

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
8 May 2023
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:27 pm after resolving some computer issues.
- B. Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Tony Hull, Virginia Jordan, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Peter Adang and Jacques Ramey were absent, the latter due to computer issues. Mary-Rose de Valladares, Chair of the Land Protection Trust (LPT), was also present.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the April 10 meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** None.
- E. Monthly Reports**
- a. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA as of April 30, 2023 of \$38,971.20. Income for the month included \$125 in dues, an \$8 insurance refund, and \$0.15 interest. Expenses were bank fees of \$2.48. The balance for LPT as of April 30 was \$32,502.05, which included income of \$0.13 interest.
 - b. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that ESCA has 47 standard members and 40 joint members, for a total of 127 votes.
 - c. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: Mary-Rose reported that she met with BLM Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Nada Culver, along with George Franzen of ESCA, Sandy Johnson of the Las Placitas Association, and Glenn Harper of Santa Ana Pueblo, to urge movement on administrative withdrawal of the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining. Deputy Director Culver was unable to provide information on the status of the request, but she said the effort was going well and that she would be willing to meet again at the end of May. Mary-Rose noted continued confusion over the exact acreage of the four parcels requested for withdrawal. Rich Reif will check whether his maps of the area list the acreage; George will contact Bill Diven of the Signpost for the source of maps in a recent article, and Mary-Rose will check her resources. Mary-Rose will put together a plan for Buffalo Tract publicity, and Tony Hull will collect ideas for encouraging public support for the effort. The Board agreed that ESCA should combine forces with the Las Placitas Association, and George will contact Sandy Johnson to discuss this.
- F. Old Business:**
- a. None.
- G. New Business:**

- a. Placitas Appreciation Day: George reported that this annual event will be held on June 3, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Merc Shopping Center, and he asked for volunteers to help at the ESCA table. George and Rich will be there from 10-2 and Virginia and Wayne will be there from 12-2.

H. Open Discussion:

- a. Signpost article: The Board agreed that a Signpost article for this month is premature until publicity plans are further developed.

- I. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Next meeting: 4:00 pm, June 12, 2023 in the Gracie Lee Room of the Placitas Community Library.