



Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council
AGENDA

Regular Meeting
September 19, 2024 06:00 PM

NOTE CHANGED START TIME
Jenner Community Center, 10398 CA-1, Jenner, CA 95450

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Chair - Bodega / Valley Ford Representative: Beth Bruzzone • Vice Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster • Bodega Bay Representative: Brian Leubitz • Fort Ross / West Cazadero Representative: Caroline Madden • Jenner Representative: Jill Lippitt • The Sea Ranch / Annapolis Representative: Scott Nevin • Bodega Bay Representative: Ginny Nichols

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1. Call to Order

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda, Chair Beth Bruzzone

- Discussion
- Possible Action

3. Consent Agenda

- Discussion
- Possible Action

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Sonoma Coast MAC will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Representatives, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

- A. July 18, 2024 minutes

4. Statement(s) of conflict of interest: if any, from Council members

- Discussion

5. Councilmember comment on matters not listed on the agenda

Discussion

Comments are restricted to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to one minute. Due to Brown Act regulations, this is not a time for discussion of any item, however a brief dialogue about considering an item for a future agenda is permitted during this item.

6. County Report from Supervisor Lynda Hopkins / Staff

Discussion

7. Public Comments

Discussion

Comments from the public regarding matters of general interest not on the agenda, but related to the Sonoma Coast MAC business. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Sonoma Coast MAC cannot consider issues or take action on any requests during this comment period. Due to time constraints, comments will be limited at the discretion of the Chair.

8. Presentation from Andrew Smith, Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner

Discussion

Commissioner Smith will speak to the potential impacts of Measure J.

9. Adjournment



Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2024 06:00 PM
Del Mar Center, 40600 Leeward Road, The Sea Ranch
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/sccmac>

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by Vice Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster.

Vice Chair, Timber Cove

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Vice Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster

B. Roll Call

Present: Chair - Bodega / Valley Ford Representative: Beth Bruzzone, Vice Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster, Bodega Bay Representative: Brian Leubitz, Jenner Representative: Jill Lippitt, The Sea Ranch / Annapolis Representative: Scott Nevin, Bodega Bay Representative: Ginny Nichols

Staff Present: Che Casul

2. **Approval of Agenda, Chair Beth Bruzzone** The Sea Ranch / Annapolis Representative: Scott Nevin motioned to approve. A second was made by Bodega Bay Representative: Brian Leubitz.

The roll call vote:

Aye Chair - Bodega / Valley Ford Representative: Beth Bruzzone Aye Vice Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster Aye Bodega Bay Representative: Brian Leubitz Aye Jenner Representative: Jill Lippitt Aye The Sea Ranch / Annapolis Representative: Scott Nevin Aye Bodega Bay Representative: Ginny Nichols

3. **Consent Agenda**

A. March 21, 2024 Minutes

B. May 16, 2024 Minutes

Beth Bruzzone Mentioned several names were misspelled and asked for those to be corrected.

Jenner Representative: Jill Lippitt motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster.

The roll call vote:

Aye Chair - Bodega / Valley Ford Representative: Beth Bruzzone Aye Vice Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster Aye Bodega Bay Representative: Brian Leubitz Aye Jenner Representative: Jill Lippitt Aye The Sea Ranch / Annapolis Representative: Scott Nevin Aye Bodega Bay Representative: Ginny Nichols

4. Statement(s) of conflict of interest: if any, from Council members

None

5. Councilmember comment on matters not listed on the agenda

Ginny Nichols commented that a second load of compost was received for the Bodega Bay Elementary School

Jill Lippitt: Commented on the work that has been done on the drainage and foundation for the Jenner Community Center, gave her thanks for a grant from Supervisor Hopkins which contributed to this work.

Brian Leubitz: Added to the conversation concerning the use of the compost at Bodega Bay Elementary

Scott Foster: With the departure of Chief Lynn Timber Cove signed about an hour before this meeting an agreement for Services with South Coast Fire Department with an eye to the long term goal of a bi-county coastal district. Commented that Measure H will contribute greatly to the future and health of the fire department.

Scott Nevin: Sunday 7/21 Sea Ranch will be hosting a disaster preparedness evacuation drill for the community including both staff, volunteers and community members.

6. County Report from Supervisor Lynda Hopkins / Staff

Stengel Beach Staircase update: 2-3 million dollar range with the implementation of the designs. Challenge is that the streambank stabilization on the Sea Ranch property. Regulatory agencies out before the design is finalized. Permitting has been simplified and engineering continues to move forward. Climate bond may be a source of funding

Park Rangers: Board of Supervisors transitioned Park Rangers from Peace Officers to Public Officers. Transition does not require firearm and use of force training as rangers did not using fire arms. Adding 4 Sheriffs deputies and a sergeant specifically for parks.

Unidentified community member: "3 million, are the stairs made out of gold?" (in regard to Stengel Beach stairs)

Supervisor Hopkins in response: applying for climate resiliency grants, the brick grant "resilient infrastructure in community grant", hazard mitigation grants, and other federal and state monies.

Scott Farmer: Will this change with regional parks' rangers enhance recruitment for rangers?

Supervisor Hopkins: we currently have a 45% vacancy rate at regional parks with rangers. Still requires 300 hours of training including medical and first responder. Yes this will help

with recruitment.

Jill Lippit: will park rangers be trained about nature?

Supervisor Hopkins: yes concerning the natural world, safety like river safety concerning wearing life jackets, and medical and first responder.

John Laughlin via zoom: Can beach access (at Stengel) be a 2 part remediation process where necessary minor repairs are made and then the larger repairs be made later on?

Supervisor Hopkins: It was determined the structure is unsafe as it is and has to be completely replaced.

Supervisor Hopkins asked Scott Nevin to share an introduction to the Sea Ranch as a way to finish her report.

Scott Nevin: Thanked Supervisor Hopkins for her comments and presence. "We live in a rugged beautiful place, which comes with challenges involving more planning for doctors appointments and appliance repairs. The Sea Ranch and Gualala are the furthest points from an operating Hospital in the State of California." Scott thanked the first responders and service providers in the county. Detailed the water and sewer providers and how they operate. Scott highlighted the strength of volunteerism present in the area. Scott spoke to the the issues, struggles and ultimately the overcoming of the January 2023 wind storms. Scott spoke to the loss of kelp forests and the strengthening winter storms and their effect on the natural world around us. Scott recognized the loss of two staff members from The Sea Ranch Community, Leslie Redick and John Prescott. Scott spoke to their careers, the differences they have made in the community, and their legacy. Scott asked for a moment of silence which was observed.

7. **Public Comments**

Scott Farmer spoke to State Funding for upgrading internet access, issues with Frontier, and the issues to implementing BEAD. Scott spoke to where to go to submit challenges to Frontier on the BEAD website. said that Frontier has refused to hook up any new DSL, has continued to provide poor service with lengthy repairs, and without challenging Frontier social and economic issues will be a result.

Marti Campbell spoke in support of challenging Frontier through the BEAD process and spoke to the history and challenges of getting high speed internet to The Sea Ranch. Marti spoke to issues with the CPUC and providers claiming that the Sea Ranch was already served before high speed internet came to The Sea Ranch.

John Laughlin via zoom. John spoke to the consent calendar decision to consolidate permitting for a Coastal Commission issue in Bodega Bay asking about the Coastal Commission letter. John asked if that letter went out.

8. **Presentation from Cecily Condon, Permit Sonoma Division Manager, regarding the certification process of the Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan by the California Coastal Commission**

Cecily gave a verbal update on the certification process with the Coastal Commission for the Local Coastal Plan update. "As of 11:00 this morning we got confirmation from Coastal Commission staff that we are on target for the local Coastal Commission hearing November 13th-15th and it will be in the North Central District". After the Board of Supervisors gave direction to move forward with the process one year ago Permit Sonoma has experienced several back and fourths and negotiations with the Coastal Commission. In conversation with

Commission staff the recommendations for changes in the proposed LCP are minor changes. During the hearing both the Coastal Commission and County staff will present. Once there is an approved plan after the hearing it will then go to the Board of Supervisors once more.

Brian Leubitz: Was the back and fourth mostly procedural or substantive?

Cecily: Mostly been better definitions, nothings substantive so far.

Jill Lippitt: Are the modifications public?

Cecily: The modification are not public and there is no way for the modifications to be made public.

Beth Bruzzone: Thanked Cecily for her work on this project. Previously there had to be a 45 day daylight for the Board of Supervisors. For these adjustments for the plan how long do they have to be daylighted before they can be voted on.

Cecily: The Commission has a 10 day publication requirements. The County will have a 6 week publication time for any drafts.

Richard Charter Bodega Bay: Have each of the parcel specific protections still in the draft including and especially the one that prohibits the pump storage in Fort Ross.

Cecily: No mention of suggested changes from the Commission.

Beth Bruzzone spoke to the importance of public input and public comment in this process.

Scott Nevin: can you explain the implementation plan?

Cecily: The three sections are the land use plan (the LCP), and the implementation plan which is split into the coastal zoning code and the administrative manual.

Scott Farmer: asked if the fire fuels treatment section had undergone any changes.

Cecily: Public Safety has not received any comments thus far.

John Laughlin: Asked what the best online resource to review and understand the Local Coastal Plan.

Cecily: We are updating the website and that will be the best resource.

Rue Furch: Asked if the back and fourth with Permit Sonoma and the Coastal Commission can be provided online.

Cecily: The website will be updated with a timeline

Linda no last name given: is this a statewide process and at the same time.

Cecily: No, this is unique to Sonoma County.

Beth Bruzzone: are there grants to county's to pay for this process?

Cecily answered in the affirmative.

Paula Smith asked about Permit Sonoma's social media strategy and outreach

Cecily: there has not been any with the certification process though it is a tool we use and are working on doing more so.

Scott Farmer: Will the Coastal Commission be posting a redlined document so we can see what changes are made?

Cecily: Will ask the Coastal Commission.

Ginny Nichols: Is the implementation plan new?

Cecily: Not in its essence but it will be updated.

Jill Lippitt: Advocated for more engagement opportunities.

9. Community Engagement Plan Ad Hoc Report

Beth Brezzone: a quorum of the ad hoc met. The group found the governing documents are acceptable for now. The ad hoc will meet in January to review again.

10. Adjournment

Ginny Nicholls moved to adjourn, Scott Nevin 2nd. All members voted in favor of adjourning.

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