

**BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL  
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 100 MESA ROAD, BOLINAS, CALIFORNIA  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 28, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Brown, Greater Farallones National Marin Sanctuary  
Ralph Camiccia, Bolinas Representative  
Rudi Ferris, Bolinas Rod and Boar Club  
Daphne Hatch, Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Gwen Heistand, Audubon Canyon Ranch  
Jeffrey Loomans, Stinson Beach  
Mischon Martin, Marin County Parks  
Joe Mueller, College of Marin  
Kiren Niederberger, Seadrift Association  
Lynne Stenzel, Pt. Blue Conservation Science  
Gordon White, Pt. Reyes National Seashore  
Ed Ueber, At-Large

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council (BLAC) Chair Ed Ueber called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Bolinas Rod and Boat Club. BLAC members and members of the public introduced themselves.

**2. OPEN TIME**

A member of the public offered comments about a recently held State of the Lagoon meeting, Locally Preferred Plans, threats to the sanctuary status of the Lagoon, and the content and frequency of reports given by the agencies.

A member of the public spoke about a recent Marin County Parks Kent Island public workday.

A member of the public discussed the condition of homes near the channel and a fallen tree in the channel.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2016**

**M/s Ueber/Loomans to approve minutes for meeting held on October 14, 2016.**

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

**4. LETTER PROPERTY**

Marin County Parks Senior Open Space Planner James Raives commented about the Letter property after which Open Space District Planner Veronica Pearson discussed the history of the property.

Coastal Ecologist and Botanist Peter Baye discussed the physical characteristics of the Letter property site, shoreline stabilization, the horizontal instability of the site with regard to climate change, noting that this is a very erosion prone site with non-engineered fill and homemade shoreline stabilization that is failing.

(Lynne Stenzel absent at 10:30 a.m.)

## **5. BOLINAS LAGOON BATHYMETRY**

Ms. Pearson provided additional information about the history of the Bolinas Lagoon bathymetry study, discussed a previous recommendation that was made to the County, and reported that today's PowerPoint presentation will be posted on Marin County Parks' website.

Matt Brennan, a representative from Environmental Science Associates, described the lagoon's physical properties, the results of the bathymetry study, and responded to questions and comments from advisory council members.

## **6. BOLINAS LAGOON PROJECT UPDATES**

Mr. Raives gave brief reports regarding:

- a. Lead Agency Meetings
- b. North End Project
- c. Kent Island
- d. Green Crab Removal Project
- e. Invasive Spartina
- f. Lagoon Eucalyptus Trees

## **7. AGENCY REPORTS**

Marin County Parks: Ms. Martin reported that annual spring monitoring is currently in progress, and that the department is working with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy regarding sea level rise. One Tam members, a three year old collaborative effort between five agencies (Marin County Parks, the National Parks Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and California State Parks) are working together toward science based habitat goals.

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary: Maria Brown reported that the agency has a working partnership with Marin County Parks, and that they are working on a vision document which they will share at a later date.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area: Daphne Hatch reported most of the accessibility project improvements in the picnic area at Stinson Beach have been completed, and that they have also completed work in the central restroom area and moved and redesigned a new wastewater treatment system. Council members were informed about a new boardwalk which will offer accessibility all the way to the beach, and is expected to be completed next week.

Ms. Bimrose reported that Greater Farallones and the National Parks Service worked together to update information for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) program in the Golden Gate Biosphere, and that they have received feedback on their 3,500 page report.

Pt. Reyes National Seashore: No report

Greater Farallones Association: Kate Bimrose reported that funding has been received for removal of contaminated woody debris on Kent Island, including posts that are contaminated with creosote. The project is expected to be completed this summer.

A council member noted that Ms. Bimrose recently authored a short story about Bolinas Lagoon which is expected to be released as a two page magazine article. After the article is published, a copy of it will be shared with BLAC members.

It was reported that a high school will be hosting a field trip to Duxbury Reef.

A council member discussed the federal executive order requiring that the Secretary of Commerce work with the Secretary of the Interior regarding oil exploration at Bodega Bay.

## **8. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Ueber commented about the College of Marin's vacant property which offers access to the lagoon and is well used by members of the public. The college will begin seeking input from the community in the next three to four months about future use of the property. At this time the college is expected to continue to allow public access to the lagoon and to the pier for educational and community purposes. It was noted that there is a discrepancy between the actual physical condition of the property and what is being reported by the college. Vetting of issues regarding this property will be a public process.

Chair Ueber appointed an ad-hoc committee consisting of advisory council members Mueller, Ueber, Heistand and Ferris to assist and interface with the College of Marin regarding their Marine complex (including the laboratory property), its educational value, and corresponding public access and use issues.

Daphne Hatch responded to a question about the south parking lot, loss of sand, and dune erosion.

Gwen Heistand reported that Audubon Canyon Ranch will be open to the public every Saturday during the month of July.

## **9. NEXT REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING DATES**

**M/s Ueber/Niederberger to approve holding a special meeting on July 14, 2017, and the next regular meeting on October 27, 2017.**

**AYES: Council members Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Heistand, White, Mueller, Niederberger, Loomans, Ueber**

**ABSENT: Stenzel**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.