

SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Agenda Item #4

TO: All Commissioners and Alternates
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SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of June 4, 1998, Commission Meeting

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert R. Tufts at 1:10 p.m., 425 Market Street, second floor, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California.

2. **Roll Call.** Present were: Chairman Robert R. Tufts, Vice Chairman Angelo J. Siracusa, Commissioners Barna Jr., (represented by Alternate Yahata), Barrales (represented by Alternate Auer), Bierman, Bruzzone, Cale (represented by Alternate Smith), Corbin, Goldzband, Hayes, Hight (represented by Alternate Valentine), Kondylis, Leal, McNair, McHugh (represented by Alternate Carruthers), Morrison, Rippey, Rose, Uilkema, Wall, and Warner.

Not Present were: Alameda County Board of Supervisors (Chan), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Fong), Department of Finance (Klass), Speaker of the Assembly Appointee (Levine), Senate Rules Committee Appointee (Ortiz-Cashman), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Schwinn).

3. **Public Comment Period.** Jim Haire, president of North Bay Agricultural Alliance, a group of landowners in Sonoma and Napa counties wished to speak to Item 11 on the agenda and was asked by Chairman Tufts to wait until that agenda item would be under discussion.

Harvey Goldberg, a property owner in the North Bay expressed his concern about the unconstitutionality of the meetings and the agenda in that they seemed to be leaning towards the environmentalists with no protection for property owners. Another concern of Mr. Goldberg was that in a meeting with Mr. Travis on July 8, 1997 Mr. Travis purportedly stated "Only talk about things we want to hear. No talk about communism or conspiracy or we will shut out your input." Mr. Goldberg felt that this was a violation of his first amendment rights. He also stated that since the BCDC is a hand-picked commission, there is an inter-agency conspiracy with people of various groups sitting on board of supervisors, steering committees et al. He felt that the North Bay lands being the most valuable, are being targeted.

Bill Bisso, farmer from Sonoma Valley, notified the Commission that he is backing the farmers of the North Bay, in particular the people involved under Agenda Item 11. He said he was present at the meeting between Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Travis. He further questioned BCDC's authority as it concerns Item 11, because Governor Reagan had proclaimed not to interfere with the rights that are grandfathered in.

4. **Approval of Minutes of May 21, 1998.** Chairman Tufts mentioned that on page 1, 'Jackson Square' should be changed to 'Jack London Square.' Commissioner Corbin made a correction to page 18, middle of the page. "She said that if she could be assured that what is put in the bank is neither a diked historic bay land or a seasonal wetland and input from local government and the public is considered, she would reconsider."

MOTION: Commissioner Kondylis moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to approve the May 21, 1998 minutes, as amended. The motion carried.

5. **Report of the Chairman.** The Chairman reported that there is one change in today's schedule; Item 8 the Vote on Permit Application 11-97 to place fill in the Bay to cover toxic contaminants and create a wetland in South San Francisco has been postponed until the next meeting.

Chairman Tufts reminded the Commission that last Tuesday was election day and that congratulations were in order for Commissioner Ruben Barrales who won the race to be the Republican candidate for State Controller.

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