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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)
Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory)
Ed Ueber (At-Large)
Kristen Ward for Alison Forrestel (Golden Gate National Recreation Area) *arrived 12:45 p.m.*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mischon Martin (Marin County Parks/Open Space District)
Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift)
Alison Forrestel (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)

STAFF PRESENT: Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
Veronica Pearson, Bolinas Lagoon Project Manger
Jason Olivotti, Chief Ranger
Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Open time for public expression, up to three minutes per speaker, on items not on today's agenda. The Council will hear items without return comment or discussion.

A member of the public, Peter Pyle, commented that actions discussed in the BLAC meetings do not seem to ever happen. He gave the examples of removal of the eucalyptus trees along the Olema-Bolinás Road, the removal of the downed trees in the Lagoon, and posting additional speed limit signage for watercraft as examples.

South End Living Shorelines Project Update

Notes

Kate Bimrose of Gulf of the Farallones presented an overview of the intended project as-is and into the future. Using nature-based living shoreline techniques along the edge of Dipsea Road and Calle del Arroyo, the South End Living Shoreline project would establish transitional wetland habitat to create a more gently sloped shoreline reducing erosion and providing habitat for plant and animal species to migrate upland to escape high tides and adapt to rising water levels.

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Moorings in Bolinas Lagoon Discussion

Notes

Councilmember Ferris introduced the issue of the moorings in Bolinas Lagoon and stated that there is a need for a moorings analysis and plan. He proposed that there should be a moratorium on new moorings, and that a collaborative effort between the County, Gulf of the Farallones, and the community should be begun to develop a process for permits and oversight. The Council requested that an action item be put on the next Agenda to further address the issue.

Recommendation letter to the Marin County Open Space Board of Directors regarding Motorized Craft Restriction

(Action Item)

Motion: Convene a subcommittee to draft a letter to the Marin County Open Space Board of Directors recommending revised restrictions to motorized vehicle use in Bolinas Lagoon.

M/S Brown/Mueller

AYES 10

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 2

The subcommittee members will be Ferris, Becker (or a PRNS staff member of his designation), Mueller, Camaccia, and Loomans. It was decided that the subcommittee would discuss whether the current allowable speed limit of 5 M.P.H. is sufficient or if additional restrictions are necessary. The Council requested that an action item be put on the next Agenda to further address the issue.

Letter of Support for College of Marin Lab Update

Notes

Councilmember Mueller remarked that this was 2 years to the day from when the College of Marin tried to give away the lab building, but that in part because of the letter to the College written by the BLAC subcommittee, the College has decided to retain the lab property and has begun on a plan for its rehabilitation. There was a comment to improve parking access at the site.

Agency Reports

Notes

Ward (GGNRA): Brief update about the Stinson Beach Parking lot repairs project underway. Becker (PRNS): General Management Plan amendment draft released (7000 comments) final in spring 2020. Point Reyes lighthouse to open in a month. Drake's Bay beach management tbd per how many seals come and when. Brown (GFA): Green Crabs, 4039 removed last year and 2690 this year with 59 volunteers, Sediment related items: they have a Coastal geologist taking samples and reporting the data, their Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan coming soon, and they have established North Central Sediment Coordination Committee. Additionally, Sanctuary Advisory Council is meeting at the SF Zoo on Nov. 13, Also, the new GFA Executive Director, Deb Self, Ueber asked for her to be introduced at the next meeting. Veronica Pearson (MCP staff member): Provided updates on Agency Partnership meetings, the North End Project, Kent Island, Invasive Spartina, Eucalyptus tree removal, Kent Island

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Pine Tree Removal, the Letter Property, Caltrans BLAC invitation, and the South End Living Shoreline Project at Bolinas Lagoon per the Memorandum included in the Agenda packet.

Council Member Comments

Notes

Heistand (ACR): Geomorphic assessment of ACR lands completed, including Caltrans culvert work on Hwy 1 and the impacts of the project on Audubon Canyon Ranch property, presentation available on ACR's website. ACR will be doing a 9.5 acre controlled burn on Sunday 10/20/19. ACR will be open to the public on Saturdays in October. Loomans speaking on behalf of Seadrift Association in Niederberger's absence: The Seadrift Association is developing invasive do not plant lists. If there are recommendations, please let him or Kirin know. Loomans (Stinson Beach): Stinson Bookstore, still available copies of Josh Churchman's book "The Whale that Lit the World". No other Council Member Comments.

Next Meeting Date

(Action Item)

Motion: Approve the date for the next BLAC meeting. Council selected April 3, 2020 as the date for the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.