
Citizens' Advisory Committee

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Meeting 21-05

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To: Citizens' Advisory Committee
From: Lea Rauscher, Assistant General Manager
Subject: Training Opportunities and Resources

REVENUE/COST

The Board of Directors approved \$2,360 for the Citizens' Advisory Committee members' training as part of the Authority's Fiscal Year 2021 / 2022 budget on June 10, 2021. There are no additional costs associated with this item.

BACKGROUND

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Handbook calls for "education" or training opportunities that "...align with the Authority's mission..." which are to be provided to CAC members over the course of the fiscal year. As noted above, the Board of Directors has approved \$2,360 for such training in the current fiscal year.

In the past, such training has included participation in sessions at conferences such as the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) Rally, the California Council of Land Trusts (CCLT) Spring Forum, and Together Bay Area Fall Forum. Webinars on particular topics of interest that are relevant to the Authority's mission, have also been accessed for CAC member training.

At the July 26, 2021 CAC meeting, Staff presented a list of possible training resources and members discussed topics they felt would be beneficial to explore in their role of supporting the Authority's mission.

DISCUSSION

Staff has compiled a list of training resources available to CAC members and attached the list as Exhibit B. In addition, Staff is also working to develop trainings on the following topics based on the CAC's discussion.

- Agriculture, including the Santa Clara Valley Ag Plan Phase II, the recently purchased WP – Laguna property, the Pajaro property and a preview of the upcoming Coyote Valley Conservation Area Master Planning (CVCAMP) ag element
- The Authority's 20% Grant Program
- Conservation easements
- Partners and partnerships

Members interested in enrolling in trainings with an associated cost should work with the CAC Chair and Vice-chair for approval. Staff will work with the CAC Chair and Vice-chair to determine a training plan for interested CAC members that meets the approved budget. Staff will also complete the registration process for CAC members for those trainings with a cost.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is informational only.

Attachment(s): Exhibit B -- Training and Education Resources