



Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council

Scott Farmer, Chair

2021 Members

Bodega/Valley Ford

Che Casul
Alternate: Open

Timber Cove

Scott Farmer, Chair
Alternate: Annie
Cresswell

Sea Ranch/Annapolis

Marti Campbell, Vice
Chair
Paul Plakos
Alternate: Open?

Kashia Band/Pomo

Indians
Abreanna Gomes

Fort Ross

Wanda Swenson
Alternate: Open

Jenner

Cal Ares
Alternate: Elizabeth
Gallagher

Bodega Bay

Brooks Rooney
Cathy Beck
Alternate: Open

Clerk: Cindy Culcasi
Staff: Elise VanDyne, Leo
Chyi and Jason Wilson

In accordance with Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20 regarding the Brown Act for public meetings during the public health emergency, the January Coast MAC meeting will be held virtually. The meeting will be on Zoom and on Facebook live, links below. After the event, videos are available both on facebook and on the Sonoma County 5th District Youtube channel.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Streaming Facebook Live on Supervisor Lynda Hopkins page

<https://www.facebook.com/supervisorlyndahopkins/>

January 20, 2021

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

A. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Correspondence

D. Consent Calendar

Approval of November meeting minutes

Approval of annual report

E. 2021 Representatives and call for more alternates

F. Election of 2021 Chair and Vice Chair

a. Nomination of candidates

b. Candidate statements

c. Council Representatives vote

d. New Chair takes over meeting leadership

G. 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.

H. Informational / Presentation Items

a. Supervisor Lynda Hopkins - TOT tax ballot



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- b. Mike Lair from State Parks on trash/bathrooms/parking
- c. Captain Randy England, CHP
- d. Ag and Open Space on Carrington Ranch Acquisition

I. Regular Calendar Items

- a. Request for vote on correspondence regarding ebikes
- b. Residential Parking Permit discussion - program overview Elise
 - parking AdHoc Survey / Brooks

J. Council Member Comment and Staff Report

K. Adhoc Reports

- a. EMS – Paul
- b. LandUse/Events
- c. Pole Mountain Status update

L. Call for new Agenda Items

Adjourn

Sonoma Coast Municipal Advisory Council
Scott Farmer, Chair
November 18, 2020, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Online Zoom/Facebook Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 5:32 p.m.

Cindy Culcasi

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Roll Call – Present

Scott Farmer - Chair

Che Casul

Dibby Tyler

Wanda Swenson

Brooks Rooney

Marti Campbell

Cathy Beck

Abreanna Gomes

Cal Ares

Elizabeth Gallaher (alternate) – Voted initially until Cal Ares was present

Annie Cresswell (alternate) - Did not vote

Approval of Agenda

Brooks Rooney moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Che Casul. The motion carried 9-0. Elizabeth Gallagher voted on behalf of Cal Ares.

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

None

Correspondence

None

Consent Calendar

1. Approval of July 30 Special Meeting Minutes – Brooks Rooney noted a correction to be made. Motion made by Dibby Tyler to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Wanda Swenson. The motion carried 9-0 (Cal Ares voted since he was now present in the meeting).
2. Approval of September 16 Meeting Minutes – Brooks Rooney noted several corrections to be made. Motion made by Brooks Rooney. The motion was seconded by Marti Campbell. The motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment (2 minutes)

Chair Scott Farmer reminded participants that there would be a call for agenda items at the end of the meeting. This will give people time to think about any agenda items they would like to suggest.

Tom Tucker thanked Lynda Hopkins for protecting our fire protection district, increasing the TOT (transient occupancy tax), forgoing the consolidation of the El Molino and Analy High Schools. He also discussed Oyster Catcher Loop (where he lives) which is identified in the LCP draft as the entrance to Oyster Catcher Loop Beach. Mr. Tucker had identified this issue in the LCP to the Supervisors, and he would like to see it changed in the LCP.

Informational/Presentation Items

Lynda Hopkins

Supervisor Hopkins was jumping between the MAC Meeting and another meeting. Although the minutes follow the order of the agenda topics, this update actually occurred later in the meeting after Supervisor Hopkins rejoined the meeting.

Ms. Hopkins presented an update on the West County TOT Tax District Proposal. She encourages people to read the ballot language on the Board of Supervisors agenda which was voted on yesterday with 4-1 in support to move forward. The proposal would provide critical funding for emergency medical services and rescue services for the coast in particular as well as West County wide educational funding opportunities for broader unification which could involve funding to combine different schools, provide bridge funding to maintain existing facilities and programs. At the conclusion of the unification study, it would provide funding to augment education. Education at that point is very broadly defined so it could include affordable childcare, early childhood opportunities to age 5, post-secondary education, and grades K-12, adult education, trade school opportunities, and career technical education and programs. There would be a robust oversight component known as the Education Advisory Committee.

Ms. Hopkins also spoke about the MAC during this transition period. There are a few spots open and also a new Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed. She is excited about working with the MAC next year. She will be the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and would like to highlight the work that the MAC does. She appreciates the community empowerment and commented on how far the MAC has come in the last couple of years. The last couple of years have been the hard part, learning about how the MAC will work since it was in an adolescent stage. Now is the time to tackle some tough subjects and discuss with the State, such as how to handle tourism along the coast. Also, to launch projects and

linking arms between County and State governments, Law Enforcement and everyone who has to be at the table. Ms. Hopkins thanked the MAC for their leadership and participation and looks forward to working with everyone.

Comments (MAC)

- Cal Ares thanked Supervisor Hopkins for her work and stated he supports her efforts.
- Annie Cresswell also thanked Ms. Hopkins for her help to keep El Molino. She couldn't imagine adding another 45 minutes to the drive to school for Timber Cove residents.
- Che Casul - Mr. Casul stated that West County wasn't touched heavily by the fires, but he wanted to discuss the PG&E money. He added that there are large stretches of the county that need manual work for fire abatement, and it would be very expensive to pay for the work and said we should bring these issues together to accomplish what is needed. Mr. Casul wants to open it up to prescribed fires and contracts to help with fire abatement. Ms. Hopkins responded that they are putting together a plan regarding how to use the PG&E funds and are working to set up some meetings and will invite MAC members (keep in mind that due to the Brown Act only a minority of the board can attend)
- Tom Tucker (Public) thanked Lynda Hopkins for all she does for the coastal areas.
- Wanda Swenson (MAC) asked about the PG&E settlement money and if we would be applying for grants. e.g. for Pole Mountain. Leo Chyi (Staff) responded that there is discussion regarding vegetation management, but no clear path/date is set yet to discuss other issues. Che Casul (MAC) also responded and said he was working on this and there is nothing decided yet, which is why he spoke earlier in this meeting about Fire Abatement.
- Leo Chyi (Staff) added that we are approved for phase 2 debris cleanup for fire damages. There is a December 15 deadline to submit the government form, or people can use their own funds or insurance money. More information will be coming out regarding this issue. If anyone is having trouble with FEMA or SBA, please let the District 5 Office know so they can help. Mr. Chyi stated that some people are having trouble working with the entities and it helps when the Supervisor's Office gets involved.

Status Update - Elise VanDyne

- An LCP public workshop was held on November 10 at the Board of Supervisors. This is the last public workshop before a revised version of the plan goes to the Planning Commission (tentatively scheduled for February). A Planning Commission draft is being prepared for the LCP in response to all the input received over the past year. All the comments made will be incorporated into that draft. In addition, there will be a comprehensive list of policy options that has been addressed by the public developed for consideration. The updated draft and identified policy options will be released to the public (in December) prior to being submitted to the Planning Commission. Ms. VanDyne suggested people sign up for Lynda Hopkin's Newsletter to keep them informed regarding the LCP. There will be one more chance to review prior to going to the Board of Supervisors. The draft will have a table of contents to make it easier to find what you are looking for in the document.
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and Affordable Housing - Permit Sonoma is working on these issues in partnership with Coastal Commission Staff. Regarding ADUs, there are a number of LCPs in the central and south coastal areas that have been recommended as templates for policy

developments. Ms. VanDyne has a couple of examples of policy documents which she will put in the next newsletter and post on the Sonoma Coast MAC pages for review.

- Land Use AdHoc Review - Timber Cove Country Inn – The permit is still in an incomplete status. We are waiting for an update regarding some of the outstanding issues, including water supply.
- Comments
 - Cal Ares (MAC) asked if Elise knew any additional information regarding the ADU? What direction is the discussion going? Ms. VanDyne said she did not have an answer at this time.
 - Wanda Swenson (MAC) - What areas along the coast have the templates for the housing issues? Ms. VanDyne said the update she was given stated the central and south coast.
 - Cea Higgins (Public) - The LCP was also a topic on the Bodega Bay Townhall on November 17. She stated the good news is that Permit Sonoma will be releasing a new draft with a better table of contents. The Coastal Act does state that people should be able to make relevant comments and without a table of contents it was very difficult to find what you were looking for and make a meaningful comment. Ms. Higgins asked that the MAC encourage Permit Sonoma to get the draft LCP out as soon as possible so people have the time to review and comment before the deadline. She also brought up the review of ordinances from other parts of the state and said they are particularly looking at the Santa Monica ordinances for ADU and vacation rentals. She suggested that people look at all ordinances that have been vetted and approved from Del Norte to San Diego to find one that fits best for the Sonoma Coast. On the Sonoma County Coastal site there is a link to all the ordinances that are being discussed along the entire coast. This makes it easier to find what fits best for our area.
 - Tom Tucker (Public) – Mr. Tucker agreed with Cea Higgins and stated we should look at the Coastal Commission and what they are willing to help us with regarding the cost of developing our LCP.
 - Mike Nicholls (Public) asked if electronic signage along the Coast will require Coastal Commission approval? Elise VanDyne believed a permit would be required along Hwy1. Ms. VanDyne said she has reached out to the Coastal Commission earlier this afternoon to ask about setting up tents. Local merchants were wondering because of the COVID situation and the use of tents. She is waiting for an answer and will ask about electronic signage also.

Tourism Impact – Issues and Strategies

Chair Scott Farmer stated this is our opportunity to discuss this issue, share our thoughts, and document what is said.

Elise VanDyne - Ms. VanDyne reminded people about the surge of people who visited the coast the past few months. Our parks and infrastructure were sorely tested due to COVID-19 which resulted in 5 times the visitors we had in the past. We thought due to the fires and COVID-19, the number of visitors would go down, but that didn't happen. This issue showed the holes in our system and we are now working on them. During the February Meeting, we will probably have the recreational Parks, State Parks, and the Department Public Works attend a Meeting. Currently they are wrapping up last season,

but shortly will start developing a strategy for next season. Ms. VanDyne wanted to discuss the topic at this meeting so she could get as many comments as possible from the public.

- Supervisor Hopkins brought up the issue of Increasing the TOT to bring more funding to EMS and education. 80% of the Bodega Fire Department calls come from visitors and it is overwhelming the system. They need more funding. Ms. Hopkins is looking at a TOT Bill and, additionally, money from PG&E is also being considered. Recently there was a call with CHP, Caltrans, and the Department of Public Works to discuss traffic on the coast and specifically Bodega Bay. The meeting included the following discussion points:
 - Increasing pull outs and turn lanes
 - A discussion occurred with Senator McGuire's Office and Caltrans to put up permanent electronic signs on Hwy101 and lower Hwy1 to notify people heading to the coast about issues that they should be aware of, e.g., traffic accidents, heavy traffic, parks full, etc. Ms. VanDyne gave an example regarding the Walbridge Fire when people heading to the coast were being turned around and they had no idea that there was a fire burning on the coast. With the use of Wave and Google, people can be alerted if a beach is closed or other issues. CHP discussed enforcing parking around emergency vehicle access roads.
 - There is a current policy stating there can be no parking within 6 feet of the center line. Ms. VanDyne and Leo Chyi will be working on this issue since there are signs everywhere, but CHP said this policy is not enforceable currently due to the fact there is no ordinance to back it up.
 - It has been suggested that Regional Parks charge higher fees to campers outside of the area. This policy, if implemented would result in a fee increase to visitors outside of Sonoma County.
 - The next big topic was trash. Regional Parks has created a Recreate Responsibly Educational Program. They have worked with Transportation and Public Works and just last month, an adopt a highway program was created. People will be able to sign up to pick up trash and sponsors can be used also. A district wide educational program is being launched to tell people this is a rural area, and they must pack out their garbage.
 - Park Closures and Coordination – Last year, the parks received lots of feedback, some said to keep parks open for our residents, and others said to close parks due to COVID. Managing trash, sanitation, and human waste is much more effective when the parks are open. When the parks were closed, as they were recently, we ended up with trash, sanitation, and human waste problems. It is better to keep the parks open and provide sanitary and safe conditions.
 - Over the past few years, since Ms. VanDyne has been on staff, one of the main items being worked on is residential parking impact. Brooks Rooney has been overseeing the Residential Parking AdHoc Committee. Ms. Rooney gave an update:
 - The members of the committee in addition to Ms. Rooney are Scott Farmer, Cathy Beck, Liz Gallagher, and advisor Elise VanDyne. They recently met and discussed the numerous issues about traffic. The Committee decided to put together a survey monkey about traffic and distribute to communities along the coast. The survey addresses parking in residential and commercial zones, along

Hwy1, enforced parking, and hiring a parking enforcer. Ms. Rooney hopes that people respond to the survey. She is also asking the people to put their name to the survey and volunteer to join a steering committee so this will go beyond the MAC and into the community. Elise VanDyne is working on the SurveyMonkey and will get the survey out very shortly. The AdHoc Committee gave their questions to Ms. VanDyne to include in the survey. Ms. Rooney hopes that even if your community doesn't have an issue that you respond, for example, we all have Hwy1 in common. A residential parking ordinance will need to be county wide. The Lower Russian River is also working on this issue as are other communities in District 5. If there is not a lot of response and it doesn't seem important to the communities, this ordinance may not be a focus. Ms. VanDyne thanked everyone for participating.

Comments (MAC)

- Dibby Tyler – Had there been thought to public transportation, e.g., Muir Woods shuttle, etc.? Elise VanDyne responded that Regional Parks had planned to create a shuttle system, but they all are river-focused on this point. Ms. VanDyne will bring back comments regarding a coast shuttle to the regional parks. What would the start point, and end points be? Ms. Tyler stated there could be different points along Hwy1.
- Wanda Swenson
 - Ms. Swenson likes the idea of the electronic signs and wonders at what points the signs will be located. Ms. VanDyne asked for suggestions on the locations of the signs.
 - Ms. Swenson also asked about state park closures and if the county had any said in the matter. Ms. VanDyne responded that the state determines the closures but added if the state closes the state parks and Marin closes their regional parks, Sonoma County would be overwhelmed if the regional parks remained open.
 - Ms. Swenson suggested that additional porta-potties be brought into the parks. Ms. VanDyne said that is already happening and in lieu of building more restrooms, porta-potties would be brought in. They are easier to keep clean and there are fewer problems with people sleeping in them.
- Cal Ares - Mr. Ares suggested an electronic sign on the corner of Hwy1 and Petaluma/Bodega Hwy. heading north and another sign coming off Hwy101 to Petaluma Hwy north.
- Brooks Rooney
 - Specifically, in Bodega Bay, traffic gets backed up on busy days. The left turns are one cause of the backup. Perhaps one-way roads or better turnouts so cars can keep moving along Hwy1 would help.
 - Ms. Brooks stated that Bodega Bay has discussed a traffic counter so they can obtain hard data (and not just guess) to understand the numbers in the heavier traffic months on weekends (both coming and going).
 - At a recent Bodega Bay Townhall, the topic of fireworks was discussed. It was suggested that parks with no camping close at 10:00 p.m. to help address this

issue. Ms. VanDyne stated a fireworks ordinance would be added to the list to explore. She added that there have been reports of fireworks, fires in fire pits, fires not in fire pits and immediate enforcement was the follow up process.

Now they are looking into long term strategic processes to deter this issue, so we are not overwhelmed. One thought is the earlier closure of parks, but they continue to try to develop other strategic plans regarding this issue.

- Marti Campbell - Ms. Campbell brought up the issue of emergency vehicles, EMT and ambulances, from Bodega Bay, and Coast Life Support District (CLSD) from Gualala getting caught up in heavy traffic/sometimes totally stopped along the coast and in Bodega Bay during busy weekends in both directions. She said it is important that we talk to both factors to get their perspective. Paul Plakos said that the traffic in Guerneville can be very heavy and that has been an issue. Ms. VanDyne said there was a meeting with CHP, Caltrans, and Emergency Services in Bodega Bay about this issue. The meeting is where the discussion started about left turn lanes and turnouts along the coast. Marti Campbell asked that Ms. VanDyne talk to CLSD about the river since that is the coastal route to Santa Rosa. Ms. VanDyne added that Captain Aristotle Wolfe has been promoted. She added that Captain Wolfe has been a wonderful partner and although she is happy for his promotion, she is sad to see him move on. Captain Wolfe's replacement, Captain England, is familiar with the coast and starts January 1. Leo Chyi had limited communication with him via email. In the meantime, Captain Wolfe's second in command is covering for Captain Wolfe.
- Cathy Beck - Ms. Beck stated there is no camping in state parks as far up as Goat Rock, other than the Dunes at Bodega Bay. Bodega Bay Fire Protection is very busy and whatever the MAC can do to help expedite their problems is appreciated. Ms. Beck said electronic signs should be one at the north end and one at the south end along with other locations in between. Muir Woods has multiple signs in the area. Ms. VanDyne would like to drive around with Cathy Beck and look at the different spots for signs.
- Scott Farmer - There must be apps that exist that communicate what is happening along the coast. Ms. VanDyne said the electronic signs will be tied in with the apps (Google, WAVES, etc.)
- Annie Cresswell - She suggests that signs be located on Hwy101 before people even turn off the freeway and at the river area, so people understand it is crowded. There is also a lack of education of our visitors who visit the coast. There are resources that we can partner with to help address the issues. She suggested the Leave No Trace Organization to help. Ms. VanDyne is working on a project similar to "Keep Tahoe Blue". Educational signs and merchandise will be in local stores to help educate. The Lower Russian River received some flood mitigation funds and we can leverage those processes/funds for the coast by supporting businesses that are tourist friendly and reduce single use plastics, etc.

Public Comment

- Bob Wismer asked about trees that PG&E cut down on his property but didn't take the debris with them. Do I need to remove at my expense? Leo Chyi responded to the question. There is a new PG&E contact. They are slow to respond since they are still working on the fire. Mr.

Chyi said PG&E won't take debris if it is over a certain size because a lot of homeowners want the wood to burn. If the wood is less than 6 inches, PG&E does have an obligation to clean it up. Mr. Chyi said we can try again to contact PG&E to clean up. They will clean up the small debris if contacted. Mr. Wismer also stated that roundabouts on Hwy1 would be helpful.

- John and Nora Doolittle - If we have questions regarding handling the tourist issues, whom should we contact? Ms. Van Dyne said to contact District 5 with the comments. The email is district5@sonoma-county.org.
- Tom Tucker - Mr. Tucker's family is sheltering in place on Oyster Catcher Loop in Bodega Bay, and it is identified on Google Earth as a place to take a short trail to the beach. This is an HOA trail and when Doran Beach is closed, people check their phones and find this trail. They park on the street, leave trash, and climb over and under the fence. The HOA has put a gate on the trails and signs, but both are ignored. The land is owned by the Bodega HOA and it is private property with signage that states as such. Chair Farmer asked if Google can be compelled to correct the map. Ms. VanDyne has a close colleague who she is working with regarding broadband who works for Google. She will check and see if they can help.
- Chris Stoessel - Mr. Stoessel had 3 tourism related comments.
 - First Point - Enforcement is everything. If the parks are closed, a cone blocking the driveway entrance is not sufficient. People then park in the neighborhoods and walk to the park using various entry points to get in. The neighborhoods then suffer because people park in the neighborhoods when there is no enforcement.
 - Second Point - There are some wonderful conservancy groups like the Wildlands Conservancy which recently opened up the Jenner Headlands Preserve. In addition, the Wildlands Conservancy is opening up another preserve next to the Estero (Estero Ranch). The protection they provide for our coast is valuable. Mr. Stoessel believes the County needs to work with the conservancy groups to help mitigate the impact of tourism on the area. They are planning educational programs to help protect the character of the coastal area, which is very important, but the impact of tourism needs to be assessed.
 - Third Point - Many of the highly populated and vacation rentals area are accessible via one or two access points. The coastal emergency responders are very aware of this issue. If there was to be a natural disaster and we had to evacuate all of these people, it would be difficult to move all the people and vehicles out of the area and the result could be unthinkable. Mr. Stoessel said this issue needs to be thought through and he isn't sure it has been. He encourages the County to think through these issues.
- Norma Jellison (Public) - Ms. Jellison had a question regarding the residential parking permit program needing to be County wide. She asked about the regulatory basis for a county wide program and not a community specific program. The LCP is a coastal plan, and could the residential parking permit program be associated with the LCP? Elise VanDyne responded and stated that the main push for a parking permit program comes from the Russian River area and they are not covered by the LCP. The survey created by Brooks Rooney and the MAC AdHoc Committee will gather information to help understand the residential parking issues and what communities are interested. There are 2 significant areas within West County that want to implement parking permits, the Russian River, and the coastal area. The approach to residential parking permits may include a process that specific neighborhoods could submit a request regarding their neighborhood

and create a permit process specific to their area, e.g. 24 hours a day, only during the summer months, etc. The Sonoma County Ordinance will cover any areas needing residential parking permits due to heavy traffic or tourism and will use an opt in approach. There will be a cost to implementing the permit process, e.g., administrative, and a traffic enforcer.

Coast MAC 2021 Nomination Process

Elise VanDyne gave an update regarding the process:

- We are going through the process for both the Coast MAC and the Russian River MAC. When the MAC was established the terms were staggered so half of the Council at a time was up for nomination.
 - Members who will continue to serve 2020 through 2021
 - Marti Campbell (Sea Ranch/Annapolis)
 - Scott Farmer (Timber Cove)
 - Cal Ares (Jenner)
 - Brooks Rooney (Bodega Bay)
 - Nominations were open through October 31. The following applicants (matches current openings) were received:
 - Paul Plakos (Currently Sea Ranch/Annapolis alternate). He will be the representative for Sea Ranch starting January 1.
 - Ann Yager is the new Sea Ranch/Annapolis alternate. Alternates may serve on AdHoc Committees and work with their communities.
 - Abreanna Gomes (Kashi Band/Pomo Indian Tribal Council) will continue as the representative.
 - Wanda Swenson (Fort Ross) will continue as the representative.
 - Annie Cresswell (Timber Cove) will be continuing as the alternate.
 - Liz Gallagher (Bodega Bay) will be continuing as the alternate.
 - Cathy Beck (Bodega Bay) will be continuing as the representative.
 - Che Casul (Bodega/Valley Ford) will be continuing as the representative
 - There are still openings for alternates in Fort Ross, Bodega Bay, and Bodega/Valley Ford area. The alternates participate in AdHoc Committees and work with their communities.
 - Since the nominations matched the openings on the MAC, there is no election needed.
 - Chair and Vice Chair Process
 - There will be an introductory meeting in January to discuss this issue. Elise VanDyne will be sending out email to determine the best date for the meeting.
 - The meeting will be public but will focus inward on the MAC.
 - The Agenda will include:
 - MAC Members getting to know each other
 - Discussion about the basic structures of the MAC, e.g. The Brown Act, Ethics, Communication Plan, and Plans for 2021.
 - Overview of the roles of Chair and Vice Chair
 - A call for members who want to run for the positions.

- Scott Farmer will share his thoughts regarding his experience.
- The vote will take place in the January meeting.
- Chair Farmer asked if there were any comments/questions.
- Comments
 - Ginny Nicholls (Public) has a question in the queue - What is the monthly time commitment? Paul Plakos responded - Mr. Plakos stated he spends about 6 hours a month in addition to attending meetings. He is the head of an AdHoc Committee. Chair Farmer said you can spend a lot of time, but it isn't a requirement. Some are very involved and others less involved.

Regular Calendar Items

None

Council Members and Staff Reports

Chair – Scott Farmer

- A Nomination Process AdHoc Group has been created since the last meeting consisting of the 4 members who initially served for 3 years. The Committee looked at the number of people who had applied with Elise VanDyne and created a strategy. The Committee was formed and has since been dissolved.
- The Timber Cove Country Inn Project is still incomplete
- The new cell tower at Salt Point State Park should be live soon. The signal should really help people in the area, and we'll find out how well it propagates.
- A broadband non-profit group, Wiconduit, has applied for a large grant to help bring internet to unserved areas in the County. A hearing will be held in March 2020 by the PUC to determine approval.
- Starlink is the satellite internet that SpaceX is employing. We are in conversation with them to be beta testers. The way we can show the community is interested is to sign up to be a beta tester. Elise VanDyne added this is our chance to show interest and move to the start of the line and be early adopters. Sign up at [Starlink.com](https://www.starlink.com). This is a chance to help families and children and bring more internet options to our area and see if this works for us.
- It's time to start fire abatement since the rains have come.

District 5 Liaison Report – Elise VanDyne

Ms. VanDyne covered all her updates during her presentation earlier in this meeting.

Emergency Preparedness AdHoc Committee Report – Paul Plakos

The Committee met in October. One member of the Committee received comments that the vegetation chipping program in the County is working and has been very effective. There was one concern that the crews were very busy and had to leave a lot of brush along the sides of the roads. The Committee met a couple of weeks ago and Mr. Plakos wasn't sure about the status of the brush on the sides of the roads and said the situation may have improved, but he didn't know the status.

There is concern that debris, soil and rocks may come down on Hwy1 from the burn areas. This issue was addressed during the last MAC Meeting in September. Thanks to Caltrans and County Roads for their work. Mr. Plakos spoke to CLSD and they said the roads are very clean right now.

One issue that was discussed during the AdHoc Committee Meeting was all the fire breaks created by the wonderful local citizens during the fires in August and September. Is there any local assistance to keep these fire breaks maintained? Is there financial support that can be given to these people to maintain the fire breaks? Mr. Plakos will contact Elise VanDyne to discuss this issue.

Mr. Plakos followed up on Chair Farmer's comments regarding the new Salt Point Cell Tower. He confirmed the signal was Verizon to start and will be followed by an ATT signal (ETA possibly 5 months).

The issue of evacuations and evacuation signs for roads coming to the coast area to alert tourists was discussed. He spoke of temporary electronic signs perhaps 10 miles ahead telling tourists don't come to this area, there is an evacuation or fire, and cars should turn back. The signs need to be well ahead of the fire/evacuation area so cars can find another route away from the area or turn around and head somewhere else.

Comments

- Ginny Nicholls (Public)
 - What types of activities would an alternate do? Chair Farmer said the alternate would determine what interests them and then speak up.
 - Where is the mid-coast tower located? The cell tower is located at Salt Point State Park Maintenance Yard. Heading north, it is just past the state park headquarters. The tower is 180 feet tall and can only be seen from a few places.
- There were a couple of questions in Zoom regarding the link to sign up for Starlink. When Googling Starlink, the Starlink sign up pops up first. The actual link is [Starlink.com](https://starlink.com)

Leo Chyi responded to Paul Plakos's questions regarding debris along the edge of the road. Mr. Chyi said the crews are generally about a week behind picking up brush along the edge of the road. He asked that he be contacted if there are any additional questions or issues.

Pole Mountain Lookout – Wanda Swenson

- Ms. Swenson wanted to mention that the clearing of brush along Fort Ross Road has not happened (safety along the roads, not fire abatement). This was discussed in the last MAC Meeting.
- Ms. Swenson has been in contact with the Pole Mountain Board Members. They will be receiving a \$20,000 grant from the flood mitigation grant within the next couple of weeks. Elise VanDyne jumped in and said the check is on its way from District 5. This will be a great help prior to construction to help pay day to day expenses. Construction of the new lookout is estimated to cost around \$150,000. The Board continues to pursue donations to begin construction. There is a website if you are interested in donating: <https://polemountainlookout.org/>. A non-profit professional organization is assisting with pursuing corporate donations.

- The Board has turned in all their plans to PRMD and have paid for the permits.

Council Member Comments:

- Dibby Tyler
 - Ms. Tyler said this would be her last meeting on the MAC. She has enjoyed her 2 years. She stated the MAC is on its way to become a very valuable and viable group to the County. One of the most interesting aspects of her time on the MAC was attending meetings in other communities along the coast and hearing about their issues. It was surprising how little she knew even though she is a community-oriented person. She has really enjoyed learning about the other communities along the coast. She will miss the MAC and added that Paul Plakos will do a wonderful job as the new representative for Sea Ranch.
 - She commented on the discussion surrounding the season in Bodega. She is puzzled by that since there is no season at Sea Ranch. The highest occupancy is around New Years. Currently there is a large number of people staying in Sea Ranch for long periods of time. That is a difference, and she doesn't know why that wouldn't be true in Bodega.
 - Ms. Tyler also wanted to make sure that Che Casul was aware of the grazing program at Sea Ranch because there is good data available. The program has been in effect for many years.
 - She also said goodbye to everyone and stated she thinks everyone is wonderful. She is appreciative of the staff and Lynda Hopkins. Everyone thanked Ms. Tyler and said she can still show up.
- Che Casul
 - Mr. Casul is in touch with Sea Ranch regarding the grazing program and has a grant out to train youth to apply for grants so they can learn how to contract graze.
 - The Community of Bodega is heading up testing prescribed fires on private land. They are working with Fire Forward from the Audubon Canyon Ranch who have lots of experience with this issue. There will be 2 prescribed fires this weekend on local ranches. Mr. Casul will report back at the next meeting.
 - Brooks Rooney
 - There was a Bodega Bay Town Hall Meeting last night. Cathy Beck and Ms. Rooney attended and briefed the participants on some of the things they are doing and some of the committees they are working on. The meeting was very well attended and appreciated the briefing. The community also commented on the LCP, vacation rentals, the fireworks in the parks, and other issues. The burned-out house on Hwy1 is still standing and the status is unknown. An update regarding the structure from the staff would be helpful.
 - It would be helpful if the agenda were sent out earlier, at least a week prior to the meeting. Even an outline would be helpful so some information could be shared with the community. Chair Farmer responded and said that is a fair comment.
 - Cal Ares stated he looks forward to meeting in person again, even if social distancing and masks are used. He also thanked Dibby Tyler for her time on the MAC.

- Wanda Swenson thanked Dibby Tyler for her tenure on the MAC. She added she was a big asset and will be missed.
- Marti Campbell spoke to having Zoom Meetings. She appreciates not having to drive home in the rain and in the dark when a Zoom Meeting is used. She suggested maybe meetings in the winter could be held in the daylight. She understands that some people work and suggested the MAC could use a hybrid approach (Zoom and in person) to MAC Meetings which may result in more people attending. When we get closer to COVID being resolved, Ms. Campbell would like to discuss the benefits of using Zoom and the richness of meeting in person. She believes it may be quite a while before we are meeting in person. Ms. Campbell also thanked Dibby Tyler for serving on the MAC.
- Abreanna Gomez thanked Dibby Tyler for serving on the MAC and said she enjoyed working with Ms. Tyler the past few years.

Call for Agenda Items – Chair Scott Farmer

Mr. Farmer believes they have touched upon most of the topics although some will need additional discussion over time. If anyone has a topic they would like to raise, please talk to any of the representatives or Elise VanDyne to raise any agenda items. We look at the list and try to discuss in a timely way. Brooks Rooney added she thought we had a list already although Chair Farmer added that many of the topics fall under tourism. Mr. Farmer told everyone not to hold back if they have a topic to add.

- Elise VanDyne added that every month Scott Farmer, Marti Campbell and she review the list and pick the topics that are most timely. The agenda is built around the input received via emails and comments.
- Dibby Tyler would like the LCP to be a major agenda item after the next review.
- Marti Campbell said recently that Scott Farmer made reference to an evergreen list of agenda items. She would like Elise VanDyne to share the list with MAC members since they may not be aware of what is on it. Scott Farmer stated that agenda items come from comments and the notes taken during the meeting. He believes we've touched on everything although not everything may be resolved. Ms. Campbell asked if there were any agenda items that will be new in January. Ms. VanDyne said sometimes they can't fit all the items in the agenda, but at the most they are caught up. Per Leo Chyi, there will be a Flooding Town Hall soon with the Office of Resiliency and Recovery. The focus will be on river flooding, but there is work occurring right now post fire regarding the landslide issue. If anyone would like more information, please let Mr. Chyi know.
- A few items to be discussed in the future include: Municipal networks, TIFF (The Investment Funds for Foundations), and PG&E Fire Funds. They are future discussions and not ready to discuss fully yet.

Comments:

- Kate Hecht asked if the MAC has an opinion on the proposed chemical drop on the Farallon Islands. There was a discussion at the Bodega Bay Town Hall and how it would impact our area. Elise VanDyne said she would look into the issue and this item has not been on the agenda yet.

Adjournment

Cindy Culcasi asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Che Casel made a motion to adjourn and Cal Ares seconded. Ms. Culcasi asked if any members were opposed to adjournment and there was no member opposing the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Culcasi, Clerk

DRAFT

December 16, 2020

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

Dear Supervisor Hopkins:

The Coastal MAC would like to summarize our activities and accomplishments over the calendar year 2020 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 generally convenes the third Wednesday of every other month at 5:30 PM, with special meetings, called as necessary, redeploying at various venues within the MAC boundaries. Since our May general meeting we have met via Zoom.
2. Message from the Chair -- Our Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council, CMAC, has just marked our second year anniversary. We are still young. As 2020 has been colored with adjustments to COVID, we have discovered how cherished our relationships with one other have become and how we long to meet in person once again. Notwithstanding, we have made progress. We have refined our guiding documents to include our bylaws, communication strategies, agenda creation, and how we receive new council members. We continue to build relationships with Cal Fire, CHP, Caltrans, Department of Health Services, General Services Agency, Permit Sonoma, Regional Parks, State Parks and, most importantly, yourself, Supervisor Hopkins, Lynda, and District 5 staff. Transparency and dialogue is what we strive for. We measure our effectiveness by how well we listen and communicate. Our major themes in 2020 have been COVID, fire, the Local Coastal Plan and tourist impacts. Our challenges for 2021 include COVID, fire, drought, community sustainability, infrastructure advocacy and forging a better, indeed, a comprehensive partnership with State agencies, especially State Parks. We will continue to support each our neighbors and remain good stewards of our home, our sustaining Sonoma Coast.

Scott Farmer
2020 Chair
Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council

3. Presentations and Actions

- a. Presentation - Local Coastal Plan Public Workshop by Permit Sonoma
- b. Presentation - Update on Shelter-in-Place Issues impacting the Community by Lynda Hopkins
- c. Presentation – Panel of Parks and Enforcement Leadership involving Coastal Parks during Shelter-in-Place
- d. Presentation – Update on COVID-19 by Dr. Sandari Mase
- e. Presentation by Sonoma County Sheriffs on Coastal Crime Issues
- f. Presentation – Pole Mountain Lookout Project by President of the Pole Mountain Board of Directors, Marshall Turbeville
- g. Presentation – Cal Fire Update by Cal Fire Battalion Chief/Geyserville Fire Chief Marshall Turbeville
- h. Presentation by David Robinson, Manager of Regional Parks
- i. Presentation – Meredith Wharf Rebuilding Plan
- j. Presentation – LCP Status Updates
- k. Presentation – Tourism Impact: Issues and Strategies Parking AdHoc Report by Brooks Rooney
- l. Presentation – Emergency Preparedness AdHoc Committee by Paul Plakos
- m. Land Use/Events Permit Process
- n. Special Meeting on Timber Cove Country Inn Permit Application
- o. Coast MAC 2021 Nominations

4. AdHoc Committees

- a. Sonoma County Residential Parking Permit AdHoc
- b. Emergency Preparedness AdHoc
- c. Land Use/Events AdHoc
- d. Bylaws AdHoc
- e. Election Process
- f. TIF AdHoc

5. Accomplishments

- a. Bylaws reviewed and updated
- b. Agenda setting process was implemented
- c. Land Use and Permit Process was implemented
- d. Held special meeting to discuss the Timber Cove Country Inn Permit
- e. Coast MAC Communication Plan implemented which was also approved by the LRR MAC
- f. Participated in Fire Town Hall
- g. Implementation of TIF Grant Funding Policy

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

- a. Letter from Cathy Beck and Brooks Rooney to Ken Tam (Park Planner) supporting extension of the Bodega Bay Bike and Pedestrian to Coastal Harbor Trail

Board Changes in 2020

Dibby Tyler retired in December from the MAC as one of the two Sea Ranch representatives. Thank you Dibby!

MAC Clerk Nance Jones retired from the MAC. The Council thanked her for her service.

Cindy Culcasi replaced Ms. Jones as the MAC Clerk.

Returning MAC Members:

Che Casul (Bodega/Valley Ford)

Cathy Beck (Bodega Bay)

Brooks Rooney (Bodega Bay)

Abreanna Gomes (Kashia Band of Pomo Indians)

Wanda Swenson (Fort Ross)

Paul Plakos (Sea Ranch)

Marti Campbell (Sea Ranch)

Scott Farmer (Timber Cove)

Annie Cresswell (Alternate: Timber Cove)

Cal Area (Jenner)

Elizabeth Gallagher (Alternate: Jenner)

New:

Ann Yager (Alternate: Sea Ranch/Annapolis)

Respectfully,

Scott Farmer, Chair 2020

Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council

Attachments – Ad Hoc Reports, Correspondence.

cc: MAC Council Members and Alternates

Elise VanDyne

Leo Chyi

Attachments – Ad Hoc Reports, Correspondence.

Ad Hoc Annual Reports

Reports Received from:

- a. Sonoma County Residential Parking Permit AdHoc
- b. Emergency Preparedness AdHoc
- c. Land Use/Events AdHoc
- d. Bylaws AdHoc (sunset)
- e. Election Process AdHoc (sunset)
- f. TIF AdHoc (sunset)

No Reports received from:

- a. Local Coastal Plan AdHoc (sunset without meeting in 2020)
- b. Agenda Setting AdHoc (sunset without meeting in 2020)

Sonoma Coast MAC
Residential Parking Permit Ad Hoc Committee
December 31, 2020

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

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 presented 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.

The weblink and final survey are ready to launch:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HKM8CW>

Brooks Rooney, Chair

Emergency Preparedness AdHoc Committee

AdHoc Committee Chair Report – Chair, Paul Plakos

Members: Wanda Swenson (Fort Ross), Cathy Beck (Bodega Bay), and Scott Farmer (Timber Cove)

The Emergency Preparedness AdHoc Committee was formed in late May 2020, being comprised of four members. The committee met virtually between MAC meetings, and quickly developed a mission statement.

- Mission - To identify issues that lessen emergency preparedness in the coastal area of Sonoma District 5. Report such issues and possible County interventions to the Coast MAC. Also share emergency preparedness best-practices which are already in place within District 5 communities.

The committee then created a list of issues to explore; categorized by Areas of Greatest Urgency, and Longer-Term Issues. The initial list of Areas of Greatest Urgency issues were,

- Fuel reduction issues – What is already in place, and what is needed
- Identify gaps in cell tower coverage
- Continue and encourage more County support of Pole Mountain Lookout Station
- Regional parking policy and ordinance to support emergency vehicle access
- Communicating along the coast in times of evacuation orders
- Identify and share community evacuation strategies

The entire list including the Longer-Term Issues, were reported on during the July 2020 Coast MAC meeting. Throughout the remainder of 2020, several of the Areas of Greatest Urgency items have been rectified, improved, or gained traction for potential Board of Supervisor consideration. Thus the list of items has grown shorter, but we are now receiving more detail from the community on outstanding items, such as

- Roadside clearance for ease of evacuation, flooding and movement of emergency vehicles
- What can be done to improve the ongoing “Chipping” program

The Emergency Preparedness AdHoc Committee looks forward to continuing its work in 2021.

Land Use/Events AdHoc Committee

Members:

Scott Farmer, Chair

Cathy Beck

Che Casul

Wanda Swenson

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.

One application has been taken up. I believe the process was positive for all involved. The subject application remains in an incomplete status.

This AdHoc is active and must be evaluated in 2021 if it persists and perhaps must rise as a Committee.

Scott Farmer

Chair

Bylaws AdHoc Committee

Members:

Scott Farmer, Chair

Marti Campbell

Cindy Culcasi (community member)

Brooks Rooney

The Bylaws AdHoc Committee was formed to review and modify our bylaws to more meaningfully govern our council. The members did this effectively and the bylaws were accepted by the council. This AdHoc is currently sunset.

Scott Farmer

Chair

Election Process AdHoc Committee

Members:

Scott Farmer, Chair

Cal Ares

Marti Campbell

Brooks Rooney

The Election Process Committee was formed between general meetings to evaluate the election process for filling council member and alternate positions due to expiring terms. The members were chosen due to their terms not expiring due to their initial three year terms. It was determined that the complement of applications did not yield any contests. No election/nominating processes were needed. This AdHoc committee is currently sunset.

Scott Farmer

Chair

TIF AdHoc Committee

Members:

Scott Farmer, Chair

Cathy Beck

Marti Campbell

Brooks Rooney

The TIF AdHoc Committee was formed to evaluate priorities and process for awarding TIF funds going forward. The TIF ensuing document is advisory in nature. The intent is to lead to responsive, appropriate allocation of TIF funds within our communities, reporting and to provide for regional fairness over time. The TIF document created was accepted by the council. This AdHoc committee is currently sunset.

Scott Farmer

Chair

Correspondence

March 18, 2020

Ken Tam, Park Planner II
Planning Division Sonoma County Regional Parks

The Sonoma County Municipal Advisory Council would like to add their support to the Bodega Bay Bike and Pedestrian Trail plan to extend to the Coastal Harbor Trail. This is a vital link of the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. The planning division of Sonoma County Regional Parks has done an excellent job addressing the concerns of the local populace including wetland and native plant impacts, eradication of invasive species and enhancing Monarch butterfly overwintering sites.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to continue their support of this project and encourage their consideration of any additional funding sources available to help expedite this next phase.

Sincerely,

Cathy Beck and Brooks Rooney
Bodega Bay Representatives