

**EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**9 October 2023**  
**4:00 PM**

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- B. Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Virginia Jordan, Jacques Ramey, and Jean Roberts. Tony Hull, Jim Harre, and Rich Reif were absent. Peter Adang resigned as of the end of September.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the September 11 meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul and Mary-Rose de Valladares, Land Protection Trust (LPT) Chair.
- E. Monthly Reports**
- Treasurer's Report:** Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA in US Bank as of September 30 of \$38,484.70. Income for the month included \$650 in dues and \$0.16 interest. Expenses included a Fatcow charge of \$86.58, Backup Buddy services for \$84.90, a \$1,000 donation to the Parent Teacher Organization of the Placitas Elementary School, and bank fees of \$15.46. At US Eagle, ESCA had a balance at the end of September of \$200, with no incoming funds or expenses. The September 30 total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$38,684.70.  
  
The US Bank balance for LPT as of September 30 was \$32,302.70, which included income of \$0.13 interest. The US Eagle account balance for LPT was \$200. The September 30 total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$32,502.70.
  - IT Report:** No report this month.
  - Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report:** Mary-Rose reported that the leadership of ESCA, LPT, and the Las Placitas Association are planning a virtual meeting with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) representative who is handling the procedures for administrative withdrawal of the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining. They intend to learn what the BLM and the Department of the Interior need to hear at the November 14 public meeting and from public comments submitted to the BLM, and communicate what they learn to the community. George noted that the BLM posted the administrative withdrawal proposal in the Federal Register, but that is only one step in the process before the Department of the Interior makes a final decision.
- F. Old Business:**
- ESCA and LPA Mailing Campaign:** –CLOSED WITH NO ACTION NEEDED
  - Annual Meeting:** George reported that he reserved the Gracie Lee Room at the library for the annual meeting on Dec. 3, 4-6 pm. The board discussed possible speakers, including County Commissioner Katherine Bruch, a Vulcan representative to discuss the reclamation process for the mine and other plans, and someone to address the importance of reflective address signs so

that fire and EMT services can find their way. Assignments for wine, beer, and snacks will be discussed at the next meeting. OPEN -- Board

**G. New Business:**

1. Possible Future Meetings on Zoom, Future Issues: The board agreed to delay this discussion until the January meeting. OPEN

**H. Open Discussion:**

1. Signpost article: Jean will write an article based on the LPT news above, for publication as quickly as Signpost deadlines allow.

- I. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

**Next meeting: 4:00 pm, November 13, 2023, at the Placitas Community Library.**