



Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council

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Chyi and Jason Wilson

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May 19, 2021

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Clerk Cindy Culcasi

A. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Correspondence

D. Consent Calendar

Approval of March meeting minutes

Updated Land Use Committee process

E. Public Comment

Comment from the public regarding matters of general interest not on the agenda, but related to the Sonoma Coast MAC business. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Sonoma Coast MAC cannot consider issues or take action on any requests during this comment period. Due to time constraints, comments will be limited at the discretion of the Chair.

F. Regular Calendar Items

- a. Supervisor Lynda Hopkins opening comments and swearing In of new alternate, Brian Leubitz for Bodega Bay.
- b. TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Discussion with guests
 1. Claudia Vecchio of Sonoma County Tourism
 2. Sheba Person Whitley of the Economic Development Board
- c. Fire Department Consolidation with Guest Mark Bramfitt, LAFCO Director (Local Agency Formation Commission)



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- G. Staff Report
 - a. Jenner Representative Changes and notification of alternates.
 - b. Leo Chyi: LCP status

- H. Adhoc and Council Representative Reports
 - a. Meeting AdHoc report

- I. Call for new Agenda Items

Adjourn

Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council
Scott Farmer, Chair
March 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Online Zoom/Facebook Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 5:31 p.m.

Cindy Culcasi

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Roll Call – Present

Scott Farmer – Chair

Marti Campbell – Vice Chair

Paul Plakos

Wanda Swenson

Brooks Rooney

Cathy Beck

Abreanna Gomes

Elizabeth Gallagher (alternate) – voting this meeting

Ann Yager (alternate)

Cal Ares was absent

Che Casul was absent

Annie Cresswell (alternate) was absent

Approval of Agenda

Cathy Beck moved to approve the agenda with the changes noted below. The motion was seconded by Marti Campbell. The motion carried 8-0.

The Agenda was approved with the following changes:

1. Public Comment (E) will be moved to follow Regular Calendar Items (F)
2. The Swearing in of Elizabeth Gallagher after the Consent Calendar (D) if Supervisor Hopkins has not arrived yet

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

None

Correspondence

None

Consent Calendar

Brooks Rooney moved to approve the minutes with no changes. Paul Plakos seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Link to Zoom Meeting Replay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJUY8XF21IY>

To view the PowerPoint presentations, use the Zoom link above.

Regular Calendar Items

Kashia Band of Pomo: Land Management Strategies – Nina Hapner, Director of Environmental Planning

Ms. Hapner gave this same presentation a couple of years ago at the Timber Cove Inn. The PowerPoint Presentation she is using is the same presentation with a few changes.

The strategy has not changed since her first presentation a couple of years ago. Ms. Hapner will share the Kashia land management philosophy. Not everyone in the community agrees with the approach of how the Kashia Band uses fire (and that includes within the Kashia Band themselves) and what the Kashia Band does a little differently. We have seen in the past few years how intensive our fires have become and we are missing something in how we manage our land.

Ms. Hapner stated that fire is a tool and there are benefits of fire, e.g., reduces pests, enables healthy regrowth, reduces fuels, etc. Fire has helped shape the landscape in California. Hazel is a good example. Hazel is used for baskets and fire helps the plant produce strong straight shoots. Tan oaks are a traditional food staple for the tribe. Without fires, pests, such as worms, will infest the acorns. The tribe uses fire to control pests, improve the plant material, and add nutrition to the soil. Pesticides are not utilized.

Ms. Hapner shared pictures of the coastal reserve. Previous to the tribe purchasing the coastal reserve, it was managed for timber besides having cattle and sheep on it. Currently the tribe is dealing with a large growth of fuel in some areas, and a forest that doesn't have a lot of resiliency. The tribe will be doing a timber harvest this year, maximizing the older trees and taking out the trees that aren't as highly merchantable to clean out and to help build back the forest to resiliency. The forest hasn't been managed this way for a long time (about 125 years) and it will take a number of years to come back. The tribe has mixed emotions about the process because they are familiar with the heavy logging done in previous years and the damage that was done.

There are many non-native species growing in the grasslands and heavy thatch in the grass. It is hard to find some of the species that some tribal members would like to collect for food. Along with the Forest Management Plan, they are putting together a Grasslands Management Plan. Abby Gomes (primary) and Nina Hapner have been working with National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to map some of the grasslands. Their hope is to put fire back into the landscape slowly. They might start with grazing first and slowly move forward towards the use of fire for land management.

"The more open our forest is, the better we can breathe. The forests are our lungs." Our forests have been allowed to tangle up and are dense. How do we deal with fire now? Ms. Hapner noted she grew up with Smokey the Bear. His image was very strong in suppressing the use of fire as a tool. She added there is nothing bad about Smokey and he taught many including children about fire. We were taught to fear and suppress fire, but the strategy is being reformatted.

Kashia's Future Goals and Fire

- Reintroduce fire, but carefully
- Thin and open
- Manage forests based upon Kashia knowledge and needs

We need to stand our ground on how we handle fire. CalFire and the State of California manage fire differently and we don't always agree with the County on how they manage the forest. It is an education on both sides.

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Or

Abby Gomes – MAC Representative Kashia Band/Pomo Indians

Comments (MAC Members)

- Paul Plakos - Mr. Plakos thanked Ms. Hapner for her presentation and added this sounds like a wonderful way to manage the land. Mr. Plakos asked about the boundaries of the timber harvest. Answer – There are two main sources of timber. There is a north and south section. The cutting is more in the interior and doesn't reach the outer boundaries. They will be taking out redwoods, Douglas fir, and grand fir. They are not taking out bishop pines to sell, but will mill it, and use it to repair the fence line. There is some bishop pine that is old, diseased, and in bad shape and it will not be used. The tribe purchased a mobile sawmill and will be using it for this project.
- Scott Farmer - Is the State Park as your neighbor working well with you? Answer – Yes
- Scott Farmer thanked Nina Hapner for her presentation. He appreciates the approach being used to address the issue. Ms. Hapner says she hopes that Abby Gomes, her children, and other young people will enjoy the results and benefit from the Land Management Plan in the future. She answered an additional question and noted that the size of the preserve is 678 acres. She added that there are 5 water ways that flow to the ocean from within the preserve and it is important that the water is clean when it reaches the ocean. The ocean is the Kashia grocery store.

Swearing in of Ann Yager (Sea Ranch alternate)

Supervisor Lynda Hopkins performed the swearing in ceremony for Ann Yager (alternate - Sea Ranch/Annapolis).

Supervisor Hopkins thanked Ms. Yager for volunteering to serve as an alternate.

Supervisor Hopkins did not have a formal presentation but was happy to answer any questions.

Questions/Comments

Cathy Beck (MAC) - How is it going with Bodega Bay Fire and funding? Answer - Measure B did not pass and there is a fiscal crisis on the fire services side and the school side. Bodega Bay may be looking at layoffs at the end of this fiscal year. Supervisor Hopkins is hopeful there will be a solution. The two possible solutions:

1. A couple of years ago, the County provided a onetime multiyear contract for enhanced staffing with a \$500,000 multiyear contract for Bodega Bay Fire District, Geyserville and Gold Ridge. The goal was for Measure G to fund the department; however, Measure G didn't pass (It may go back on the ballot in June 2022). Ms. Hopkins is hoping that next month the funding for enhanced staffing will be added to the Consent Calendar and put up for renewal. This should provide between 18 to 24 months funding until, hopefully, Measure G is voted upon and passed in 2022.
2. Tomorrow Supervisor Hopkins will be meeting with the Bodega Bay Fire District. Participants include Chair Liz Martin, Labor Representative Justin Fox, Assistant Chief Hertzberg, Sonoma County Fire District Chief Mark Heine, Taxpayers Association Executive Director Dan Drummond, and representatives from Sonoma County Tourism. They will discuss possible avenues of shifting some of the General Funds TOT (transient occupancy tax) towards Fire and Emergency Services. Sonoma County Tourism receives about \$2.3 million annually from the General Fund TOT (in addition to other sources). They could shift the Business Assessment and close some loopholes and become revenue neutral. To make changes to the General Fund TOT would require a majority or super majority (depending upon the timing) of the Board of Supervisors.

Brooks Rooney (MAC) - Has any progress been made on the burned-out house on Hwy 1 in Bodega Bay? Answer - A final press release has been written. The Board has voted on the final settlement at Tuesday's meeting (March 16) and more details will be released very soon.

Additional Comments by Supervisor Hopkins – Ms. Hopkins really appreciated Nina Hapner's presentation. She noted that Ms. Hapner is an inspiration and one of the reasons that she went through Fire Fighter training so she could participate in controlled burns. She attended a presentation by Ms. Hapner a couple of years ago in Timber Cove and was impressed with the concept and how it helps address the risk of catastrophic wildfire risks. Supervisor Hopkins asked that Abby Gomes thank Nina Hapner for her presentation.

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors will take a look at the substantial funding that was set aside for vegetation management. The funds can go to support prescribed fires, community-based organizations that are already doing this type of work, etc. Anyone can call in or sent in email prior to the meeting with the comments. This agenda item should take place around 9:00 a.m.

Questions/Comments

Norma Jellison – What is the availability of funding that was just received from the Federal Government for COVID 19 to be used for the Fire District? Answer - Sonoma County received about \$17MM from the state and \$90MM from the Federal Government. The Board of Supervisors will vote on how the funds are used. We would need to look at how flexible the funding can be. It might be difficult to

focus on one Fire District if there is a county wide need, however, that is not to say we shouldn't try to focus on Bodega Bay. The money received from COVID is fairly flexible and she has asked her staff to look into the issue. Supervisor Hopkins added this was a great question.

Chair Scott Farmer (MAC) - Chair Farmer noted that maybe it is time to start thinking about meeting in person in the next 2 to 4 months. Supervisor Hopkins agreed and stated that more people are receiving the vaccine. The vast majority are going for second doses. The County is starting to receive doses of the J&J vaccine which is one dose, and you are done. She is looking forward to being all in the same room (perhaps with protocols).

Sonoma Coast Western Monarch Conservation Effort (Status Update) – Isis Howard (Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District)

Isis Howard works for one of the two conservation districts (RCD) on the Sonoma Coast.

Highlights:

- There are two Monarch Butterfly populations: Eastern migratory population and Western migratory population.
- The Eastern population goes to Mexico to winter and the Western population sticks around the California Coastline.
- The Western migratory populations go north and inland during the spring and later return to the same groves (tree stands that offer a specific micro-climate) along the California Coast as the inland areas cool.
- There are known overwintering sites, e.g., Pismo State Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove, Natural Bridges State Park (Santa Cruz).
- See westernmonarchcount.org for detailed information regarding the counting process. This link is a great source of information.
- There are several overwintering sites along the Sonoma Coast. In recent years, the sites appear empty.
- There are 95 RCDs across California. They provide non-regulatory, confidential, free assistance to their communities.
- Currently, Gold Ridge RCD is securing private and government grants to improve Monarch habitat and overwintering sites in West Sonoma County. If you are interested in attending an educational webinar for coastal community members, please email isis@goldridgercd.org
- There will be a Monarch planting starter kit available in May.
- The large-scale monarch habitat installation and improvement project is in progress. Native milkweed and nectar plants will be planted on working lands and open spaces.
- If you want to get involved (goldridgercd.org):
 - Download the iNaturalist app. If you take a picture of a Monarch, you can upload the picture in your phone to the app and it will be sent to a scientist for research with the location of the photo.
 - Plant native nectar plants and milkweed (milkweed should be planted 5+ miles from the coast).
 - Volunteer for the Thanksgiving and New Year's Monarch Count.
 - Contact your local RCD (Gold Ridge or Sonoma) if you become aware of any monarch clusters on public or private land.

- Sign up for the RCD eNewsletter under the resources tab (goldridgercd.org). There is a Monarch update every month.
- Feel free to contact Isis Howard, Project Coordinator, at isis@goldridgercd.org

Questions/Comments

Wanda Swenson (MAC) - What kind of trees do the Monarchs cluster in? Answer - The butterflies like Monterey Pine, Monterey Cypress, and Eucalyptus. Many conservationists were saying we should take out the Eucalyptus trees. Since Western Monarchs are in grave danger of going extinct, we should really be careful and intentional before cutting the Eucalyptus trees and talk with wildlife and Monarch experts.

Scott Farmer (MAC) - Mr. Farmer noticed that planting milkweed along the coast is not the thing to do. Answer - Along the coast, nectar plants should be planted. Pesticides should be avoided. Milkweed will grow year-round along the coast because of the moderate temperatures. Milkweed can cause problems for the Monarchs such as the risk of parasites during the overwintering period. The nectar plants (such as beekeepers rely upon) are the best option for planting along the coast. When the Monarchs come out of overwintering, they are very hungry and need food (early blooming and late blooming plants are the ones to focus on). Conservation of Monarchs benefits all sorts of pollinators like honeybees.

Chair Farmer asked if there is overlap with the project that Nina Hapner presented? Answer - Yes, there is overlap and partnerships to be made for this project and others.

Paul Plakos (MAC) - Regarding the population decrease, does this represent just the coast or the Western migration? Answer – The numbers represent the Western migration of the Monarch butterflies. Based upon the count of Monarchs, we can assume they are declining rapidly. However there has been articles published regarding Monarchs in the Bay Area that are residents and do not migrate (about 12,000). These Monarchs have a higher risk of parasites and struggle to survive. This is a complicated issue.

Carrington Ranch Acquisition and Plan – Caryl Hart (Sonoma County Ag & Open Space)

Caryl Hart was unable to attend, and Steve Ehret (Planning Manager, Sonoma County Regional Park) will present the topic.

Mr. Ehret has been with the department for about 23 years. Regional Parks is very excited to be the new owner of the 335-acre Carrington Ranch which will be an open space and reserve. Mr. Ehret will present an update and next steps for the acquisition. The property ranges from Marshal Gulch to Salmon Creek (Miwok beach, and a few other beaches are on the other side of Hwy1). Coleman Valley Road runs through the property. There are a handful of old ranch buildings located to the South of the road. The property was purchased in 2003 by the State Parks. They completed a comprehensive plan in 2011 and determined they were unable to take additional properties. At that point, Sonoma County Regional Parks stepped in and took over with a plan to open the park for delicate public access. Ownership of the ranch by the Regional Parks took place this past December. The Board of Supervisors voted on the issue last summer. Mr. Ehret thanked Sonoma County Ag and Open Space for taking care of the land over the years and keeping it intact, taking care of the ranch buildings, and grazing the land.

Sonoma County Ag and Open Space provided the Regional Parks with funding to launch the interim access planning. Measure M (Parks for all) provided funds, in addition to grants that were obtained. A lot of planning was already done by the state parks prior to the Regional Parks taking over the ranch.

The plan will initially include be a guided access and then eventually a phase 1 project. This will not be a quick process. The plan is to have small groups of the general public tour with staff. This will be similar to our park preview days of Mark West Creek Regional Park. There is a very constrained parking situation, so the Regional Parks are looking at offsite parking. There will probably be a small van to bring people to the site for the tour. The tour will include a trail that leads to an overlook of South Salmon and all of Bodega Bay, Horseshoe Bay, and Muscle Point. It will be open by reservations and set times.

The planning phase is kicking off with a number of public engagements such as online surveys and different types of online voting. The property comes with a conservation easement which is very specific and limits the development and what can occur on the property.

What is allowed:

- A small parking area
- An area where there is gravel surfacing near the buildings
- The ability to have a range of trails
- The ability to inhabit some of the buildings. Currently there are Townsend's big-eared bats in the buildings which need to be left alone for a long period of time
- Other uses will be explored including the addition of camping
- Grazing is allowed and Regional Park is investing heavily in the grazing infrastructure along with the help of Ag Preservation and the Open Space District. This is a way to manage the grass lands and the safety of visitors due to fire danger. They will also use prescribed fires along with Cal Fire. This has not been discussed yet and may or may not be used in Carrington. They do not know yet.

This property will be a very important link that connects the Coast Trail from Oregon to Mexico. The Coastal Trail currently ends at Keith Avenue near the Salmon Creek Bridge. Regional Parks will be looking at how to connect the trail and they are looking at some options near the Salmon Creek Bridge. Part of the purpose of planning is to determine where the Coastal Trail will be located as it crosses the Carrington Ranch property. There are all sorts of Monarch Butterfly habitat, wetlands, native grass areas and many constraints. One of the primary goals is a continuous Coastal Trail which will connect near Marshall Gulch. There is the ability to have a caretaker on site. The buildings have been vandalized over the years and the hope is to prevent any more degradation to the buildings or any other areas.

After a community-based action plan is created, phase 1 work will begin with (probably) formalizing a parking lot and a creating a portion or all of the Coastal Trail.

Planning Manager Steve Ehret thanked everyone for their help and patience and added Regional Parks is eager to get this open so everyone can enjoy the area.

Questions/Comments

Chair Scott Farmer (MAC) –

- Is this a place that elk might want to be? Answer - Elk like large areas and don't like highway traffic. There is surrounding private property. In the future there may be elk. Introduction of elk is very complicated, and they probably won't be looking at that in the short term.
- How long is the term of this project? Answer – They hope to be starting the guided outings in June. They are looking about 3 – 5 years (best guess) to complete the project. Going through the Coastal Commission adds some additional time. Their hope is to have a light touch and passive oriented plan. They hope to hit a sweet spot for the community and slide through the regulatory hurdles.

Brooks Rooney (MAC) – Has there been any grazing of this property in recent years (not of elk, but sheep, etc.)? Answer – There has been intermittent grazing. Local Open Space has been doing a great job with grazers and they plan to continue it.

Cathy Beck (MAC) - Ms. Beck lives across from Chanslor Ranch and can look out her window and see the open space. She can see some giant coyotes on that side of the road. Answer - Mr. Ehret responded there are many different animals in the area, e.g., bobcats, lions, deer. Salmon Creek is a hot bed of different animals.

Anonymous Attendee (Zoom question) – How do you sign up for guided outings? What do you expect to be the capacity of the parking lot? Answer - We will send out a press release and Supervisor Hopkins will also help get the message out. The open spots will fill up quickly and we will fill them up in a measured way. Sign up quickly if you are interested. The capacity will be driven by COVID and the van size. The master plan will address a larger parking area in the future, but in the meantime the group size will be about 10 or 12 (depending upon COVID tier and specific regulations).

Anonymous (Zoom) - What impact will the Carrington Ranch have on our already difficult traffic situation? Asked after Steve Ehret had left the meeting.

Public Comment

Cea Higgins - Ms. Higgins wanted to bring to the attention of residents, a Fish and Wildlife Project that will use rodenticides to kill house mice on the Farallon Islands just off the coast of California. This project was originally planned in 2019 and was pulled by the Coastal Commission because of public opposition and also because the applicant didn't answer some critical questions such as what the contingency plan includes in case of a spill? This bait was recently banned on the California mainland because its use results in the deaths of animals who eat something that has consumed the bait and then die as a result, in addition to other issues. The US Fish and Wildlife estimate that 1700 Western gulls will die and since they die slowly, they can fly to the Sonoma Coast where they will create a toxic food source for other animals. They say that no pellets will go in the water, but that could happen in our windy environment and could kill fish, marine mammals, and crustaceans. When this rodenticide was used in the Wake Islands, fishing had to be closed for 982 days.

There is an informative video about this project at SavetheFarallones.org. Email comments to farallonislands@coastal.ca.gov

Staff Report

Elise VanDyne - We have been working hard on the road issues on Hwy 1. The last question regarding the impact of Carrington Ranch on traffic fits right in.

Caltrans Update

The section between Doran Park Road and Rock Point Beach will be repaved by Caltrans. The paving will be done this summer (July and August) from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am and is funded by an SB1 funding for a state grant. The project is for pavement preservation and will cost \$4MM and will take about 60 working days to complete. One of the coordination issues that came up is the sewer district is repairing 5,300 feet of sewer pipe along Hwy1 in spring of 2022. The sewer district and Caltrans are working together to figure this out, so the new road isn't dug up for the sewer repair. It looks like the sewer replacement will be trenchless and will include only the laterals to adjacent properties. They are doing research on whether cutting is involved with the project.

Supervisor Hopkins and Senator McGuire are pushing hard to get access to electronic signs along Hwy1 so when the traffic gets bad, we will be able to posts signs like "beaches are full, keep going". This has worked well in Marin. Caltrans has identified 5 signs along Hwy1 that already exist and have offered them for our use during the season. We are still looking specifically at getting signs at Hwy 12 and River Road because we would like to have dedicated signs. We do have access this summer to the 5 existing electronic signs along Hwy 1.

Meredith Wharf Art Project

The Meredith Wharf Project has been completed and there is a bit of money left which will be used for an art project that will rest at the front of Meredith Wharf. The community from Bodega Bay will choose the artist and the theme. There have been many suggestions for the theme, e.g. history of Bodega Bay, people lost at sea, and many other suggestions.

Questions/Comments

Cathy Beck (MAC) – What about having Caltrans labelling some of the pull outs as no parking spots which don't get ticketed in the summer because the parking is so out of control. Answer - That is another issue that will be addressed in the Parking AdHoc Report and by Ms. VanDyne later in the meeting. She isn't sure if adding more signs will help, but if they can find more parking such as open fields with a shuttle coming through, that could be beneficial. Adding more bus service was also suggested by the community. Some open fields have been identified that the State Parks use during festivals. There is a parking app (Pavement) that Elise VanDyne is talking to the County about that would allow the County to communicate with day use people regarding the status of parking such as "keep going, lots full, please don't park here, bathrooms located....".

Paul Plakos (MAC)

In the January meeting we talked about deadly surf along the coast. Do you know if the electronic signs along the coast can only provide traffic information or could we also use them for deadly surf? Answer - Ms. VanDyne confirmed that deadly surf would be one of the messages scrolling through the signs. There will also be existing signs available for use in the State Parks (posted in the 1970's) for use regarding deadly surf warnings. Regional Parks has volunteered and will be replacing the signs along Hwy 1 since State Parks does not have the money.

Brooks Rooney (MAC)

- How timely will the electronic signs be updated with new information? What is the lag time for posting information on the signs? Ms. VanDyne doesn't know the answer but will find out. She will be coordinating with the Park's people and working to get an agreement in place.
- What about counting the cars that pass-through Bodega Bay? Ms. VanDyne stated that has been done. She will share the report with the MAC Members. Ms. Rooney said she did receive the report, but it only showed peak periods of traffic. She doesn't believe it addresses the question of numerically how many cars pass through Bodega Bay. Ms. VanDyne suggested that she and Ms. Rooney look at the report together and both agreed that they will review together. Then Ms. VanDyne will know better what questions to follow up on with Caltrans. Elizabeth Gallagher asked that the same be done for Jenner, something more current.

Leo Chyl

LCP (Local Coastal Plan) Update

Mr. Chyl is aware that many attended the LCP Work Shops to hear about the key topics. Pesticides Regulations and Vacation Rentals were supposed to be the two key initial topics, but they were both postponed for now. Mr. Chyl did speak with Brian Oh, who is over the planning group, regarding these two issues. They will be doing these two workshops in the future. They will spend a lot of time on the vacation rental issues with the understanding that vacation rentals along the coast are very different than the rest of the County. They plan to have a lot of County wide vacation rental discussions this year and vacation rentals along the coast will be part of the discussion. Leo Chyl spoke with Brian Oh regarding how different it is along the coast compared to the rest of the County. Mr. Oh pointed out that much of the oversight of pesticides does not fall under Permit Sonoma so he is trying to find a way to bring in the right parties to have a better conversation. These two issues are not forgotten, but still in the works.

Link to LCP Program <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Long-Range-Plans/Local-Coastal-Program/>

Questions/Comments

Marti Campbell (MAC)

Ms. Campbell doesn't understand what the process will be. Pre-COVID, they were going to rewrite the draft to make it shorter. It is currently 600 pages long. Gary Helfrich has stated they won't rewrite the LCP, but now it isn't clear all the comments made will be considered when the LCP goes to the Planning Commission. Answer - Leo Chyl believes they are concerned about version control and will be presenting comments to the Planning Commission, along with the draft. The comments approved by

the Planning Commission will be added to the draft before it goes forward to the next step. He will confirm with Gary Helfrich in writing how the process will work, and what they are doing to track and recommend the changes. Ms. Campbell said most of the comments that they made were, in fact, errors that need to be corrected. It would be comforting to know they will be included. Mr. Chyl said it would be great if they had the policy change updates and the corrections tracked separately for clarity and to ensure corrections were made. He will confirm the process and concerns and get back to the MAC.

Questions/Comments

Question in Zoom from an anonymous attendee - The workshop about the Housing Element of the LCP was also postponed. Do you have an update about the Housing Element? Answer – The Housing Elements Workshop was held. Leo Chyl will ask about the video of the meeting and if it is available. It should be posted on the website.

Cannabis Public Meetings

Sonoma County Cannabis Program <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis-Program/>
Link for the videos of the Cannabis public meetings. If you would like to view them, you should save this link: <https://share.sonoma-county.org/link/hA3Qc7Uqc3k/>

Wanda Swenson asked about the Cannabis Meetings. It appears that most of the Cannabis Ordinances don't apply since they are for unincorporated areas of the County, but not the Coastal Zone. There are some parts of the Fort Ross area where it would apply that are not part of the Coastal Zone.

The main change expands ministerial permit options on parcels located in agricultural and resource zoned areas, while retaining discretionary use permit options.

Why the change? To promote agricultural diversity and a sustainable local economy by identifying more projects for staff issued permits based on specific and objective ministerial standards that are protective of the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment.

All of the available documents were posted a couple of weeks ago and are available for review. After the program goes to the Planning Commission and if ready, it is slated to go to the Board of Supervisors on April 13. Anyone can email the Cannabis Program at cannabis@sonoma-county.org.

Wanda Swenson thanked Leo Chyl for the information and pointing out the webpage.

AdHoc and Council Representative Reports – Chair Scott Farmer

Parking AdHoc Report – Brooks Rooney

Last November, the Coastal MAC appointed a Parking Committee to look into residential parking permits and other parking issues along the coast. The Committee consists of Cathy Beck (Bodega Bay), Scott Farmer (Timber Cove), Liz Gallagher (Jenner), and Brooks Rooney (Bodega Bay). Elise VanDyne guided the committee and also was a resource. In order to obtain coastal residents' feedback, the committee designed a survey to launched it in January. MAC Members were asked to distribute the link to the survey to their communities. The survey closed on March 1.

There was an overwhelming number of comments dealing with Bodega Bay. Cathy Beck and Ms. Rooney will distribute the remarks to people who made them and if they want to pursue further discussions, Ms. Beck and Ms. Rooney will be available to help them. The comments that were repeatedly made will be passed on to Caltrans and to TPW (Transportation and Public Works). The Committee believes it has served its purpose and should be dissolved.

Results of CMAC RPP Monkey Survey

CMAC RPP MONKEY SURVEY

March 17, 2021

303 Participants in Survey

Q1 Would your neighborhood be interested in RPP?

YES 46%

NO 54%

Q3 DO YOU LIVE ON THE SONOMA COAST?

YES 89%

NO 11%

Q4 WHERE DO YOU LIVE? (Volunteers)

HARBOUR	54%	160	(13)
SALMON CK	8%	23	(1)
OLD TOWN	4%	12	(1)
CARMET	10%	29	(1)
SERENA DM	6%	18	(1)
BB WESTSIDE	1%	4	
JENNER	4%	11	1)
TIMBER COVE	1%	5	
OTHER	12%	37	

Q6 WOULD YOU PAY \$25/RPP PERMIT?

YES 46%
NO 54%

Q7 DO YOU SEE A NEED FOR RPP IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

YES 40%
NO 60%

Q8 ENFORCEABLE ZONES?

YES 51%
NO 32%
MAYBE 15%
FUTURE 2%

Q9 TIME FRAME?

APRIL-OCT 12%
JUNE-SEPT 7%
YEAR ROUND 44%
WEEKEND/HOLIDAY 33%
DAILY 4%

Q10 PAID PARKING LOTS

YES 33%
NO 67%

General Comments from RPP Survey

March 2021

Summary of Questions 2 & 5:

Major Concerns: Safety Issues & Emergency Service Access

Need more public parking

Offer shuttles to key tourist spots

Limit parking to 1 side of Hwy 1, no parking on other side of Hwy

Restrict visitor parking at “key” access points to Coastal trails & beaches i.e., SDM, Carmet, Salmon Creek, BH beach stairs, Pinnacle Gulch, Short Tail Gulch

TRASH

Street signage i.e., “no beach access”, residential parking only

Left turns onto/from Hwy 1 i.e., Doran Park, Smith Brothers, Bodega Ave/Taylor, Lucas Wharf, East Shore Rd.

Residential Parking Permit Ad hoc Committee

Brooks Rooney, Cathy Beck, Liz Gallagher, Scott Farmer

E-Bike Letter from Bodega Bay – Cathy Beck/Brooks Rooney (letter included in the meeting packet)

Cathy Beck said the letter has been sent. Brooks Rooney wrote the letter and Cathy noted it was well done. It addressed the issue of more and more e-bikes on the Prairie Coastal Trail. The letter asks that signage be posted along the coastal trail before the issue gets out of control.

Pole Mountain Status Update – Wanda Swenson

They are still collecting money and are planning on demolition soon. The camera will be placed at the top of a pole during demolition. The camera is currently not functioning but will be functioning again soon.

Sunset Parking and Emergency Preparedness – Scott Farmer

Chair Farmer stated the Parking AdHoc, and the Emergency AdHoc Committees will be sunset. A new AdHoc Committee will be formed to discuss when we can meet in person again. We want to ensure we have the facts and that everyone is comfortable when a date is determined. Members of the new AdHoc Committee are Marti Campbell, Paul Plakos, Liz Gallagher, and Ann Yager. Ms. Campbell will call the first meeting and during the first meeting it will be decided who will act as the Chair.

Call for new Agenda Items – Chair Farmer

There is an agenda item of Tourist Impact. Many issues fit into this agenda items such as parking. Contact your MAC Representative if you have any agenda items to suggest or you are always welcome to call District 5 Staff. Chair Farmer has received feedback that some of the communities aren't sure

what we are doing. He asked MAC Representatives share what they are doing with the community. Cathy Beck suggested an agenda item on the update on the Carrington Ranch in the next MAC Meeting since they are close to opening the tours of the property.

Adjournment – Cindy Culcasi

Cathy Beck made a motion to adjourn. Marti Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Culcasi, Clerk

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Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council Scott Farmer, Chair

Members

Bodega/Valley Ford

Che Casul
Alternate: Misty West
Gay

Timber Cove

Scott Farmer, Chair
Alternate: Annie
Cresswell

Sea Ranch/Annapolis

Marti Campbell,
Vice-Chair
Dibby Tyler
Alternate: Paul Plakos

Kashia Band/Pomo

Indians Abreanna Gomes

Fort Ross

Wanda Swenson
Alternate: Chris Fohner

Jenner

Cal Ares
Alternate: Elizabeth
Gallagher

Bodega Bay

BrooksRooney
Cathy Beck
Alternate: Bob Amiral

Clerk: Cindy Culcasi

Staff: Elise VanDyne

Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council Land Use and Events Permit Review process.

1. Applications will be reviewed by District Director, Leo Chyi, and the Land Use/Events AdHoc committee. County staff may make recommendations of applications to take up. As well, an email account dedicated to receiving and archiving permit application submissions relative to the Coast MAC region will be maintained. Permit Sonoma will include this email address in their distribution. Any Land Use/Event AdHoc committee member can review these and recommend to the Chair that the AdHoc convene to consider applications of significant interest to the community.
2. Coast MAC Land Use/Events Ad Hoc committee:
 1. The Coast MAC Land Use/Event AdHoc committee will meet as needed to consider if an application should advance for public consideration.
 2. In order that the application process not be impeded by our process, placing these on an agenda shall be timely. Should a Coast MAC general meeting not be timely, the Chair will call for a Coast MAC Special meeting with only permit applications on this agenda.
 3. The applicant and public will be invited to attend, ask questions and comment.
3. Applicant will be provided an opportunity to present their project at the public meeting.
4. The Council and public will be allowed an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the application.
5. The Council may choose to vote to convey approval or disapproval recommendations.
6. Council, applicant and public comments and responses will be recorded, in writing and sent to Permit Sonoma within 3 working days.
7. After a permitted event, at the next Coast MAC general meeting, an agenda item will allow for the applicant, council and public to review and comment on the event, as it happened. A written record of this review will be sent to Permit Sonoma within 3 working days and be made part of the applicant's record at Permit Sonoma.
8. It is the intent that this process be open and thoughtful. It is the hope that future event application decisions be informed by past performance, both good and not.

Responsibility of Land Use/Event Permit AdHoc

- Review and request review of permits of community concern.
- Schedule meeting, - either forthcoming MAC or a Special Coast MAC meeting if timing requires.
- Publicize meeting
- Record council, applicant and public comment and responses during pre-permitting process and convey to Permit Sonoma.
- Record post event comments and convey to Permit Sonoma.

Transient Occupancy Tax



	FY 18-19 Approved	FY 19-20 Recommended	FY 20-21 Recommended	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY 21-22 Recommended	FY 22-23 Projected
Community Investment¹	11,335,650	11,811,209	11,931,968	9,481,968	8,407,226	11,737,639
Economic Development						
Economic Development Board (EDB) ²	3,158,213	3,225,000	3,225,000	2,257,500	2,257,500	3,225,000
Sonoma County Tourism Bureau ^{3&4}	2,107,840	2,271,209	2,391,968	2,391,968	1,612,226	2,537,639
Community Grants						
District Grants/Priorities	250,000	500,000	500,000	350,000	350,000	500,000
Other Community Grants	1,432,400	340,000	340,000	380,000	0	0
Community Services						
Fuels Reduction & Landscape Resiliency	0	900,000	900,000	630,000	630,000	900,000
Fire Services - REDCOM Fees	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
District Formation Funds	0	175,000	175,000	122,500	122,500	175,000
Regional Parks	2,651,507	2,650,000	2,650,000	1,855,000	1,855,000	2,650,000
Office of Recovery and Resiliency	271,961	300,000	300,000	210,000	270,000	300,000
Program Administration and Integrity						
ACTTC Collection	407,819	410,900	410,900	287,630	312,630	410,900
ACTTC Audit	114,100	114,100	114,100	79,870	79,870	114,100
Legal Services	41,810	25,000	25,000	17,500	17,500	25,000
Measure L		5,573,518	5,740,724	3,901,463	3,901,463	6,090,334
Fire Services	40%	2,229,407	2,296,290	1,560,585	1,560,585	2,436,134
Road Repairs and Improvements	20%	1,114,704	1,148,145	780,293	780,293	1,218,067
Affordable Housing	13%	724,557	746,294	507,190	507,190	791,743
Tourism Impact Funds - District Grants	10%	557,352	574,072	390,146	390,146	609,033
Veteran's Buildings/Event Facilities	9%	501,617	516,665	351,132	351,132	548,130
Code Enforcement and Compliance	8%	445,881	459,258	312,117	312,117	487,227

¹ Consistent with April 2019 Policy Update, annual uses assumes annual Fund Balance draw down. Estimated FYE 2021-22 ~\$1.5 million
² Includes Creative Sonoma programs, which leverage external grant funding sources
³ Sonoma County Tourism Bureau (SCTB) funding level is 1.25% of the first 9% or 13.89% of non-Measure L tax revenue collected
⁴ SCTB current FY 2020-21 final allocation will be based on actual collections, which is expected to be similar to the new year FY 2021-22 Recommended budget year



Report: SCCMAC Ad Hoc Committee on Resuming Meeting in Person

To: Sonoma County Coast MAC

From: In Person Ad Hoc: Marti Campbell, Liz Gallagher, Paul Plakos, Ann Yager

We had a productive meeting and addressed aspects of the decision of whether, how, and when to start meeting in person again, considering as well whether we should consider hybrid meetings. Although we did not reach consensus, it's fair to say that we had substantial agreement about the issues. We recommend that the group as a whole discuss these issues, and have asked that this be a formal agenda item at the May 19 meeting. We've also discussed technical considerations with Elise Weiland, who will bring ideas to our discussion.

Timing

- General agreement that we'll likely not be ready by the June 15 opening announced by Governor Newsom
- Agreement that we should follow Sonoma County guidelines. We're probably a mix of County categories "Office Work" and "Small Gatherings"

Safety Issues: COVID

- Safety protocols for in-person meetings themselves:
 - Protocols for attendance: temperature check, COVID questions, proof of vaccination or negative COVID test (within ? days)
 - Length of meeting: under 2 hours is current County guideline
 - Masks required
- Suitability of meeting locations
 - Has to be suitable for social distancing
 - Possible outside meeting?
 - Review list of possible locations and identify which qualify for safety and technology (see below)
 - Some locations may be more appropriate for non-rainy vs. rainy season

Safety Issues: Non-COVID

- Winter meetings: driving home in the dark, in bad weather, is discouraging for the public (as well as for some members). Would it be possible to consider weekend daytime meetings during Standard Time months?

Meeting Format

- Some of us favored staying with Zoom: increased participation of members of the public; less onerous from a transportation perspective, particularly in the darker months. But would need to address broadband access in some areas of the region, to facilitate member and public participation (wifi hubs, e.g. a meeting room at Timber Cove Resort?)

- Consider a hybrid approach: using Zoom but also having members meet/be able to meet in person. This would entail an analysis of possible meeting spaces, to be sure that wifi and/or cell phone technology are available.
 - Develop a portable solution: MAC members would either bring their own devices, or potentially be able to view the Zoom screen on a projected screen image. The County could provide one laptop signed in to Zoom, and members of the public who wanted to speak could go to that laptop to make their comments, so the Zoom participants would be able to see/hear them. Elise Weiland has been investigating this option with technical staff from the County.
- **Technology**
 - Such a hybrid approach would limit possible meeting spaces to those where connectivity is possible. Would probably also limit ability to meet outside.