

Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project Meetings

From: Carolynne Steen (carolynnesteen@comcast.net)

To: trishbk@yahoo.com

Cc: smaxf3hs@gmail.com

Date: Monday, August 23, 2021, 02:07 PM PDT

Trish & Sandra,

Thank you for your willingness to join the Wetlands Restoration Project Meetings and actively participate in these meetings, including this Thursday evening, 8/26/21 and another one that I learned is scheduled for 9/1. I am sharing with you the correspondence that I have received from Charles Gardiner of the Catalyst Group who is organizing these meetings and Abigail Fateman from the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy.

We have made it abundantly clear that your active participation is requested in these meetings by neighbors who live near the proposed Knightsen Wetlands. Please see the emails and attached letter. Sadly, the Wetlands Project Team has denied you access to participate in the meetings. While they said that you could attend, you could not participate in the discussion. I am also concerned by Charles' statement below, "These neighbor meetings are not planned as public meetings." Trish: If you recall from Abigail Fateman's written response to the community's questions regarding outreach, she clearly stated that outreach meetings would be "open to all that were interested, not a selected subgroup of the community. I believe I am quoting her verbatim. Trish can you please escalate this? I have also requested the meeting presentation materials and all other supporting documentation that will be discussed in the meeting. The 8/26 meeting is just a couple days away and I still have not received any documents.

Again, we appreciate your dedication and the subject matter expertise that you both bring to our community. I am hopeful that the Wetlands Project Team will reconsider and allow you full participation along with your fellow community members.

Respectfully,

Carolynne and David Steen

From: Charles Gardiner [mailto:Charles@catalystgroupca.com]

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 1:43 PM

To: Carolynne Steen

Cc: Abigail.Fateman@dcd.cccounty.us; Aaron Pope

Subject: RE: Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project Meetings

Carolynne and David,

We have spoken with both Trish and Sandra to get their input and advice on the community questions and concerns as well as how to improve communications and engagement with the community regarding the Wetlands Restoration Project. Based in part on that input, we scheduled two meetings with immediate neighbors of the project site to provide an update on the site characterization studies underway and review neighbors' questions and site conditions. These neighbor meetings are not planned as public meetings. Our goal is to have a smaller group discussion with neighbors so the team can fully understand the conditions on neighbors' properties and the questions they have, and, to the extent we can, address those questions with the available information about the property and potential site designs. We will follow up with a larger community meeting in the fall to discuss the broader community questions. Trish and Sandra concurred with this approach. Trish asked if she could listen in so that she could provide further advice for future meetings. As she is the chair of the KTCSD, we accepted this request. Sandra subsequently asked to participate, so we offered a similar role, which she declined.

We look forward to talking with you and your neighbors next week. Have a good weekend.

Charles

From: Carolynne Steen <carolynnesteen@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 8:18 AM
To: Charles Gardiner <Charles@catalystgroupca.com>
Cc: Abigail.Fateman@dcd.cccounty.us
Subject: RE: Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project Meetings

To Charles Gardiner and Abigail Fateman

Charles, Thank you for your reply.

Our August 18, 2021 letter was sent to you and Abigail Fateman documenting our valid concerns and therefore warrants a written response from either one or both of you.

We look forward to a written reply.

Carolynne and David Steen

From: Charles Gardiner [<mailto:Charles@catalystgroupca.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Carolynne Steen
Cc: Abigail.Fateman@dcd.cccounty.us
Subject: RE: Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project Meetings

Hi Carolynne and David. Thanks for these thoughts. Can we talk by phone about this request and the information we are preparing based on your earlier response?

Let me know if there is a good time to call you and a number to call.

Thanks.

Charles

From: Carolynne Steen <carolynnesteen@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Abigail.Fateman@dcd.cccounty.us
Cc: Charles Gardiner <Charles@catalystgroupca.com>
Subject: Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project Meetings

*****Please see the attached letter.*****



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