

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes: October 2, 2013

Present: Susan Stompe, chair; also Priscilla Bull, Don Dickinson, Randy Greenberg, Bob Johnston, Ann Thomas. Met 9 to 11 AM at MCL offices.

September 4, 2013 Meeting Notes. Approved as distributed.

Announcements. Committee received request from San Rafael Chamber for consultation on issue topics to be included in the Chamber's Leadership Institute program on a current development project on B Street. Bob will call and suggest issues for their workshop.

Agenda. Added Easton Point as an action item.

Easton Point. Randy updated the committee on this long-standing proposal for development on a ridge and upland off Paradise Drive in unincorporated Tiburon. This evening the Tiburon Town Council was to consider extending the MOU on Easton Point with the County for another six months and may, in addition, convey to the County a concern that the 32-unit MOU project has unresolved safety issues. Randy suggested that MCL write to the BOS to support the County Planning Commission and Tiburon Council concerns that the FEIR does not adequately address issues, and defer action on the EIR – now planned for October 22 - until these are resolved. In addition, the EIR consultant has not yet made public the response to comments made by the County Planning Commission. Committee agreed with this suggestion and Randy was to draft a letter for Susan to review and Susan or the acting president to sign.

Hwy 101 Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor Project. The TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin) governing board has approved a limited project which includes a route in the marsh buffer. Committee agreed that it would be helpful to have a field trip to walk the Greenway route of the TAM-approved project as drawings are inadequate to fully explain the project.

Local Coastal Plan. The final version goes to the Coastal Commission for approval this fall. It will then return to the County for revisions. When these changes are made it would be certifiable.

Community Marin. Three presentations to decision-making groups are planned in the month ahead: October 8 to the Novato Planning Commission, October 16 at a meeting of Marin County Planning Commissioners for all the jurisdictions, and October 21 to the San Rafael City Council.

CEQA Works. Bob agreed to assist with monitoring the activities of this coalition effort led by the Planning and Conservation League to prevent weakening of state environmental laws.

NCRA (North Coast Rail Authority). Bernie Meyers is retiring as Marin representative on this board Bernie has pressed the board on public disclosure of their activities and been frustrated by their lack of openness. Regretfully there is no viable candidate in sight for the seat.

North Bay Regional Restoration Project, AKA Carneros Ranch/Port Sonoma. A new map has been prepared by project proponents for use of dredge spoils on this Sonoma County site on Highway 37. The original plan was withdrawn after MCL and other groups raised concerns. It is not clear if the new plan has been submitted to Sonoma County.

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