

Minutes
Climate Action Working Group
Marin Conservation League
175 Redwood Drive, Mt. Tamalpais Conference Room
August 22, 2014 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Present: Co-Chair Doug Wilson, also Roger Roberts, Ed Mainland, Susan Robinson, Nona Dennis, Rick Freitas, Bill Carney, Tamra Peters, Bob Spofford, Jana Haehl, Sandy Wallenstein, Peri Wood, and Steve Turitzin

Doug opened the meeting at 9:03

1. Quick Introductions: Attendees gave quick intros including first time attendee Sandy Wallenstein from “Shore Up Marin” a nonprofit that focuses on low income communities to build advocacy around sea level rise issues and planning.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved with the addition of an update from Tamra Peters and Bill Carney from Cory Bytof in item 1.

3. Minutes were not addressed:

4. Brief Updates:

a. Report on presentation by BCDC on planning for sea level rise, Nona:

Lindy Lowe, Project Manager for Adapting to Sea Level Rise (ART) program of BCDC in collaboration with NOAA and BCDC Geologist Sarah Richmond gave a presentation to interested members of the “Community Marin “ and CAWG groups.

The mission of ART is to facilitate a coordinated response by the County and Cities and Towns and Agencies and private sector business to sea level rise. So far BCDC’s efforts have focused on a section of Alameda County shoreline from Emeryville to Union City as a working model for assessing vulnerabilities and developing appropriate response. The model could be adapted to conditions in Marin County and other regions around the Bay.

Nona, Randy Greenberg, Marge Macris, and Don Dickenson will meet with Kate Sears 8/25 and then with Steve Kinsey to encourage these Supervisors to assume leadership of a coordinated countywide adaptive response to Climate Change, especially sea level rise.

b. Latest on AB 2145 - Ed and Roger: The bill now sits on the Senate floor as yet without a Senate floor leader to bring it forward for a vote. Committee agrees that the language of the bill continues to be an extreme problem for CCAs in general and MCE. All agree to push for the defeat of AB2145

c. Tamra and Bill: Report from Cory Bytof on what he learned from attending 2 day conference on adaptation and "ART"

i. ART has developed a model that integrates all stake holders from the State down to neighborhoods. The model can scale up or down. San Rafael is 1 of 2 pilot cities. San Rafael's remaining PDA will be studied. To date, ART has worked solely with leadership and government heads. Need to include all residents, business, and grass roots groups.

ii. Mayors have as yet not moved forward with MCCMC subcommittee on sea level rise.

iii. Where is the best place for Climate Change mitigation and Adaption efforts to reside? Marin Climate and Energy Partnership?

iv. San Rafael's next Climate Change Action Plan update will be held October 23 (location to be determined by size of group) and will focus on Sea Level Rise. BCDC has been invited. Paul Jensen, Community Development Director and Kate Colin, City Council member will present. This is open to all.

5. Discussion of strategy for coordinating efforts countywide to adapt to sea level rise: meeting with grassroots groups, electeds, and staff of various jurisdictions.

a. Rick Freitas and Susan Stompe met with Novato Mayor Eric Lucan to encourage Novato to include Climate mitigation and adaption in the general plan revisions. Novato will write a white paper like San Rafael's, written by Paul Jensen.

b. This committee agrees that we will balance out interests to include both mitigation (of greenhouse gas emissions) and adaption (to changing climate).

c. Discuss how insurance increases to property will cause public and businesses to focus on solutions to decrease financial impact

d. Pam emailed San Rafael Council member Colin, City Mgr Mackle, community Development Director Paul Jensen, and Public Works Director Nadar Mansourian to ask to attend each of their next monthly meetings to introduce ourselves and inquire about their efforts related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Council member Colin and Mr. Jensen were very positive and helpful. Mgr Mackle and Mr. Mansourian were less responsive.

e. MCE changes needed especially in terms of energy efficiency. We will invite MCE staff to our next meeting to discuss our key concerns and our suggestions to improve. Ed will attend MCE retreat to make suggestions. MCE has an online tool "my energy tool" that is excellent but rarely utilized.

6. The committee recommends to the MCL Board that Section "D", as follows, be added to MCL's solar policy:

"D. Adequate bonding should be required to assure that the site upon closure be restored to equal or better than original conditions, and that equipment components be recycled."

TASKS:

- a. Jana and Sandy agreed to develop a roster of the various Climate Change Solution, Mitigation, and Adaption groups in Marin and the Region, including a list of members. This information with upcoming events should be available online so all can easily access.
- b. Pam and Doug will contact MCE to join our next CAWG meeting to brainstorm energy efficiency solutions and accountability.
- c. Roger and Ed will continue to update us on AB 2145 status

7. Announcements

8. Adjourned meeting at 11:10

9. Next meeting to be held 9/26, 2014 in MCL Tamalpais room