

**MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE**  
**Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes: July 11, 2012**

Present: David Schnapf, chair; Priscilla Bull, Don Dickinson, Randy Greenberg, Jana Haehl, Karen Nygren, Cela O'Connor, Roger Roberts, Barbara Salzman, Susan Stompe, Ann Thomas. Met at MCL, 9 to 11 AM.

**Agenda.** Approved as prepared.

**June 6, 2012 Meeting Notes:** Approved with one spelling edit.

**650 San Pedro Road.** The BOS denied this project without prejudice to allow the applicant to re-apply within a year. Supervisors made suggestions for reducing the number of units.

**Plan Bay Area EIR Scoping and Alternatives Comment Letter.** Committee reviewed the letter David drafted to go to the MTC and made a few suggestions. Letter was due today.

**Port Sonoma/Carneros project.** Sonoma County is about to sign a contract for preparation of the EIR with URS Corporation.

**Homestead Valley Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Construction.** Cela described problems she perceived with this sidewalk, along Evergreen Avenue from Whole Foods to Marin Horizon School, largely funded by the Safe Routes to School program. The sidewalk encroaches into the stream setback. As construction is underway, it was deemed past the comment period.

**Bolinas Technical Advisory Committee.** Cela said the TAC is floundering and she urged MCL to advocate for restoration of its authority. She will have more information later.

**County Advisory Committee to Consider Regulatory Reform/Streamlining.** Applications were due July 5; committee believes Nona applied to serve as environmental representative.

**Novato Tree Permits.** The City's CDA has proposed elimination of permit requirements for tree removal. The North Marin Unit will review this at its next meeting and prepare comments. Land Use members offered several suggestions for issues to raise and steps that could be proposed.

**San Rafael Airport Sports Complex Legal Involvement.** Barbara and Roger described action taken by Marin Audubon Society (MAS) and a Santa Venetia neighborhood group to retain Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger to draft a letter to the City Council regarding adequacy of the EIR, which so far has not been certified. Subjects on which the groups believe the EIR is deficient include baylands, endangered species, safety of the unconsolidated levees and addressing the new information in the Caltrans letter. The purpose of the letter is to convince the City Council to re-circulate the EIR and the groups asked that MCL join them in sharing the legal cost as MCL has monitored this project since its inception.

**Recommendation.** It was M/S (Jana/Roger), and unanimously approved, to recommend to the MCL board that MCL contribute up to \$2,500 to the legal fund. MAS has also approved \$2,500 and the neighbors are contributing \$1,500. Roger and David will participate in a conference call Friday morning with the Shute, Mihaly attorney.

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