

## MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE

### Land Use, Transportation, Water, Agricultural Land Use: April 6, 2016, 9 to 11 AM

Present: Susan Stompe, chair; also Priscilla Bull, Nona Dennis, Bob Miller, Kirsten Nolan, Kate Powers, Judy Teichman, Ann Thomas, Doug Wilson.

**Announcements.** 1) Walk into History at West Peak rescheduled to April 16. 2) Ag Land Use quarterly meet will be April 22 and include talks by a retired park restoration specialist, and one by Stefan Parnay of the Ag Commissioner's office regarding the proposed update of the Noxious Weed Ordinance. 3) The MCL annual dinner is April 29. 4) Next Water Speaker Series program is May 26; speaker will be Steven Moore, a member of the State Water Resources Board. 5) Nona/Sally/Dave Lewis planning a series of informational workshops on ranch management in the Park – to be held late summer, likely in August.

**March 9, 2016 Meeting Notes.** OK as presented.

**Ranch Planning.** Judy reported that NPS Seashore outreach director Melanie Gunn said that the NPS is continuing work on the planning process for the ranch management plans, despite the lawsuit filed to abandon the ranch plans to work on a new general management plan instead. Much of the information on natural resources, required for a substantial NEPA EA/EIR, which is needed for ranch management planning, would be applicable for a general management plan NEPA EIS as well. Judy also shared a report from the The Natural Resources and Science Monthly Update for March on elk in the Drakes Beach and Limantour elk herds indicates fecal samples from three bull elk in the Drakes Beach herd tested positive for Johne's Disease. Between October 2015 and March 2016 more sensitive testing for the disease was done via necropsies on 27 elk from the Drakes Beach and Limantour herds. Test results from two additional bulls from the Drakes herd came back positive. At the time of the report, test results for the elk from the Limantour herd had not been received.

**County SLR VA Planning.** The East Marin Vulnerability Assessment is underway of areas along the Bay shoreline at risk of damage or being made inoperable if Bay waters rise as predicted. An interjurisdictional committee, coordinated by County Watershed Planner Chris Choo, includes reps from all the cities, water, sanitation, and school districts; major property owners, etc. The first phase is collecting data on what is vulnerable and with what risk level. The report on findings is expected to be complete in late summer, and will not be an action plan, or set of recommendations, but will be an information base on which to proceed with adaptation planning. Public workshops will be held.

**Richardson Bay Anchor-outs.** Sausalito has begun enforcing the law prohibiting boats from anchoring in the Bay more than 10 hours without permission to do so, beginning with relocation of junked boats within City waters to a facility where they could be dismantled. An estimated 200-240 boats comprise an encampment which has been illegal for at least 35 years, and is creating environmental problems. The Richardson Bay Regional Agency, the joint powers group with responsibility for maintaining and improving the waters and shores of Richardson Bay, is seeking solutions but seems to be slow in doing so. Susan and Ann suggested considering writing a letter in support of Sausalito's law enforcement efforts and urging adjacent jurisdictions to do the same. Susan to research for possible future action.

**Highway 1/Lagunitas Creek Bridge Replacement.** Reports so far indicate that there is community support for Caltrans proposal to repair/replace and seismically upgrade the existing deteriorating bridge between Pt. Reyes Station and Olema. Various alternatives are under review and cost estimates will have to be obtained. An EA will be required.

**Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs).** It was noted that there is some potential for funding for open space through the ABAG program. The TAM has been discussing this. Kate will research to try to find out what funding possibilities are, what is on list, and if there are priorities.

**Sir Francis Drake Rehab Program.** There are continuing meetings of the advisory committee for this \$13 million dollar rehab on the SFD corridor from 101 to the Ross town line. There are also major issues of concern to various member of the public. Ann reported the following: improved sidewalks through Greenbrae are a major improvement given the large number of students who walk or bike on sidewalks along Sir Francis Drake to reach Bacich or Kent school. There has been public concern about the following: the creation of a street-level crosswalk at Wolfe Grade, as required by ADA, which could be used by children in lieu of crossing via the overpass, but staff hopes improved sidewalks in this area will encourage children going to Bacich to walk to the overpass and use that route instead of the crosswalk; addition of a second left turn lane from SFD onto College would make it more difficult for drivers exiting Ash, Terrace, and Stetson to make U-turns in order to go east on Sir Francis Drake and would also create merging confusion on College Avenue where there is one lane; elimination of parking spaces on the north side of SFD near the College intersection to make room for the 2<sup>nd</sup> turn lane is a problem for small businesses in the area that rely on street parking.

**North South Greenway.** Susan attended a workshop on this north extension of the pathway over Corte Madera Creek at the Greenbrae interchange. It will greatly improve the safety and appearance of the road.

**Hamilton Proposed Sports Complex.** This is a red hot issue, but a formal application is not submitted. MCL and the MCL North Marin Unit have been approached to support or oppose.

**Whistlestop.** Susan had been drafting a scoping letter but the proponents are now negotiating with Bio Marin to trade use of the property with BM for the PG&E site undergoing cleanup.

The next meeting is May 4, 2016.

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