

BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 100 MESA ROAD, BOLINAS, CA
DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Becker (Point Reyes National Seashore)
Maria Brown (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary)
Ralph Camiccia, (Bolinás)
Rudi Ferris (Bolinás Rod and Boat Club)
Gwen Heistand (Audubon Canyon Ranch)
Jeff Loomans (Stinson Beach)
Joe Mueller (College of Marin)
Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift)
Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory) Present 12:45 pm
Ed Ueber (At-Large)
Kristen Ward (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mischon Martin, Chief of Resources and Science (a non-voting member)

STAFF PRESENT: Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
James Raives, Senior Open Space Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ralph Camiccia called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. at the Bolinas Fire Protection District.

2. OPEN TIME

A member of the public briefly commented about flooding at the other side of the lagoon.

A member of the public commented about cape ivy, an invasive plant, taking over various areas along Highway 1, and areas at the Bolinas "Y".

(Advisory council member Lynne Stenzel present at 12:45 p.m.)

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

M/s Ueber/Heistand to approve minutes for meeting for September 29, 2017 as corrected.

AYES: Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Heistand, Loomans, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber, Ward

4. STATE OF THE LAGOON CONFERENCE

The North End project was the focus of the March 2017 State of the Lagoon Conference, which occurs every other year. Council members discussed their thoughts about what should be included on the agenda for the 2019 meeting. It was strongly suggested that Cal Trans be invited to the next meeting. Members also discussed looking at long range projections.

Senior Open Space Planner James Raives will invite the County C-Smart team to give a presentation at the meeting. He suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to suggest topics for the State of the Lagoon conference. Ad-hoc committee members will bring their suggestions to the regular October BLAC meeting for review and approval.

M/s Brown/Ueber to establish an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for the State of the Lagoon Conference

AYES: Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Heistand, Loomans, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber, Ward

Chair Ed Ueber appointed advisory council members Jeff Loomans, Lynne Stenzel, Ben Becker, Kiren Niederberger and Mischon Martin to an ad-hoc committee to develop topics for a future State of the Lagoon Conference.

5. LETTER TO CALTRANS

A draft letter to Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) was read aloud and discussed by advisory council members. Council members decided that they would prefer that more emphasis be put on environmental issues instead of mainly concentrating on safety issues. Advisory council members also discussed contents of the draft letter and various proposals for revisions.

M/s Brown/Ferris to authorize the Chair to sign the revised letter to Caltrans regarding flooding issues on Highway One, as revised.

AYES: Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Heistand, Loomans, Mueller, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber, Ward

6. BOLINAS LAGOON PROJECT UPDATES

Senior Open Space Planner, James Raives, presented Marin County parks' report on agency partnerships meetings, the North End project, Kent Island Restoration project, the Green Crab Removal project, Invasive Spartina, permit status for removal of Eucalyptus trees, and provided an update about the Letter property noting that staff has begun developing conceptual plans for cleaning the property site.

Kate Bimrose of the Greater Farallones Association, provided an update on the Green Crab project, noting that trapped crabs will be marked so that they won't be double counted if caught again. Ms. Bimrose also discussed the number and various locations where crabs are trapped.

7. COLLEGE OF MARIN MARINE LABORATORY UPDATE

Joe Mueller thanked everyone for reconvening in December and passing a resolution for the Marin lab to be renovated and again be used as a marine lab. The administration and the board submitted a recommendation that is 96 pages long. The administration is taking recommendations seriously, and the president is committed to solving the issue. The president prepared a White Paper, that he gave to the board, which served to open their eyes to the issues. The board is not interested in the main building, due to renovation costs involved, but they are considering the lab. "Bolin Field Station" is the actual name of the building. Mr. Mueller also discussed how the College of Marin has stream lined some of their programs to better serve the community.

8. AGENCY REPORTS

Marin County Parks: James Raives reported that Marin County Parks is beginning the planning process for the renewal of Measure A.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA): A brief update was given regarding the agency's response to flood damage at the Stinson Beach parking lot. It was noted that they are working to keep the area open to the public for the summer. GGNRA has been working to find mid and long-term solutions regarding area flooding. This is the third time in seven years the creek has jumped its boundaries and flooded that area.

Pt. Reyes National Seashore: It was reported that Pt. Reyes National Seashore is in the middle of an amendment process for their general management plan, including how the park will manage ranches in the future. Additional information may be available in the fall of this year. A press release from Washington addressed the economic value of national parks around the county and how much value they bring to areas surrounding areas. It was noted that both the park and sanctuary participate in the watershed council, which is currently working to re-energize itself.

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary: They will be hosting an Albatross Soiree at the San Francisco Zoo on April 28, 2018. BLAC members were also informed that on May 9, 2018, the Sanctuary Advisory Council will hold a meeting at the Red Barn in Pt. Reyes.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

C-Smart first two phases have been completed. A dune restoration project the county is contemplating was briefly discussed.

A \$50,000 grant was received from the Stinson community. Planning is being done for the raising of additional funds to supplement grant funds for sea level rise adaptation at Seadrift. The community is supporting their efforts by helping to raise the grant funds.

It was announced that Dr. Susan Williams passed away recently.

The Audubon preserve is opening for the summer. John Kelly, the previous director, is no longer with the organization. Audubon is working to replace staff and finish their study.

10. RECOMMENDED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recommended future agenda items are Kent Island, living shorelines, and updates on the North End project and the Letter property.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next BLAC meeting will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.