

**Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes**  
**Monday April 7, 2014**  
**Community Chambers Conference Room 6:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Rachel Aptekar, Helena Chung, Greg House, Patrick Huber, Roberta Millstein, Colleen Rossier

Commissioners Absent: Marc Hoshovsky, David Miller

Commission Liaisons: Rec and Park, Planning

Assigned Staff: Mitch Sears

Council Liaison: Lucas Frerichs

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**1. Agenda**

Approved.

**2. Minutes**

March 3, 2014 minutes approved.

**3. Public Communications**

None.

**4. Guest Speaker – Yolo Natural Heritage Program Update**

Petera Marchand, Yolo Natural Heritage Program (YNHP) Acting Executive Director, briefed the Commission on the current status of the YNHP. The 2<sup>nd</sup> administrative draft is anticipated to be released mid-year; she will return for an update in September 2014. Final plan approval is scheduled for November 2016.

The YNHP JPA is required by the Federal and State resource agencies to identify local matching funds for implementation of the plan. The JPA has initiated a discussion with the City for a funding commitment of Open Space Special Tax revenues to provide a portion of the required local match. The Commission will be considering this request at future meetings and formulating a recommendation to the City Council.

**5. City Council/Commission meeting – Discussion of joint meeting outline**

The Commission briefly discussed the outcomes of the December Joint meeting. The Commission will discuss the evaluation of existing acquisition priorities at its May meeting.

**6. Project/Program Updates**

- North Davis Riparian Greenbelt – Staff provided a brief update on progress of the project related to planting in the channel and interpretive work.
- Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) – The Commission unanimously supported appointment of Commissioner Huber by the City Council as an alternate member of the LPCCC Board.

**7. Commission Goals 2013/14**

Working Group Reports - No updates.

**8. Staff/Commission Communications**

- Commission Liaison reports – No reports were given.
- Easement Acquisition Update – No updates to report.
- Next meeting: May 5, 2014.

**9. Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.