



DIABLO LANDS PLANNING PROJECT COMMUNITY WORK GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

Date: 5/21/2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Venue: Point Buchon Trail &
Baywood Inn, Los Osos

Meeting Summary

The primary purpose of the day-long kickoff event was for newly appointed Community Work Group members to get to know each other and celebrate the start of their efforts; understand the Diablo Lands Conservation Planning Project purpose and approach as well as engagement dynamics, key players and roles; and to establish the Community Work Group Charter and future meeting rhythm.

Community Work Group

- Bob Hill
- Pam Reading
- Tim McNulty
- Frazier Haney
- Keith Miller
- Dave Garth
- Nick Franco
- Andrea Chmelik
- Kaila Dettman
- Matt Ritter (left at 1:00 PM)

Staff Attendees

- Tim Duff (SCC)
- Hilary Hill (SCC)
- Tim Bevins (Alta)
- Carolyn Berg (Koble)
- Annie Chung (Koble)
- Wendy Blumel (SRI)
- Scott Kremkau (SRI)

Decisions

- Unanimously decided to remove officer roles (Charter Section VIII).
- Rotate roles to support project team's agenda setting and meeting summary review among members at each meeting.
- Between meetings, if Community Work Group members have comments those should be shared with Tim Bevins, Carolyn Berg and Annie Chung.

Agenda Items

- Hike at Point Buchon & Welcome
- Get to Know Your Team
- Presentation on Planning Project/Roles
- Establish Comm. Work Group Charter
- Community Work Group Outcomes
- Closing and Next Steps

Next Meeting

Date: August 26, 2025

Time: 8:45am-12:00pm

Venue: Wayfarer Hotel

Action Items

- Alta: Reach out to Wallace Group and/or alternatively Daniel Bohlman, at Land Conservancy, for information regarding who owns parcels with unknown ownership
- Alta/Koble: Update and finalize Community Work Group Charter
- Alta: Send Draft Existing Conditions Report and maps (roughly end of June) via Egnyte link with password; Identify process and deadline for member comments

Action Items

- Alta/Koble: Develop 5/21 meeting summary and next meeting agenda
 - Tim M: Review draft 5/21 meeting summary and provide comments
 - Keith: Assist in agenda setting and review for next meeting (TBD date), Koble/Alta to send at least two weeks prior to meeting date
- Alta/Koble: Send follow up email to members including preferences for future meetings, feedback survey, doodle poll to identify next meeting date

Discussion

Project overview, engagement and roles:

- Staff highlighted that project approach includes methodical process to involve and center Tribal interests; discussed foundational importance of that priority.
- SCC and SRI are working with the Tribes to establish the Tribal engagement plan approach, but for now, expect a 1:1 meeting format for Tribal engagement. SRI staff will serve as the conduit for communication between the community working group and tribal (working?) group.
- Emphasized need to be very clear on what this project/team is doing before going public as simultaneous and separate work being done: by State GoBIZ related to Parcel P; by PG&E, County of San Luis Obispo, and Coastal Commission related to DCPD decommissioning efforts.
- Discussed project decision-making process and roles.
- Discussed the need for consideration of resources that will gain importance in the coming years that are not already on the radar (e.g. climate change increased erosion; sensitive cultural/biological resources identified).
- When considering timing of easements and access, differentiate licensing requirements, criteria, and impacts on the future, and which are regulatory mandates versus PG&E positions.
- Allow resources to guide what the project recommendations will be. Confidential cultural resource information will not be made available to the Community Work Group. Instead, still to be determined, but maps may note “sensitive area,” (or similar) which will help foster a more informed recommendation without conveying sensitive locations or specifics.
- One intent of the Community Work Group, in the context of document review, is to identify errors, omissions, considerations, etc. before releasing documents to the public.
- Discussed the simultaneous sharing of draft documents to the Community Work Group and the Tribes. Will not be made public until after that review step.
- Discussed the confidential nature of many documents prior to public-readiness and nature of distribution of draft documents for review (watermarked “DRAFT”) in regards to PRAs, public v. private sector employees have different requirements. To be further clarified.

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Continued Discussion

- Requested guidance on when and what Community Work Group members should and/or should not share with their personal and professional contacts (e.g. Tribes, colleagues, etc.) about their work with the project. Explored expectation of Community Work Group members to facilitate dialogue with their communities/networks (e.g. CBOs, targeted individuals/networks; targeted groups/areas). When the time is right and when asked by the project team, members will provide updates on all external communication efforts to the Community Work Group and project team with the takeaways. Add: For now, no materials are to be shared outside the working group. As the project develops, the project team will provide more clarity and direction on which groups and perspectives are missing and discuss which member can best reach those group(s).
- Draft Community Work Group Charter:
 - Discussed the importance of always referring back to and connecting with the Community Work Group Charter and Purpose to make efforts meaningful and fruitful.
 - Clarity on what the Community Work Group will actually inform by adding a distilled list of key project deliverables.
 - Discussed adaptive format of Community Work Group member input depending on document currently being reviewed (i.e. open forum discussion at meetings, provide comments in writing before meeting, etc.). Best format will be determined for each respective item being reviewed. Between meetings, if Community Work Group members have comments those should be shared with Tim Bevins, Carolyn Berg, and Annie Chung.
 - Discussed the need to remove officer roles to better reflect collaborative and egalitarian nature of group and to minimize management of messaging issues but rather keep project team as media point of contact. The Community Work Group may decide to add officer roles in the future if it becomes necessary.
 - Update language/verbs now throughout.
- Community Work Group operations:
 - Open to field trips incorporated with meetings throughout the year. Agreed that there is no substitute for knowing the land and parcels when engaging in project. Spring 2026 potentially identified for field trip to Wild Cherry Canyon, but critical to have it scheduled after the Tribes have the opportunity to visit the lands.