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Meeting Agenda

Thursday March 17, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Clerk Cindy Culcasi

Approval of Agenda : Chair

Statement(s) of conflict of interest: if any, from Council members

Correspondence

Consent Calendar :

- Approval of January, 2021 minutes
- Approval of the 2021 Annual Report

Public Comment

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Chair Comments: Marti Campbell

Regular Calendar Items

- Supervisor Lynda Hopkins
- Friends of Gualala River
- LCP next steps – Marti

Council / Committee/Staff reports

- Water Ad Hoc Committee report – Paul Plakos
- Land Use Committee report – Brian Leubitz
- Council member comments/reports
 - Jill Lippett on the March 17 Permit Sonoma Vacation Rental Ordinance update, Coastal impact
 - Marti on the Fire Risk and Insurance Town Hall
- Staff Report – Tourism impact
 - Update on Speeding update, CHP, advocacy to McGuire's office
 - CalTrans electronic signs on 101
 - Hybrid meeting in May possible

Call for new Agenda Items and Adjournment

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Coast MAC Land Use Committee Meetings

April, Location and time TBD

Sonoma County Coast MAC Meetings

Regular schedule:

Thursday May 19, 2022, Location TBD, 5:30 p.m.

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<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Sonoma-County-Coast-Municipal-Advisory-Council/>

Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council
Marti Campbell, Chair
January 20, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30
Online Zoom/Facebook Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

Cindy Culcasi

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Roll Call – Present

Scott Farmer - Chair
Brian Leubitz
Ginny Nichols
Marti Campbell
Paul Plakos
Abreanna Gomes
Wanda Swenson
Jill Lippett
Beth Bruzzone

Ann Yager (alternate)
Caroline Madden (alternate)
Liz Gallagher (alternate)
Carl Osier (alternate)

Absent

Che Casul (alternate) was absent
Annie Cresswell (alternate) was absent due to Wi-Fi issues

Swearing in of new council members – Leo Chyi (deputized by Supervisor Hopkins since she will be late joining)

Mr. Chyi swore in Caroline Madden (alternate Fort Ross), Jill, Lippett (Jenner), and Ginny Nichols (Bodega Bay), Carl Osier (alternate, Bodega Bay) arrived a few minutes late and was sworn in individually. Mr. Chyi congratulated everyone and added he was thrilled to have everyone on board.

Scott Farmer noted that Che Casul and Beth Bruzzone have swapped positions. Mr. Casul is now the alternate and Ms. Bruzzone is the MAC Representative.

Elise Weiland acknowledged Scott Farmer as a great leader for the past two years and noted he worked almost full time for the community, brought up great ideas, and supported the community in ways she hadn't thought of. Ms. Weiland said she spoke for all of the Council. Scott Farmer will serve for one more year as the Timber Cove Representative and a new Chair will be elected.

Election of new Chair and Vice Chair – Cindy Culcasi

Ms. Culcasi said Marti Campbell has been nominated and asked if there are any other members who want to be considered for Chair. No one asked to be considered.

Scott Farmer moved to vote to elect Marti Campbell as Chair and Beth Bruzzone seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

Ms. Culcasi said Brian Leubitz has been nominated for Vice Chair and asked if any other members wanted to be considered. No one asked to be considered.

Paul Plakos moved to elect Brian Leubitz as Vice Chair and Marti Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

Scott Farmer congratulated both parties and turned the meeting over to Marti Campbell.

Ms. Campbell thanked Scott Farmer for his leadership.

Approval of Agenda

Scott Farmer moved to have Supervisor Hopkins later in the agenda since she was arriving late to the meeting.

Chair Campbell asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Scott Farmer moved to approve the agenda and Beth Bruzzone seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

Statements of Conflict of Interest: if any, from Council members

Chair Campbell asked if there were any conflicts of interest. There were none.

Correspondence

Chair Campbell asked if there was any correspondence. There was none.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the November 17 General Meeting Minutes with no changes. Paul Plakos moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Farmer. The motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment – Chair Campbell asked for public comments.

- **Damien Bonet (Facebook)** - "Scott Farmer has been and will continue to be a champion for our entire region."
- **Cea Higgins** – Ms. Higgins spoke to two recent incidents in Bodega that relate to people speeding through town. The first incident was a vehicle driving directly into the Grocery Store on Hwy 1. The second incident was on the other end of town where a vehicle drove into a new sign and if there hadn't been a barricade, the vehicle would have driven into a home. Some help is needed from the County to address this issue. It may not be a Caltrans issue since this is a County Road. Ms. Higgins wanted to bring this to the attention of the MAC, and especially the

Bodega MAC Members. This problem needs to be addressed before the damage is worse than just damage to a structure.

Regular Calendar Items

Timber Cove County Water District Micro Grid Project – Spencer Lipp (Zoom Meeting, starts at 20-minute mark) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtVy2RAYCb8>

Mr. Lipp introduced himself and noted he is a Director on the Timber Cove County Water District Board. His career has been in mechanical engineering working in energy and distributed energy resources programs for 25 years. His wife is also on the same Committee working on this project and has a similar background. This came about as a “wild, crazy” idea. They still have a way to go, but it is looking promising.

Highlights:

- Process was started in April or May of 2021. They are working on a preliminary plan. The project goal is to provide energy resiliency to the Community. Includes the Timber Cove Community, the Fire Department, and Fort Ross School.
- Project Goal and Summary - The intent is to install some floating solar panels on the reservoir, also roof top and ground level. There will be a power grid and storage batteries to provide power for the Community during power outages.
- Potential Project Benefits - There is a 70% reduction in water evaporation where panels cover the water and a decrease in algae growth. A benefit to the Community is that during a PSPS (public safety power shutoff), the power would stay on. The focus is on the PSPS events since they happen more often than the periodic power outages.
- Financials – Total project cost is \$3.5 to \$4 million. The PG&E Community Microgrid Enablement Program would be utilized, covers up to \$3M of PG&E upgrades. Other potential funding sources are also being reviewed. TCCWD (Timber Cove County Water District) is hoping to work with Sonoma Clean Power, so they add this project to their portfolio.
- The next steps are to look for more solar PV potential. The fire house and the school have some open space to locate panels and TCCWD will consider talking to them about using the open space. The edge around the reservoir will also be considered for solar panels.
- More presentations like this one will be shared with the Community to increase awareness of this project.

Questions/Comments

- **Scott Farmer (MAC)** - Mr. Farmer asked if the current solar collected by their customer base will add capacity if they have roof top solar? Is the information included in the usage chart? **Spencer Lipp** referred to a Annual Resiliency chart (posted at the 35-minute point) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtVy2RAYCb8>. This chart would include the existing customer base but would not include recent solar additions to homes in the community.
- **Scott Farmer (MAC)** – Would the micro grid be the primary producer of electricity and you would produce electricity before PG&E? **Spencer Lipp** - Yes, we would be producing electricity into the grid for all intents and purposes, but there is no guarantee that the electrons would stay in the community since they can go anywhere on the grid.

- **Elise Weiland (Staff)** – Occidental was working on a micro grid project, and they ran into all sorts of unexpected regulations that the CPUC had approved, i.e., you can't have solar panels on one side of the street and cross the street to connect to the grid). Are PG&E and the CPUC working well together in terms of supporting the project? **Spencer Lipp** has been in contact with PG&E, and they haven't mentioned anything about regulatory issues.
- **Paul Plakos (MAC)** - When energy is not used and put back to the grid, will someone be compensated for it, or would it offset some of the costs? **Spencer Lipp** - When energy is put back on to the grid, someone, such as, Sonoma Clean Power could become a key partner and set up a contract with the installer/maintainer to purchase the green electrons. Then the community gets the benefit of the microgrid component and can take advantage of time of use. That kind of load management operation or cost management operation starts getting tricky regarding how to pay for it or get reimbursed from a perspective of a Water District. The first shot at this is to find someone who will pay for the electrons and provide the community the benefit that we are looking for. **Paul Plakos** noted that the Sea Ranch Association uses a lot of energy and he really likes the potential of decreasing evaporation of up to 70% on a reservoir.
- **Paul Plakos** asked about the cost of solar panels on the reservoir vs. the cost on a ground mount/roof top. **Spencer Lipp** responded the costs are comparable. Panels are a bit more efficient on water because of the cooling aspects of the water.
- **Beth Bruzzone (MAC)** – Given the size of the panels and where they are going, is there an impact on wildlife, particularly birds? **Spencer Lipp** - The Water District has not considered this issue in the early stages. This is a great question that they should investigate.
- **Beth Bruzzone** - Will jobs be created? **Spencer Lipp** – There will be no employees after the project is installed.
- **Chair Campbell** - Ms. Campbell thanked Spencer Lipp for the presentation. She asked if the electricity produced will be used to operate the Water District during PSPS or for other community members? **Spencer Lipp** said the power would be used for all TCCWD customers which includes the Water District. There are 180 customers including the Timber Cove Resort, Fire Station, and school at the top of the hill. The benefit for the Fire Station and the school is that they can keep the lights on during a PSPS.
- **Facebook Comment** – The County has always made permitting such work very difficult.
- **Scott Farmer (MAC)** - Mr. Farmer noted this was a dream come true. **Spencer Lipp** responded he hopes they can make this happen. There is lots of work and partners to get engaged. There are things to consider that we haven't thought about such as wildlife. He noted things will come up and they will do their best to make this happen. He thanked the MAC for allowing him to present.
- **Wanda Swenson (MAC)** asked where they plan to get their funding? **Spencer Lipp** stated their first shot is Sonoma Clean Power since they have an initiative to go all renewable within their district. They know about the project, but we have not had any serious discussions around this project since they just got the feasibility and the rough costs. Once TCCWD has a better idea of what the project will look like and how to enhance the project with more solar, that would be the time to talk to Sonoma Clean Power and take the design to them for their consideration. They would be the number one on the list.
- **Ginny Nichols (MAC)** - Ms. Nichols asked Spencer Lipp how long it took to reach this point in the project given your professional background? **Spencer Lipp** - We started thinking about this

idea in February of last year. They started working on the project in May when the application was submitted to PG&E for the program. There were some data issues to work out since there was some confidential data and they needed to work through all the issues. It took quite some time to get signatures and authorizations to obtain the data from PG&E. The data was obtained in November and Mr. Lipp has been working with a microgrid designer since then. This could be a model for other water districts, wineries, etc.

Special Event Permitting Reform – Proposed Changes – Bradley Dunn (Permit Sonoma)

Presentation starts at the 53-minute point in the Zoom Meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtVy2RAYCb8>

Bradley Dunn is a policy manager at Permit Sonoma. His work includes cross-divisional policy formation such as Special Event Permitting Reform outreach and communication.

Highlights:

- Project goals includes goals such as making events in the public right of way safer, improving community event calendar so event planners can minimize conflicts, enhance intergovernmental communication and collaboration.
- Between 2016 – 2019, there was an average of 55 events annually in the right of way.
- The regulations have not been updated since 1994.
- The current special events ordinance allows a permit exemption for bicycle events that follow the California Vehicle Code. There were a lot of concerns regarding bicycle events and Permit Sonoma is looking at developing thresholds for requiring permits for bicycle events. Some suggestions:
 - Requiring events that are timed or award a winner will need a permit
 - Setting a limit for the number of riders that require a permit. Perhaps 50, however, bike riders say this is too low a number.
 - Requiring events where people pay to participate to be permitted.
 - Or a combination of the above bullets.
- Make sure that fire departments, CHP, Sheriffs, etc. are aware of the event.
- Improve the special events calendar and provide a centralized repository for special events. Permitting a greater number of events will make the calendar more effective.
- Having a longer-term outlook for the calendar will make it more effective. For example, a July 4th parade that takes the same route every year. Events could be reserve dates up to 5 years in advance. Develop email lists, e.g., a District 5 Events email, which announces the events for that month.
- Making events more sustainable with waste diversion requirements.
- Updating the regulations more often. A lot has changed since 1994.
- Enhance intergovernmental communication and collaboration
- Last step - To Board of Supervisors for approval late Q2, 2022.

Bradley Dunn asked for comments and questions. Discussion points/Questions Slide starts at 1:08 in presentation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtVy2RAYCb8>

Questions/Comments

- **Marti Campbell (MAC)** - The MAC has a standing Land Use Committee comprised of several MAC Members. She asked what the time frame is to get the questions answered. **Bradley Dunn** would like the questions submitted by February. They will be working on writing the ordinance over the next couple of months.
- **Brian Leubitz (Committee Head – MAC Land Use/Event Committee)** - Mr. Leubitz noted that generally the MAC hears about an event about 4 days prior. The longer that people can submit a request ahead of time would be helpful. There is a meeting of the Land Use Committee in mid-February, and he asked if that was too late to submit questions. **Bradley Dunn** responded the end of February is fine to submit questions. The current permits are ministerial and there isn't a judgement factor in the process. This is about consistent rules for permits.
- **Scott Farmer (MAC)** - Mr. Farmer noted that it was said there would be compensation for the local fire districts. In the past there has been no compensation. Mr. Farmer asked about how the local fire districts can get compensation for services. He saved additional questions to be discussed at the February Land Use Committee Meeting. **Bradley Dunn** said one of the challenges is that many events don't get permits. They are working on more events going through the permit process that triggers a level of service for the fire departments, then those services could potentially recover costs. Mr. Dunn had a meeting with the fire chiefs from the various fire districts and they expressed the same concerns. They are also looking at services like AMR when they contract for an event and how to ensure that AMR is called for a medical emergency and not the fire department.
- **Beth Bruzzone (MAC)**
 - When there is a cycling event, how is the Vehicle Code enforced? **Bradley Dunn** – The CHP enforces the vehicle code. When an organization says they are obeying the rules of the road during an event, and they are cited by CHP for a violation, they would also be cited by code enforcement or for a violation of the permit rules. Mr. Dunn noted that once the organization works with Permit Sonoma, CHP, etc., we think there will be a great degree of cooperation.
 - **Bradley Dunn** mentioned these permits are all ministerial. **Ms. Bruzzone** said there is quite a bit of debate on that along the coast. She also asked if Mr. Dunn was relatively new to the coast. He said yes, but with the pandemic, he hasn't gotten around a lot. **Ms. Bruzzone** asked what triggers a ministerial permit vs. a coastal development permit (CDP) for any type of event? **Bradley Dunn** – Permit Sonoma met with the Coastal Commission and were told the Commission has a very limited view of what triggers coastal development. There is a 1997 memo that is the basis of coastal events. From Labor Day to Memorial Day, an event on the sand of a beach could require a coastal permit. The Commission doesn't have a standardized definition of what they consider to be a significant closure that would trigger the requirement of a permit. They prefer we handle the permit process through our local measures and would not weigh in on this process.
- **Wanda Swenson (MAC)** – Is there a process in place if the day of an event becomes a Red Flag Warning or there is an active fire in the general vicinity? **Bradley Dunn** - In 2019, a couple of events were cancelled due to fire conditions. They do reserve the ability to cancel events due to the conditions. Events cancelled in the past were due to active fires, not Red Flag Events.

- **Jill Lippitt (MAC)** - Ms. Lippitt is very happy that permits will be required for events that didn't require permits previously, however, she is concerned that they are making the permits ministerial. Larger events should have, she believes, public input. She believes our Local Coastal Plan requires a use permit or CDP for any event with significant impact on public access and coastal resources. She noted that when permits are ministerial, i.e., upcoming Kings Ridge Bike Race which will put 500 bike riders on the coast and River Road for a significant period of time and will have significant impact on coastal resources and public access, the public does not have an opportunity to weigh in, and local communities that are involved are not able to have some input. **Bradley Dunn** responded and stated, as he noted previously, the Coastal Development Commission has a very high bar to meet before requiring a permit. It can be argued that these events bring more people to the coast in different ways. Ms. Lippitt questioned the response since events such as the Kings Ridge Bike Race could have a greater impact other than to the beach since it impacts residents, beach goers, traffic, and more.
- **Ginny Nichols (MAC)** – Ms. Nichols is concerned that a group, who is under the limit for requiring a permit, will schedule their event at the same day and location as an existing event that has a permit by piggybacking on the existing permitted event to bypass the threshold limit and paying for a permit. She doesn't see this process catching this type of issue so the threshold limit would not matter. **Bradley Dunn** responded that anytime a law is created there are people that will find the loopholes or evade the law. One of the reasons the County is focused on process improvement and ways to make the permit process faster and less expensive is to encourage people to obtain a permit and not to evade the process. The County is thinking about evasion and that is why they are considering multiple thresholds that would trigger a permit and not just one threshold so events that should be captured are included.
- **Jill Lippitt (MAC)** is concerned about the 5-year permit. Will there be an opportunity for public feedback after year 1 and year 2? An event could look good on paper and yet it didn't go well but there is no public input. **Bradley Dunn** clarified these are not 5 years permits but date reservations so every year they would work with Permit Sonoma to work through the entire process.
- **Cea Higgins (Public)** – Ms. Higgins recommends on that memo that he pay more attention to section 3 on page 2 which is about events that have a potential impact or adverse impact on coastal resources. Coastal resources include public access that do require a discretionary permit. The Local Coastal Plan (LCP) also require principally permitted uses in each of the zoned areas. They also say that anything that would impact or be held in a zoned area that is environmentally sensitive would require a permit. Ms. Higgins is concerned that the process will supplant the existing regulations that protect our coast, which is governed differently. She suggested that the memo be reread since many worked on the LCP and worked with the Coastal Commission and that is why the Sonoma Coast looks as it does. Ms. Higgins suggests that we look at the memo again since the coast should not have ministerial permits only.
- **Jill Lippitt (MAC)** noted that State Parks wasn't mentioned as one of the agencies that Mr. Dunn would be working with. The King Ridge Bike Ride would be going through State Park property which is environmentally sensitive. **Bradley Dunn** said they have not reached out to the State Parks yet but can do so. He thanked her for the suggestion
- **Brian Leubitz (MAC)** - Mr. Leubitz noted that all this is blending in with the Kings Ridge Bike Ride and he reminded people that there is a difference between the larger events that close down

the roads and require a permit with the rules of the road ride vs. events that don't close down roads and are subject to the rules of the road.

Chair Campbell thanked Bradley Dunn and hoped he stays for the next agenda item regarding the Kings Ridge Bike Ride.

Coast MAC Land Use Committee: King Ridge Supreme event, March 27, 2022 – Brian Leubitz

Chair Campbell apologized that the information for the King Ridge Bike Ride was not included in the packet. Chair Campbell and Brian Leubitz will describe the event between the two of them. They just recently obtained the permit application for the event. The permit will be issued next Thursday so they don't have time to comment on it. She assumes that it is a ministerial permit anyway since it doesn't involve closing the roads. The issue will be discussed today for the benefit of the Land Use Committee and the work they'll be doing on these types of events.

Map of King Ridge Bike Ride – 1:38 point on the Zoom Meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtVy2RAYCb8>

Brian Leubitz reiterated that the permit application was received last week. That is short notice to shine a light on this event. Mr. Leubitz reviewed the map of the King Ridge Bike route. He noted there could be pretty dramatic delays north of Jenner with the curves and steep areas.

Chair Campbell pointed out there are two routes for this event (one longer than the other). The County is requesting that all cyclists remain on their side of the road and that they will provide an emergency vehicle with 2 EMTs in it following the pack of bicyclists.

Questions/Comments

- **Beth Bruzzone (MAC)** - This event is very concerning. She added she was an avid cyclist for many years. This will have a monumental impact on our coast and access to the coast. This will have a monument impact on the marginalized who generally come out on off season weekends. Sundays is their day to come to the beach. The ride is going through the Willow Creek area and taking a fire trail that was not meant for wet weather use and who knows what the weather will be on that day. This is a salmon habitat area. Where will the cyclists go to the bathroom? They will go along the road, a field or somebody's yard. 500 cyclists is a massive event. There is no way they won't block traffic.
- **Scott Farmer (MAC)** - Beth Bruzzone just talked about my subject. He agreed regarding the ministerial check the box approach. He does know of a State Park bathroom along the route, but it has been locked for the past 2 years. If the bathroom were unlocked and placed on the cyclist's map, it would solve one of the problems in one location. The State Park road is unpaved and was built for stagecoaches.
- **Paul Plakos (MAC)** - Mr. Plakos talked about road closure and what the definition of road closure is. There are 2 sections of Hwy1 Southbound where 400 to 500 bicyclists will be riding. He would defy anyone to drive a car in those areas with 400 to 500 bicyclists. Within the permit application which Mr. Plakos read, it states the organization is encouraging CHP to be there,

but. It is not specified when CHP will be there and how many officers. This is not right and there will be accidents, unfortunately.

- **Jill Lippett (MAC)** – Ms. Lippitt added to the points that Scott Farmer and Beth Bruzzone made. It seems like a work around not to close the road. Most people will not pass bicycles on a narrow road. Effectively you have closed the road. All that is needed is one driver ahead of you who won't pass. She pointed out that these are primary roads, there are no secondary roads. She believes that permits should not be granted on primary roads where there is no ability for locals and tourists to take alternative routes. Ms. Lippitt pointed out that the race ends at the gate of Willow Creek Park, but the race starts at Duncans Mills Road. How are 500 bicyclists going to use the road when people that have spent the day at the coast are trying to go home along with 500 bicyclists on the road? It will be a nightmare.
- **Paul Plakos (MAC)** – The check-in begins very early in the morning and ends around 8:30. The ride starts between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. People who finished checking in at 8:30 are going to start at 9:00, they are not going to wait to start.
- **Ginny Nichols (MAC)** – Ms. Nichols noted the more she listens to what is being said, it scares her. If there is an emergency, it will have to go out by helicopter. Many times, during the year, there are massive traffic jams, and it is impossible to go anywhere at a normal speed on Hwy1 in Bodega Bay. This is an accident waiting to happen and should be rethought, if possible.
- **Cea Higgins (Public)** – The assumption that this is a ministerial permit is a false assumption. If you are allowing 500 cyclists using the coast roadways and Willow Creek Trail, an environmentally sensitive area within the State Parks and the salmon bearing Willow Creek watershed, which is already crumbling downhill, this will have negative impact on ESHA (environmentally sensitive habitat area) and this requires a Coastal Commission Permit. This isn't saying the event can't occur, but that it needs a certain amount of review to see what the impacts are, to present mitigations, and to allow a public process. The County is taking the position that this is a ministerial process, and it is not. People need to contact the Coastal Commission immediately to let them know the County is considering an event without doing the proper permitting. **Bradley Dunn** - Mr. Dunn said the Coastal Commission has a high bar about something that bars coastal access. They only require coastal permits between Memorial Day and Labor Day per the memo that they interpreted in a meeting with us. Mr. Dunn will be working on different mechanisms to hopefully improve special events. For example, having a number of bathrooms stops per a certain distance. Bicyclists have a right to ride on the road per the California Vehicle Code and roads must be shared with them. Bicycles produce zero carbon, and it is interesting that people say a car should drive through unfettered when they produce hazardous pollution. His understanding is that the team that is processing this permit have been in contact with CHP, and they contact Caltrans about road closures and give feedback to Caltrans on state roads. The input is useful, and he appreciates it. He added the route is sent to the Fire Districts and first responders before any permit is issued. In terms of emergency response, we are talking to the fire districts about that.
- **Caroline Madden (MAC Alternate)** - When will the residents get notified of the event? It sounds like they have not input at all. Is this true? **Bradley Dunn** – The event has gone up on the calendar. These are ministerial permits and ministerial permits are not discretionary.
- **Beth Bruzzone (MAC)** - Ms. Bruzzone read a few items into the record below, per a request.

- Who pays for the upstaffing for CHP and REMS(Regional Emergency Medical Services)? This will require our local fire fighters to upstaff in case there is a significant accident, which is very reasonable. One car going the wrong way and you have 70 cyclists down. Who pays for this? **Bradley Dunn** – CHP and fire districts often submit to recoup the costs from permittees. I have not been engaged in discussions for this particular permit. He is aware that CHP when assigning officers on o overtime, does seek to recoup costs from the permittee.
- **A letter from Dee Swanhuysen** - I can't attend the CMAC meeting. I'm hoping that Beth or you can forward this email to all CMAC members and consider this my public comment opposing this cycling event. Let's figure out how to get the fire depts \$\$ another way. I love cyclists, equestrians and hikers of all abilities and helped get them 120 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail miles in the 4 north Bay counties when I was the North Bay Ridge Trail Director. This one event's scale and surely the intention of the organizers to do it annually doesn't fit with our fragile coastal ecosystem or the lives of our diminishing local residents. When does CEQA come to bare on this type of situation? If it's successful financially, will it become annual and grow in size? Is this a cumulative effect? It may also inspire other like type events. How many large events does the coast have to endure already? We have to consider the overall financial obligations it will put on our citizens of all economic abilities/inabilities. Then also add in that local residents are again crowded out from going to the coast for the R and R they need on their days off. It keeps becoming a Faustian deal with you know who.
- **Ginny Nichols (MAC)** - There seems to be different interpretations on who makes the decisions on a ministerial permit in the County? Is it Bradley Dunn? Or is a group of elected officials who make the decisions and made the interpretation on what is a ministerial permit and not and what seems to contradict what most of the people on the CMAC have been discussing. **Bradley Dunn** – In 1994, there was an update to the special events regulations that were promulgated first in 1987. Under that update, Article 16, Mr. Dunn can send that to the MAC along with the memo from the Coastal Commission. This governs the current permit regime for the ministerial process since the 1990s. The current reform process will first be sent to the Planning Commission and then to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors would need to adopt a ordinance change in order to update the current process. No change is proposed at this time.

Chair Campbell thanked Bradley Dunn.

The Land Use Committee will follow up with Mr. Dunn after the Committee meeting in late February. Brian Leubitz thanked Mr. Dunn and will follow up with an email to Mr. Dunn on some of his thoughts after this meeting.

Bradley Dunn thanked everyone for the spirited discussion and the feedback. He noted it will be very useful He is hearing from a wide variety of voices.

District 5 Update - Supervisor Lynda Hopkins (moved from earlier in the agenda)

Supervisor Hopkins thanked Chair Emeritus Farmer for his leadership with the Coastal MAC. She wanted to share some of her thoughts on his leadership over the past few years.

Chair Farmer took community engagements to a whole new level which was extremely impressive given that he chaired the MAC during the pandemic when we needed more community engagement, and the community was more fragmented than ever. She acknowledged that Chair Farmer did a lot more than just chair the meetings. Chair Farmer showed up at County Meetings and expressed coastal concerns, took notes to bring them back to the MAC. He was the critical conveyer of information back and forth between different government agencies, the MAC itself, and the communities. She talked about his ability to bring very independent disparate groups together along the North Coast.

She also thanked Chair Farmer for the fantastic meetings and his gift of convening the meeting that Elise Weiland and Supervisor Hopkins attended on Tuesday, working with her office, and creating an entire North Coast Day. The topics included:

- The concern regarding the long-term financial viability of the North Coast Fire Departments which she plans to actively work on
- The need for affordable housing and senior services
- Broadband connectivity and evacuation safety

There are a number of follow-ups planned.

- Supervisor Hopkins is working on scheduling a meeting with Senator McGuire about the CalFire Bill which will require a minimum staffing of three on Calfire Engines. This could currently impact local fire agencies who contract with Calfire with a rate of two staff people per engine and could push some of the entities into insolvency.
- A meeting is scheduled with Dave Kiff (Executive Director Sonoma County Community Development Commission) and Paul Dunaway (Director, Sonoma County Agency on Aging) to discuss getting them up to the North Coast to discuss both affordable housing and senior services.
- Supervisor Hopkins already spoke with Gary Helfrich regarding affordable housing and the conversations with the Coastal Commission, Local Coastal Plan, and looking forward to potential funding opportunities for affordable housing.

Update on Community Investment Funds and Tourism Impact Funds

There will be a second round of funding going out soon and moving forward through the CAO (County Administrators Office) to the Board of Supervisors to be ratified. There is a recommendation to pay for Timber Cove's rescue equipment as well as the Coastal Hills application, which were discussed at the North Coast Meetings.

They will be moving forward with a CHP contract for parking enforcement. She thanked everyone who was involved in the Parking AdHoc and the parking conversations along with the Russian River MAC. On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors is ready to approve \$3 million per year for the South Coast Bodega Bay Fire Protection District to consolidate with Sonoma County Fire District. Once this is complete, Supervisor Hopkins looks forward to looking at the North Coast into the future.

Vegetation funding, round two, is moving forward so let your fire safe groups and local fire agencies know that this is General Fund dollars available through Sonoma County. We can put you in touch with the staff of Ag Preservation and Open Space District who are working on the project and can answer questions and help you with the application process.

Supervisor Hopkins thanked Chair Farmer again for his leadership and thanked now Chair Marti Campbell for stepping into the role. She really appreciates working with everyone and believe we are in a new and exciting place.

Chair Emeritus Scott Farmer thanked Supervisor Hopkins.

Council/Committee/Staff Reports

Water AdHoc Committee Report – Brian Leubitz

Mr. Leubitz stated there was no chair appointed yet and asked that folks contact him if they would like to join the committee and are interested in water sustainability on the coast. There was a meeting in December where they discussed how to get the information on local water systems, building a database for the information, and they will be sending an email to all MAC Members to make sure all the water districts are covered. Mr. Leubitz is hoping to get a panel together for a future MAC Meeting with some of the water officials from the water districts. The panel will discuss their plans for water sustainability and crisis management in case they run out of water. Please contact Brian Leubitz or other Committee Members with questions or if you would like to join the Committee.

Land Use Committee Report – Brian Leubitz

There was a special meeting of the Committee to discuss the Timber Cove Country Inn Project which is in the permitting process. There are still opportunities for Community Members to comment to Permit Sonoma and other Agencies on this project. They discussed the King Ridge Bicycle Event which was presented earlier in this meeting. Scott Farmer added there is room for a 4th person on the Committee. It is up to Brian Leubitz how this is addressed. The Committee includes Beth Bruzzone and Brian Leubitz from the South Coast so a North Coast representative would be nice. Alternates can be on Committees

Annapolis Yard - Annie Cresswell

Scott Farmer covered this report since Ms. Cresswell was having internet problems. Mr. Farmer and Ms. Cresswell met with Sonoma County Public Works to talk about the Annapolis Yard to try to get it opened. There is a petition to open the Yard. The meeting was very productive, and Ms. Cresswell is getting a lot of information back. CHP and the Sheriff have responded to some signage and mile markers that was requested. Mr. Farmer said there is a very good dialogue right now.

Comments/Questions

- **Elise Weiland (Staff)** - Ms. Weiland commented on the Annapolis Yard. One of the questions is if it is cost effective or not. Guidelines are set and the County manages their budget and their way of doing things. It is not appropriate for us to drill down to get things done from our direction. So we tried to back off the questions and discussed issues such as speeding in certain areas, signage that wasn't available in certain spots, and road maintenance that wasn't available in

certain areas. They found out from talking to the representatives, the CHP and TPW (Transportation and Public Works) that they were addressing these issues. Within 3 days of the meeting, the signage people were on the coast to take care of the issues. CHP agreed to patrol the dangerous areas where people were speeding. The issue isn't "when do we get the Annapolis Yard open?," but how do we get these issues fixed in the best way possible by collaborating with these agencies and not micromanaging them.

- **Beth Bruzzone (MAC)** – There was another accident in the town of Bodega yesterday. Someone fell asleep when they were speeding. It could have been tragic, but they hit a sign and it stopped them. This is the 3rd accident in this stretch of roadway in the last few months. She would like the opportunity to meet with the Roads Department, and perhaps Ms. Weiland as well and a couple of key players in the town of Bodega. How does Ms. Bruzzone go about doing that? Elise Weiland responded she would set up the meeting.
- **Wanda Swenson (MAC)** – Ms. Swenson wanted to jump on the bandwagon of accolades for Scott Farmer. She said he did a great job and was involved in every issue possible along the coast. He was always available to answer questions. On another issue, Ms. Swenson appreciates Sonoma County. A local nonprofit was awarded a grant through the County for fuel reduction for Fort Ross Road and the project will be completed this year. They also got a chipper that is being used in the community. She also noted that the community has been working with Fire Forward on prescribed burns. They have been giving instructions on how to do prescribed burns and noted it is wonderful to have fire back in their ecosystems.
- **Brian Leubitz (MAC)** – The Planning Commission is still going through the Local Coastal Plan. Go to the Planning Commission website and they will have information on the next meeting. They have gone through 2 sections and are reviewing section by section. If you are interested in changes, please attend the meetings.
- **Chair Campbell (MAC)** – Ms. Campbell noted that the Planning Commission Meeting are recorded so if you miss one, she assumes that you can look at the recording on the County YouTube Channel.

Staff Report – Elise Weiland

All the issues were covered by Supervisor Hopkins during her update.

Call for Agenda Items – Chair Marti Campbell

If you have any agenda items you would like to share today, please do. Otherwise send an email to Elise Weiland and Chair Campbell and they will get the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

- **Scott Farmer (MAC)** spoke that Friends of the Gualala Watershed were supposed to be in this meeting and weren't. They should be on the next meeting agenda. Chair Campbell agreed, they will be on the next agenda.
- **Beth Bruzzone (MAC)** asked about the Sonoma Marin Meeting. Elise Weiland said they can discuss later.
- **Wanda Swenson (MAC)** – There is a new organization along the coast called The Coast Collaborative. It involves Sea Ranch all the way down to Bodega. It is collaborative effort to get Calfire Funding for grants for fuel reduction. Ms. Swenson will send the information to Chair Campbell.

Adjournment - Cindy Culcasi

Brian Leubitz moved the meeting be adjourned and Scott Farmer seconded.
The matter was approved 9-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Culcasi
Clerk

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Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council

Scott Farmer, 2021 Chair

2021 Annual Report

March 8, 2022

Ms. Lynda Hopkins, Supervisor District 5
County of Sonoma
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Santa Rosa CA 95403

Dear Supervisor Hopkins:

The Coastal MAC would like to summarize our activities and accomplishments over the calendar year 2021 for you and other members of the Board of Supervisors. Our summary is drawn from the complete record of activities extracted from our meeting minutes over the past year as well as from board reports.

1. **Bi-Monthly Meetings** -- The Coastal MAC has generally convened the third Wednesday of every other month at 5:30 PM, with special meetings, called as necessary, historically redeploying at various venues within the MAC boundaries. Since our May 2020 general meeting we have met via Zoom.
2. **Message from the Chair** -- Our Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council, CMAC, has just marked our third year anniversary. We continue to accommodate COVID 19 and the Zoom space has become too familiar. We strive to build relationships with Cal Fire, CHP, Caltrans, Department of Health Services, General Services Agency, Permit Sonoma, Regional Parks, State Parks, the Economic Development Board, Sonoma Tourism Board, LAFCO, yourself, Supervisor Hopkins, Lynda, District 5 staff, and most importantly, with one another. Transparency and dialogue is what we strive for. We measure our effectiveness by how well we listen and communicate. Our major themes in 2021 have been COVID, fire and water, emergency services, forest fuels reduction, redistricting, the Local Coastal Plan, event review process, and tourist impact discussion. Our challenges for 2022 include COVID, fire, drought, community sustainability and infrastructure advocacy. We will continue to support each other, our neighbors, and remain good stewards of our home, our sustaining Sonoma Coast.

Scott Farmer
2021 Chair
Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council

3. Presentations and Actions

- a. Presentations - Local Coastal Plan was and remains a major focus. We delved into the LCP in depth as a community, with Permit Sonoma Staff, and District 5 Planning Commissioner Eric Koenigshofer. The council advised that the LCP public process slow down to allow for better community, in depth, input. The Planning Commission did slow the process.
- b. Presentation - TOT Tax Measure
- c. Presentation –CHP, new local leadership
- d. Presentation –Regional Parks, Carrington Ranch Project
- e. Presentation - Kashia Pomo Band presentation on land management of their coast property adjacent to Salt Point State Park.
- f. Presentation – Gold Ridge Conservation District presentation on Western Monarch Effort
- g. Presentation – Sonoma County Tourism, TOT
- h. Presentation - Sonoma County Economic Development Board, TOT
- i. Presentation – Meredith Wharf Art Project
- j. Presentation –CalFire, what to expect this fire season
- k. Presentation – LAFCO, Fire service consolidations
- l. Presentation – Redistricting
- m. Land Use AdHoc and Standing Committee, in depth discussions reviewing the events permit process, to include ministerial and CDP requirements. Discussion about how bike events be defined. Permit Sonoma is clarifying and modifying this process.
- n. Second Land Use Committee special meeting on Timber Cove Country Inn Permit Application
- o. Coast MAC 2022 Nominations

4. AdHoc Committees

- a. Sonoma County Residential Parking Permit AdHoc
- b. Emergency Preparedness AdHoc
- c. Land Use/Events AdHoc and now standing committee
- d. Meetings AdHoc
- e. Coastal Water AdHoc

5. Accomplishments

- a. Engaged LCP process with quality input
- b. Completed Bodega Bay parking survey
- c. Land Use and Permit Process continues to evolve
- d. Held second special meeting to discuss the Timber Cove Country Inn Permit. Land Use AdHoc Committee evolved into standing committee.
- e. Salt Point Cellular tower came online

6. Communications/ Correspondence (See exhibits at end of document)

- a. Letter LCP recommendations and concerns, signed by 21 concerned citizens, led by Jill Lippitt. The correspondence was read by the Clerk at the September 2021 CMAC Meeting
- b. Letter (dated June 1, 2021) – Bodega Bay Fire Protection District - Comments and concerns regarding Sonoma County pending LCP update – Signed by Liz Martin, BBFPD Board President

Board Changes in 2021

Cathy Beck, Brooks Rooney and Cal Aires stepped down from the MAC this year.

Continuing MAC Members:

Che Casul (now as alternate: Bodega/Valley Ford)

Beth Bruzzone Alternate and now Council Member going forward, Bodega/Valley Ford)

Brian Leubitz (Bodega Bay)

Elizabeth Gallagher (Council member and alternate going forward: Jenner)

Abreanna Gomes (Kashia Band of Pomo Indians)

Wanda Swenson (Fort Ross)

Paul Plakos (Sea Ranch)

Marti Campbell (Sea Ranch)

Ann Yager (Alternate: Sea Ranch/Annapolis)

Scott Farmer (Timber Cove)

Annie Cresswell (Alternate: Timber Cove)

New:

Ginny Nichols (Bodega Bay)

Carl Osier (Alternate: Bodega Bay)

Callie Madden (Alternate: Fort Ross)

Jill Lippitt (Jenner)

Special thanks to Cindy Culcasi for her stellar clerk support.

We welcome Mary Agneberg to the District 5 team.

Respectfully,

Scott Farmer, Chair 2020-21

Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council

Attachments – Ad Hoc Reports, Correspondence.

cc: MAC Council Members and Alternates

Elise Weiland

Leo Chyi

Attachments – Ad Hoc Reports, Correspondence.

Ad Hoc, Committee Annual Reports

Reports Received from:

- a. Sonoma County Residential Parking Permit AdHoc (Sunset in March 2021)
- b. Land Use Standing Committee
- c. Meetings AdHoc (Sunset in March 2021)
- d. Coastal Water AdHoc

Residential Parking Permit Ad Hoc Committee

January 2022

Sunset March 2021

Members: Brooks Rooney, Chair (Bodega Bay), Cathy Beck (Bodega Bay), Liz Gallagher (Jenner, alternate), Scott Farmer (Timber Cove), Elise Weiland (Advisory)

(From 2021 report)

Purpose: To discern the need for Residential Parking Permits (RPP) on the Sonoma Coast as well as enforced parking regulation in community commercial zones.

The Ad Hoc committee was appointed at the CMAC's September 15, 2020, meeting. The members met via zoom. Elise present background information on residential parking permits in general and Sonoma County's regulations of such. After much discussion, it was decided to poll the residents of Sonoma Coast on enforced parking and have them indicate where such parking should take place. The committee members designed questions for a Survey Monkey that will be circulated to all coastal residents.

It is hoped that the feedback from the survey will provide direct guidance and that, if necessary, a community committee will be formed to take the steps forward where necessary.

Brooks Rooney, Chair

This AdHoc has sunset. The survey results were divided roughly down the middle, half favoring residential parking regulation, the other half not and did not provide clear guidance.

Scott Farmer, CMAC Chair

Land Use/Events AdHoc Committee
Land Use Standing Committee

Members:

Brian Leubitz, Chair

Beth Bruzzone

Marti Campbell

Scott Farmer

The Land Use/Events AdHoc committee was formed to evaluate and compose a process to identify meaningful applications for permits that rise to demanding community attention. The intent was to give applicants an opportunity to present their application to the community, early and in an unbiased forum where understanding is fostered. The discussion is intended to inform both the applicant, the community and Permit Sonoma.

We met in early January, 2022, to discuss the Timber Cove Country Inn Project for a second time. Attendance was good. We had a good discussion about water, access, and traffic. Public comment remained open through the Permit Sonoma process.

We also met twice to discuss the King Ridge Bicycle Event. As it is a Rules of the Road event, it is ministerially approved, however, past Permit Sonoma practice of how events are approved in the Coastal Zone is being clarified and updated. The Permit Sonoma process of informing this committee was lacking. After much consideration the process has improved.

Brian Leubitz, Chair

Meeting AdHoc Committee

Martha Campbell, Chair

Liz Gallagher

Paul Plakos

Ann Yeager

The Meeting AdHoc committee was formed to consider and evaluate future Coast MAC meeting venue considerations in a post COVID environment. It is felt that having an option to attend a MAC meeting remotely is a benefit given long travel distances, especially during winter darkness and weather. The thrust has been to move to hybrid meetings where attendance can be remote and in person. District 5 staff has purchased a system that promises to support this format. The committee has sunset.

Martha Campbell

Coastal Water AdHoc Committee

Paul Plakos, Chair
Beth Bruzzone
Abreanna Gomes
Brian Leubitz

The Coastal Water AdHoc was formed in November 2021. We met in December to discuss our mission which first included how to gather information on all of the coastal water systems. We began working on a database of providers from currently available information. We will be sending out a form to all MAC members asking about any information they know about water districts in their areas. We would like this to lead to an agenda item at a future MAC meeting with a roundtable of water agencies to discuss long term reliability along the Sonoma Coast.

Paul Plakos

Correspondence

Dear Coastal MAC Member,

We are a group of concerned residents who for the past two years have been studying the proposed changes to the Local Coastal Plan. We made important recommendations to PRMD in order to strengthen and safeguard our coast from environmental degradation, over-development, and unchecked winery expansion---to name just a few of our shared concerns.

Unfortunately, Permit Sonoma drafted their final version of the revised Local Coastal Plan that not only failed to incorporate our detailed suggestions, but actually loosened restrictions and oversight in order to make it easier to obtain permits on the coast which would avoid public input, scrutiny, or be appealable to the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, or even the Coastal Commission.

Policies such as these show the county's flagrant disregard for public input, particularly when the law requires there be meaningful community involvement in this process.

We understand that the Coastal MAC has also been working on this issue and that you may share some of our concerns, such as allowing ***fast-track permitting*** of:

- Commercialization of rural coastal communities and increased density without adequate evaluation of impacts or water availability.
- Expansion of vineyards and wineries on the coast
- More overnight tourism venues on rural lands

There are also no strong protections for endangered species, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. and no regulations of synthetic pesticides or rodenticides used in environmentally sensitive areas.

Many of these eliminations of previous restrictions and safeguards contradict what Permit Sonoma states to be "unchanged" in their current version of the LCP. We intend to offer many specific examples of what very real changes are actually in the fine print of the LCP when we have an opportunity to offer comments at the upcoming meeting.

Since the Coastal MAC is supposed to act on behalf of the coast, we respectfully request that you strongly advocate for delaying the Planning Commission's approval of this version of the LCP, which is now on their October 7th meeting agenda, urging them to further revise the plan to address coastal community concerns.

We feel confident that when you hear our long list of serious and specific complaints about this deeply flawed LCP draft you will agree with us that the Planning Commission should refuse to adopt it in its current form.

Hoping you will join us in using your best efforts and knowledge of the coast to stop this terrible LCP draft from moving forward as it is now written.

Respectfully,

Cea Higgins
Richard Charter
Rue Furch
Megan Kaun
Nancy Feehan
Padi Selwyn
Reuben Weinzveg
Laura Morgan
Larry Hanson
Kimberly Burr
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Cecily Condon, Lead Planner
Gary Helfrich, Project Planner
PRMD-LCP-Update
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Re: Bodega Bay Fire Protection District comments and concerns
about pending Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan Update

Dear Ms. Condon and Mr. Helfrich:

I am writing to you as the President of the Board of Directors of Bodega Bay Fire Protection District ("District") to share the District's comments and concerns about the pending Sonoma County Local Coast Plan Update ("LCP"). As you may know, in March of this year, the District proclaimed a Fiscal Emergency due to insufficient funding and staffing, and this letter is intended to highlight the numerous threats that consequently have arisen to the safety of persons, property and the environment in the Coastal Zone covered by the LCP. As presently drafted, the working LCP Public Review Draft neither includes nor addresses the public safety risks that have arisen because of a change of the status quo. The District requests the LCP update include the significant limitations in fire and emergency medical services for the high tourism areas in the nearly 40% of the Sonoma County coast served by the District.

The public safety risks of reduced fire and emergency medical services are greater than the obvious areas wildland fire, ambulance response and general fire prevention and suppression. The District's reduced capabilities have an impact across the entire spectrum of the LCP, including, but not limited to, land use and property development; public access and recreation; transportation; public facilities and services; and protection of resource areas. Until such time as the District Fiscal Emergency is resolved, the public safety response capacity assumptions upon which these LCP elements and related appendices are based must be re-evaluated and updated to reflect the unfortunate reality that the District will be doing less with less.

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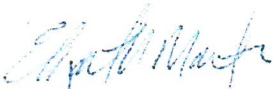
Fax: (707) 875-2660
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I understand that the Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council and homeowner's association representatives in Bodega Bay are in communication with you regarding their concerns about public safety risks related to LCP issues. This direct communication from the District is intended to highlight the urgency of this situation and offer our assistance and expertise in assess and quantify the implications and impact of reduced District services on activities under the jurisdiction of the LCP and Coastal Commission.

At an LCP stakeholder meeting held at the District in December 2019 to get community input on the potential changes to the plan, the District Assistant Chief made clear to your team of presenters that the District, which provides the safety net for a major portion of the land within the LCP, was underfunded and understaffed. The District requested at that time that the LCP include a robust analysis of the safety needs in the area, as well as a plan for funding these public safety services. At that time, the District had 4 staff on each shift – now staffing is reduced to only 3 personnel. Although things have gotten worse, the LCP does not address this and does not propose the changes necessary to ensure that those who live in or visit the area covered by the LCP are kept safe, primarily by ensuring the public safety agency that protects them remains financially and operationally stable and sustainable. Accordingly, the District believes that the LCP has failed to adequately address the impacts and implications of this significant and ongoing public safety issue and asks that the LCP be revised with an analysis of the safety needs in the area and plan for funding these public safety services.

Thank you for your attention to these issues. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information from the District leadership. We would also welcome a discussion with you at one of our regular Board meetings, which are held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the District fire station. I look forward to working collaboratively with you and the LCP team.

Sincerely,



Liz Martin
BBFPD Board President

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