

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes: February 1, 2012

Present: Gail Wilhelm, chair; Alan Bortel, Priscilla Bull, Nona Dennis, Don Dickenson, Randy Greenberg, Karen Nygren, Barbara Salzman, David Schnapf, Susan Stompe, Ann Thomas, Don Wilhelm. Met at MCL, 9 to 11:15 AM.

Agenda. Approved as prepared with addition of informational items on Marin Agricultural Support Action Plan and San Quentin action of 1/31/12 BOS meeting.

January 4, 2012 Meeting Notes: M/S/Approved (David/Priscilla) amended to delete “since 12 units are need to require a master plan that” under 650 North Pt San Pedro Road.

San Quentin. The committee discussed the Board of Supervisors’ consideration of submitting an application to ABAG to designate the site as a Priority Development Area.

Port Sonoma. The coalition including MCL, Marin Audubon, Sonoma and Marin Sierra Clubs, Black Point Improvement Club and others have had some success though uncertainties exist. No action was taken on the appeal of the SCBZA decision to approve the project without an EIR but at the January 24 Sonoma Board of Supervisors meeting, when the appeal was agendized. The environmental coalition’s legal counsel had asked that the Supervisors set aside approvals, grant the appeal and require a full EIR. This was not done, but at the urging of County Counsel, a representative of owner Berg Holding stated that they would fund the EIR.

Susan stated that she believes the coalition needs to meet with the various permitting agencies as they have authority to influence final decisions about the application. She noted that approval of this project would potentially incentivize other area properties to undertake similar projects.

Grady Ranch. Nona attended a meeting of the Lucas Valley HOA and spoke regarding the environmental process for the Grady Ranch Precise Development Plan and its draft supplemental EIR to the 1996 Master Plan FEIR, and how to focus their efforts to reduce the project impacts. She and Barbara both expressed concern about the viability of the plan for the creek as described in the supplement, in which it appears that raising the level of the creek be is largely a way to use the fill taken from other areas on site. Nona is still studying the supplemental EIR for which comments are due Feb. 6.

Local Coastal Plan (LCP). A revised draft land use plan and development code as they relate to the LCP have been released. Deadline for comment to the PC is February 13.

Community Marin. Don W is revising the draft transportation section as it is now two years old and some text is out-of-date. As the goal is for the Land Use Committee to review all the chapters before they go to the MCL a special Land Use Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 10. At that time the only agenda item will be review of Community Marin.

One Bay Area/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Nona reported there is not interest in a public forum/workshop on this little understood process with some other organizations. She suggested trying to sponsor or co-sponsor an informal forum when a preferred alternative is selected, perhaps in late spring, to enhance process transparency and get the pulse of the public.

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