

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Land Use, Transportation, and Water Committee
August 2, 2017, 9 to 11:10 AM

Present: Susan Stompe, chair; also Nona Dennis, Don Dickenson, Wade Holland, Jack Krystal, Kate Powers, Judy Teichman, Ann Thomas, Greg Zitney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Scoping comments are due soon for two projects of interest: 1) The North Bay Water Reuse Authority, a coalition of 10 North Bay agencies that plan and implement water recycling projects to augment the area's water supply, propose a second phase of projects to capture and store more than 25,000 AFY of additional recycled water. Scoping comments on the EIR/EIS for the multiple projects is due by August 21. 2) Corte Madera's Village shopping center and Restoration Hardware propose a new 46,000 s.f. retail building for the home furnishings store on the center's existing parking lot, along with retrofitting the gravel lot across the street to provide parking displaced by the showroom. The application includes rezoning the lot from Wetlands and Marshlands to Mixed-Use Commercial. DEIR scoping is due August 25.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING. Minutes of July 5, 2017 OK with one edit: p. 1, under Green Bridge, 6th line, should read "...replaced or repaired...".

AGENDA. OK as distributed.

MOONRISE KINGDOM, INVERNESS. The Inverness Association has asked MCL to support their appeal of the PC and DZA approval of the Moonrise Kingdom LLC Coastal Permit, Use Permit and Design Review. The project described in the application would restore four existing buildings, demolish three structures, and build a new single-family residence, along with other site changes, on a six-acre parcel on Vision Road in Inverness.

Recommendation. Following discussion it was M/S (Nona/Judy) and approved to recommend that MCL not take action on the Inverness Association's request due to the committee's insufficient knowledge about the project and its background material.

EASTON POINT. In June the property owners, the Martha Company, submitted a modified project master plan for the 43 single-family residential lots proposed on the 110-acre site. The applicant contend that changes to the 2008 plan address issues raised by the Board of Supervisors at their 2014 hearing to consider certification of the project FEIR. The EIR has not been certified and the applicant at this time seeks approvals including FEIR certification, a decision on their rezoning application, and on merits of the modified master plan, in compliance with the Court Judgment governing the application. A precise development plan and tentative map would be submitted following FEIR certification and rezoning and master plan approval.

WATER ISSUES. 1) Major projects are still undergoing environmental review. These include: *MMWD's vegetation management plan*, for which the DEIR due out by late summer/early fall is now behind schedule; the *San Geronimo Valley SEIR on CWP/salmonid impacts*; *Woodacre Flats/San Geronimo Wastewater Feasibility Study/EIR*.

2) Hydraulic modeling is underway on alternative options to complete the *Army Corps of Engineers Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project*, aimed at reducing flooding from the concrete channel's downstream start near the Stadium Way footbridge to the upstream end in Ross. 3) County Supervisors approved placing the Novato Flood Zone 1 parcel tax on the November ballot. 4) MCL has been asked to sign on to a letter prepared by the California Urban Streams Partnership (CUSP) to encourage the legislature to include dedicated funding for the Urban Stream Restoration Program in the planned water and parks bond measure, currently considered in SB 5 and AB 18, two bills which will eventually be merged. Land Use members observed that Marin's urban streams program, which MCL supported, has been helpful.

Recommendation. It was M/S (Nona/Susan) and approved to recommend that MCL sign on to the CUSP letter in support of having dedicated funding for urban streams included in the ballot language for the upcoming water, park & wildlife bond measure.

TRANSPORTATION/TAM. 1) The TAM expenditure plan advisory committee is working to develop a project list for the planned 2018 ballot measure to renew the current Measure A. In addition to the TAM measure a regional measure will seek voter approval for bridge toll increases to finance regional projects. Four Marin projects that could be eligible for Regional Measure 3 funding are Narrows roadway widening, a San Rafael 580 connector, relocated county transit center, and Highway 37. TAM has also released its 25-year strategic vision plan. Comments are due Sept. 22. A subcommittee will report back at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY MARIN. Nona reported that the next meeting of the collaborating groups will be Tuesday, August 8, to continue its review of the Parks and Open Space chapter.

AG COMMITTEE. Judy reported that the quarterly July 28 meeting was very well attended. Also, Sally Gale and David Lewis will attend a meeting of the Pt Reyes Seashore Ranchers Association at which there will be a report on the settlement negotiations for the Center for Biological Diversity lawsuit, and they will report on this next month.

NOVATO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY ELECTION. With Novato's Urban Growth Bound (UGB) renewal on the November ballot, a campaign to pass the measure is underway. MCL's previously committed \$2,500 for legal review of the measure documents was not used. Committee discussed potential campaign funding needs and agreed that the \$2,500 already earmarked for the UGB could be migrated to a campaign fund, but additional support should be discussed after the campaign committee developed their budget. Susan also suggested that MCL send out a postcard to its Novato members to encourage their vote for the UGB.

Recommendation. M/S (Ann/Nona) and approved to recommend that the \$2,500 previously approved by the MCL board for campaign legal counsel, but not spent, be allocated instead for the UGB support campaign.

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