. The signs will match standards of other local agencies. The signs will be designed with input from the Lafayette Creeks Committee, City staff, the Friends of Lafayette Creeks, EBMUD and other local groups.

How it meets the requirements of Section 13103

Section 13103 (a): The proposed interpretative signage along the pervious pathway will be adjacent to the Lafayette Creek and along the trail to the Lafayette Reservoir. The panels will highlight innovative features of the trail that help improve the quality of storm water runoff into the creek and that protect the riparian corridor. Trail users will be educated about the value of riparian corridors for wildlife migration and about their own role in helping to protect watersheds and wildlife. When people better understand how creeks and watersheds function, they can better protect our natural resources and the fish and wildlife that use them.

2) Project schedule

Summer 2012: Develop interpretive panels

Fall 2012: Install interpretive panels and project completion

3) Project budget

TASKS	FUNDING SOURCES		
	FWC Prop Fund ¹	Lafayette Creeks Committee	Volunteer ²
TASK 2: Interpretative panel			
Design	\$2,000	\$500	\$500
Production	\$2,000		
Installation	\$200		\$600
Project Total	\$4,200	\$500	\$1,100

Footnotes

1 These estimates are based on conversations with EBMUD staff who were recently involved in the production and installation of signs at the Lafayette Reservoir.

2 The value of donated volunteer labor is calculated at CA minimum wage, \$8.00/hour.

Eagle Scouts have indicated interest completing the panel installation as part of a troop project. Although we expect the Scouts to be able to provide the labor for the installation, the proposed budget does cover some minor expenses related to equipment needed to install the panels. The Lafayette Creeks Committee can provide additional funding for professional installation if an Eagle Scout project can not be organized to meet our project timing.

4) Annual budget of the organization

The Lafayette Creeks Committee’s total annual budget has typically been approximately \$2,500. The budget is determined and allocated annually by the City Council. The Creek Committee is committing \$500 to this project as a match for this grant. In previous years the Creeks Committee’s budget has been used to assist with a variety of creek-related activities including room rental for a Contra Costa Watershed Forum meeting, on-going creek maintenance projects, sponsorship of the Quadrennial Creeks and Watershed Symposium, and development and publication of educational pamphlets including local watershed maps.

5) Statement describing the applying organization

The City of Lafayette is in the Walnut Creek Watershed. The city has an elected City Council and small staff. The city depends on a variety of volunteer committees to advise on issues. The Lafayette Creeks Committee advises the Council and city staff on creek, water quality and flood control related issues. This committee has 7 members with a range of experience related to creeks, hydrology, applicable regulation, local government, and riparian resource management. The Creeks Committee has worked with the City’s Public Works Department to develop this proposal. Members of the Lafayette Creeks Committee are: Will Elder (chair), Peter Gutzwiller (vice-chair), Scott Honegger, Jeff Gilman, Austin Payne, Abigail Fateman, and Laura Ponder.

6) Statement describing the qualifications of the sponsoring organization and participating individuals

Will Elder - Will has been a volunteer member of the Lafayette Creeks committee for 11 years. As periodic chair of the Committee, he has helped spearhead community surveys, city-wide creek awareness campaigns utilizing outreach materials developed by the committee, and creekside restoration projects. Professionally, Will is an interpretive ranger and media specialist with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and has worked on many interpretive sign projects for the National Park Service.

7) List of individuals responsible for performing the project and individuals responsible for overseeing the project:

Will Elder, Chair, Lafayette Creeks Committee will perform the project

Ron Lefler, City of Lafayette Public Works Director will oversee the project

Statement of permits needed: No permits are needed for this project other than a dig permit.



Above: Foot traffic on pervious path adjacent to Lafayette Creek, August 2010



Above and left: Frameless stand and base design being contemplated for proposed signs. Lack of frame prevents dirt buildup under trees and base design presents a less massive and intrusive look than the EBMUD bases.

Above: New interpretive panels installed along path by EBMUD at Lafayette Reservoir. Proposed sign panels will be designed using similar template and color scheme for consistency.