

**BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL  
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 100 MESA ROAD, BOLINAS, CA  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Brown (GFNMS)  
Ralph Camiccia, (Bolinas)  
Rudi Ferris (Bolinas Rod and Boat Club)  
Daphne Hatch (GGNRA)  
Gwen Heistand (Audubon Canyon Ranch)  
Max Korten (Marin County Parks)  
Joe Mueller (College of Marin)  
Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift)  
Lynne Stenzel (Point Reyes Bird Observatory)  
Ed Ueber (At-Large)  
Gordon White (Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore)

STAFF PRESENT: James Raives, Senior Open Space Planner  
Brian Sanford, Parks Superintendent

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ed Ueber called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Bolinas Fire Protection District.

**2. OPEN TIME**

A member of the public commented on the loss of dunes at Bolinas, and requested that BLAC members consider having an expert come and speak about this subject at a future meeting.

A member of the public discussed the lack of dunes at Stinson Beach, and how 100 linear feet of beach has been lost. It was requested that staff provide a report on the marine significance of Duxbury Reef, how it is certified by the State of California, and how the State is working with Bolinas in terms of runoff.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, OCTOBER 30, 2015, JANUARY 29, 2016, AND MARCH 18, 2016**

M/s HATCH/CAMICCIA to approve minutes for meetings held on September 30, 2015, October 30, 2015, January 29, 2016, and March 18, 2016.

**AYES:** Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Heistand, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber, White

The minutes for September 30, 2015, October 30, 2015, January 20, 2016 and March 18, 2016 were approved.

**4. MANAGEMENT OF EUCALYPTUS TREES ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF THE LAGOON**

Marin County Parks Senior Open Space Planner James Raives provided a status update about the eucalyptus trees located on the northwest side of the lagoon, and briefly discussed results of

the special evening public meeting that was held to explore the idea of removing all of the eucalyptus trees between Olema-Bolinas Road and the lagoon. It was suggested that staff look into removing only those trees that are in danger of falling in the near future. The study recommended removing 11 trees that are in danger of falling and need to be removed. Mr. Raives reported that staff will begin budgeting for this expense.

Acting Assistant Director Max Korten informed members that the county will be assessing at risk trees in order to prioritize them for removal.

Several BLAC members stated that they would like to see the county prioritize this issue and have all the trees removed at the same time in order to prevent them from falling into the lagoon where removal will be much more difficult. It was requested that the county resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

## **5. BOLINAS LAGOON RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE**

James Raives reported that lead agencies have met twice since the last BLAC meeting. The north end project was discussed with a focus on conceptual designs and continued work on telemetry. The restoration project for the north end of the lagoon is progressing as planned. Consultants are working on producing conceptual designs, which will be brought before the BLAC. In response to a question, Mr. Raives said that after he gets the general timeline for construction he will report back to the committee. Staff and BLAC members discussed timelines, strategy, the importance of describing the project correctly in order to be able to best inform the lobbyists, and the importance of requesting funds from the federal government so that this high priority project can be moved forward. Mr. Raives responded to several questions and suggestions from BLAC members.

BLAC members discussed how to increase public attendance at future meetings and increase citizen involvement, and suggested giving short presentations at meetings of various local organizations. It was noted that it is important to maintain a balance and let the consultants do their job.

Kent Island Restoration Project: Another season of restoration work is beginning at Kent Island. Regularly scheduled workdays are the first Friday and third Saturday of the month. The island is responding well to workday efforts. It was noted that there are 15 to 20 workday events that take place on the island in addition to the regular Friday and Saturday schedule. It was suggested that an update on this item be added to the October agenda.

Green Crab Project: Project managers did crab trapping and caught approximately 200 green crabs which were used for educational events. About 25-30 additional traps were set, and within 24 hours approximately 500 good sized green crabs had been caught. Annual crab population estimate checks should be done in July. Funding is still needed for this program.

Invasive Spartina: The lagoon was treated last year at the appropriate time (mid to late summer). Staff has not yet checked to see how the lagoon has responded to the treatment. It will be checked and evaluated in July, and results will be reported to council members.

## **6. AGENCY REPORTS**

Max Korten, Marin County Parks, informed council members that he has been appointed Interim Director and General Manager of Marin County Parks. Mr. Korten reported that \$600,000 in Measure A funding has been allocated for projects in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget. In

other news, Mr. Korten informed council members that Measure A funds are also being used to resurface the tennis courts at Bolinas Park.

GGNRA representative Daphne Hatch reported that Stinson experienced a big storm with high wave energy during the first week of March. Wave energy this year was 30 percent above average according to the USGS, as compared to 30 percent below average during the last three years. Storm energy was seen all up and down the California coast, particularly with the storm in early March. Working together, the states of Oregon, California and Washington now have a new coastal Lidar system that will enable them to look at how much erosion has occurred this year. At this time it is not known if and when any additional monitoring will occur, or when data will be available to other agencies.

Ms. Hatch noted that the wastewater treatment system at Stinson is close to completion. Once that project is complete, they will be embarking on an accessibility project.

Maria Brown, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary representative, reported that the fourth Greater Farallones Marine Sanctuary Climate Change Summit will be held on May 17 in San Francisco.

## **7. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

College of Marin (COM) representative Joe Muller reported that COM had developed a plan for raising funds so that a local non-profit would be able take over the lab and fix it up for use, but the plan was shelved. Council members briefly discussed drafting a joint petition to try and get this item moving forward. It was suggested that someone from the college's administration be invited to a BLAC meeting to explain how they will be moving forward with the plan.

Audubon Canyon Ranch (Canyon) representative Gwen Heistand briefly discussed east shore drainage on Canyon land, and the possibility of using of some of the on-site streams as reference streams. Additional information may be available for sharing at the next BLAC meeting. Ms. Heistand reported that Audubon Canyon Ranch is now open to the public after having been closed for several years. Beginning on May 21, a series of free conservation talks for the public will begin. Online registration will be available. A new component for them is hosting nature connection events such as yoga under the redwoods, and programs designed specifically for tots. They are working on developing additional ways that Audubon Canyon Ranch can be a resource for the community.

## **8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**M/s MUELLER/CAMICCIA to approve October 14, 2016 as the next BLAC meeting date.**

**AYES:** **Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Heistand, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber, and White**

**The motion was approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.