

BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 100 MESA ROAD, BOLINAS, CALIFORNIA
DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Becker, Pt. Reyes National Seashore
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
Jeffrey Loomans, Stinson Beach
Mischon Martin, Marin County Parks (non-voting member)
Joe Mueller, College of Marin
Kiren Niederberger, Seadrift Association
Lynne Stenzel, Pt. Blue Conservation Science
Ed Ueber, At-Large

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gwen Heistand, Audubon Canyon Ranch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council (BLAC) Chair Ralph Camiccia called the October regular meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. OPEN TIME

No member of the public came forward to speak.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2017

M/s Brown/Hatch to approve minutes for the regular meeting held on April 28, 2017.

AYES: Council members Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Loomans, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber

ABSENT: Heistand

4. BOLINAS LAGOON INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE

Kate Bimrose (Gulf of the Farallones) informed council members that Marin County and One Tam partnered with the Greater Farallones Association to work on obtaining funding for the North End project. They are also partnering with Marin County Parks regarding some of the restoration work. Ms. Bimrose discussed why the brochure is being developed, what the goals are, who will be included in the brochure, why the draft letter was created and how it will fit into the larger document. The letter being discussed describes the lagoon's resources and notes the importance of protecting and restoring the lagoon. Ms. Bimrose explained that the draft letter attached to this item on the online agenda will be only one page within the informational brochure.

Council members discussed why there is a need to create a collaborative informational brochure describing the partners' work. Members offered suggestions, language corrections and updates to be included in the letter before it is signed.

M/s Ueber/Hatch to approve the letter as updated and authorize it to be signed on behalf of the Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council.

AYES: Council members Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Loomans, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber

ABSENT: Heistand

5. PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS FOR REPORTING DOWNED TREES

Marin County Parks/Open Space District Superintendent Brian Sanford discussed procedures, protocols, cost of removal, and contact information for reporting downed trees.

Parks Director and Open Space District General Manager Max Korten, and Senior Open Space Planner James Raives, provided additional information regarding the issue of removing downed trees on privately held land, and responded to questions from council members.

6. BOLINAS LAGOON PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Raives briefly reviewed the purpose of agency partnership meetings and introduced current restoration projects including the North End project, Kent Island Restoration project, the green crab removal project, invasive Spartina, and removing hazardous Eucalyptus trees at the lagoon. Mr. Raives noted that Marin County Parks has completed its fifth and last year of grant funding for the Kent Island restoration project, but that the project will continue as alternate funding is sought.

Kate Bimrose provided an update about green crab removal efforts at the lagoon, noting that there have been several public meetings on the issue.

Members were informed that College of Marin administrator was surprised by the community's support and interest in the marine lab. The college administration recently set up an advisory committee to discuss re-use of the lab.

7. AGENCY REPORTS

BLAC members gave brief updates about work in which their agency is currently involved.

Marin County Parks Director Max Korten discussed various facets regarding the proposed acquisition of the San Geronimo golf course property.

8. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Rudi Ferris commented about seeing the local beaches to view the bones of the beach.

Kiren Niederberger gave a brief progress update about the boat ramp.

Jeff Loomans briefly commented about dune management and noted that their CDA is looking for organizations willing to write a letter of support for the Stinson Beach grant application.

9. NEXT REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING DATES

M/s Ueber/Brown to approve April 27, 2018 as the date for the next regular BLAC meeting.

AYES: Council members Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Loomans, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber

ABSENT: Heistand

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.