

Knightsen Town Advisory Council



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SPECIAL MEETING

Knightsen TAC AGENDA

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020
5:30p.m.**

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)** *Time is allotted under Public Comment for those persons who wish to speak for up to three minutes on any item NOT on the agenda. Persons who wish to speak on matters on the agenda will be heard for up to three minutes when the Chair calls for comments. After persons have spoken on an agenda item, the hearing can be closed by the Chair and the matter is subject to discussion and action by the TAC. Persons wishing to speak are requested to fill out a speaker card.*
4. **Items for Action and/or Discussion**
 - a. REVIEW and APPROVE the DRAFT Letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Proposed Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project
5. **Adjourn**

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
1025 Escobar Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

RE: Proposed Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

At the August 18, 2020 Knightsen Town Advisory Council (“KTAC”) meeting, the board received a presentation by Abby Fateman from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy on a proposed project within the Knightsen community called the Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project (“Project”). After the presentation concluded, the board requested this item return for the September meeting to deliberate if a position should be taken by KTAC on the proposed project.

At the September 15, 2020 meeting, Lea Castleberry from the Office of Supervisor Diane Burgis opened the item and recapped the presentation of August 18, 2020. She explained how the Project being considered was still in the concept phase and not a defined project, and that as Ms. Fateman stated; that there are still many studies, data development and investigations that need to take place before a final project is proposed. She also noted that the community will have the opportunity to review the studies and provide input before the Project is fully developed. Ms. Castleberry also relayed the concerns that Supervisor Burgis had with our board taking a position on the Project while the project development was on-going and not currently defined.

We then opened our meeting to Public Comment where we received comments and concerns from both residents and attendees at the meeting regarding the Project. The identity of those individuals who spoke during Public Comment, and their comments are noted below:

(continued)

Roger Cuddle – requesting more research and facts in regard to flooding.

Mark Whitlock – The board should not vote on a project that is still being defined.

Gil Sommerhalder – Property should be kept as farmland.

Paul Kunkel – Requesting the KTAC board to take a position; the project is not worth the risk and money spent and opposes the project.

Mr. Gallaway – Has lived in Knightsen since 1956 and sees no benefit to the people.

James Dean – What is the purpose of the project; seems like more negatives than positives.

Anne Marie – No support for this project; no benefit to the community and serious risks.

Al Bello – Lived in Knightsen for 82 years and nothing but falsified documents.

Sandra Maxfield – Hydrologist by profession and does not see good judgement being used in science.

Dave Burnell – Oppose Wetlands; too risky and is worried about septic tanks and wells.

Ms. Bollinger – Not enough information; too many risks.

Mike Sloam – wants people's voices heard.

Carolyn Steen – Lives on Eagle Lane. Concerns – traffic, road impacts, parking, septic and well concerns and impacts to flood insurance.

Marabelle Ortum - Just learned about the project today and is very concerned.

Evelyn – Against project. Nature not water.

Lloyd Galloway – Is Mr. Nunn involved in this project?

Our board made the motion to follow the Supervisor's recommendation and not take a position on this proposed project, but to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors sharing the public comments regarding the Project with the Board.

Thank you for accepting our letter and reviewing the comments from those who took the time to address our board.

Sincerely,

Kim Carone, Chair

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