

**BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 100 MESA ROAD, BOLINAS, CA
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 19, 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) (present 12:11 p.m.)
Mischon Martin, Chief of Resources and Science (a non-voting member)
Joe Mueller (College of Marin)
Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory)
Ed Ueber (At-Large)
Kristen Ward (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift)

STAFF PRESENT: Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
Veronica Pearson, Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Project Manager
Jason Olivotti, Chief Park Ranger

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ralph Camiccia called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. at the Bolinas Fire Protection District.

2. OPEN TIME

A member of the public discussed storm runoff into the lagoon and various tree issues.

(Advisory council member Jeff Loomans present at 12:11 p.m.)

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2017, APRIL 27, 2018 AND FOR SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2017

M/s Ueber/Loomans to approve minutes for regular meeting held on October 27, 2017.

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

ABSENT: Niederberger

M/s Brown/Stenzel to approve minutes for special meeting held on December 1, 2017.

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

ABSENT: Niederberger

M/s Ueber/Camiccia to approve minutes for regular meeting held on April 27, 2018

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

ABSENT: Niederberger

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M/s Brown/Ferris to elect Ed Ueber as Chair, and Ralph Camiccia as Vice-Chair for a two-year term (2019-2020).

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

ABSENT: Niederberger

5. CONSIDER INVITING A CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN THE BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL (BLAC)

After discussion, BLAC members agreed that they to recommend to the Open Space District Board of Directors that Cal Trans be invited to have a representative serve on the BLAC as a full voting member, and if approved, that BLAC bylaws be updated to reflect the change.

M/s Ueber/Ferris to recommend to the Open Space District Board of Directors that they invite Caltrans to have a representative serve on the Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council as a full voting member, and that if accepted by Caltrans, BLAC bylaws be updated to reflect the change.

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

ABSENT: Niederberger

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING SPEEDING BOATS AND MOTOR-POWERED SURF RIDERS IN THE LAGOON

Parks staff reported that under current Open Space District Code, a speed limit of five miles per hour is already established in the lagoon area. After hearing this information, BLAC members decided that no vote on this item is required, and requested that Marin County Parks develop new signage for the lagoon area stating "5 MPH - No Wake", and that the council be able to review the signs before they are installed. Signs will be installed in a limited number of locations around the lagoon.

7. STATE OF THE LAGOON CONFERENCE

The State of the Lagoon ad-hoc committee met on September 18, 2018 to choose a date and to discuss options for topics to present at the State of the Lagoon Conference. Suggested topics or updates include a Bolinas North End update, Bolinas South End project update, a Caltrans project update, the status update for the Bolinas Lab, and updates regarding Stinson Beach Dune restoration, Eskoot Creek, Audubon Canyon Ranch, and information about Harbor Seals and bird counts. The State of the Lagoon conference is tentatively being planned for Thursday evening, March 7. The theme will be "Sea Smart in Action/Climate Change".

8. UPDATE ON BOLINAS MARINE LAB

Joe Mueller informed BLAC members that information contained in a 91-page recommendation document has just been released and contains proposed lab renovations. Mr. Mueller noted that the college is requesting a letter of recommendation from the Bolinas Public Utility District showing support for the project.

9. UPDATE ON CALTRANS CULVERT CLEANOUT AND MAINTENANCE ON STATE ROUTE 1

Caltrans has begun vegetation clearing and removing debris from ditches and culverts. Marin County Parks met with Caltrans and will be regularly visiting the site to ensure that all permit requirements are being followed. Caltrans anticipates completing all work by October 31, 2018. Marin County Parks and Caltrans have been discussing possibilities for funding a portion of the Bolinas Wye project to meet mitigation requirements for regulatory permits.

10. AGENCY REPORTS

Marin County Parks: Updates were covered in an attachment to the agenda which included information about the North End and Kent Island Restoration projects, invasive Spartina, removal of eucalyptus trees along Olema-Bolinas Road, removal of pine trees that fell into Kent Lake, an update on the Letter property, and Caltrans culvert maintenance.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area: Kristen Ward reported that 500 to 700 cubic yards of fill material was excavated to fill holes at the Stinson Beach parking lot.

Point Reyes National Seashore: Ben Becker reported that weeds have been cut at Wilkins Ranch.

Greater Farallones National Marin Sanctuary: Maria Brown provided information regarding a grounded vessel in the lagoon last week, a monofilament line dispenser, the reported presence of a drone at Kent Island, and the upcoming installation of a new high-speed internet cable across the mouth of the lagoon which will be placed in an existing conduit on the floor of the lagoon.

11. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Gwen Heistand (Audubon Canyon Ranch) reported that the Martin Preserve is now open.

Jeff Loomans (Stinson Beach) thanked Caltrans for their work on the culverts.

Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory) reported that the Lagoon Bird Survey White Paper will be distributed to council members.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

After a brief discussion about availability and meeting dates, it was:

M/s Ueber/Becker to approve Friday, May 03, 2019 as the date for the next Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council meeting.

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

ABSENT: Niederberger

The next BLAC meeting will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.