

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes: April 4, 2012

Present: David Schnapf, chair; Priscilla Bull, Nona Dennis, Don Dickinson, Randy Greenberg, Jana Haehl, Susan Stompe, Ann Thomas, Doug Wilson; also guest, MCL member Cela O'Connor (arr: 9:35). Met at MCL, 9 to 11 AM.

Agenda. Approved as prepared. **March 6, 2012 Meeting Notes:** Approved as prepared

Local Coastal Plan. Nona has followed this and confers regularly with Environmental Action Committee ED Amy Trainer and Marin Audubon President Barbara Salzman to discuss issues and work on position statements – on which they are generally agreed. The PC has approved a draft which will undergo review by the Board of Supervisors at several workshops and hearings beginning in March. Committee agreed that MCL comments to the BOS should focus on priority issues with precise recommendations for language change. Major topic areas would include biological resources, water resources and housing, particularly intergenerational housing.

The Marin Group of the Sierra Club is trying to sidestep the county process and has asked the Coastal Commission to take over preparation of the county's LCP. In addition they have submitted a public records request for all documents related to the LCP and planner Jack Liebster is complying with this request.

Sustainable Communities Strategy/Plan Bay Area. Susan, Nona and David have been tracking the ABAG/MTC regional planning project. A major reference for the planning is a "Jobs Housing Connection Scenario" for which Steve Levy of the Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy is a principal consultant. Committee members believe that the analysis regarding jobs, population and housing is unrealistic and the fact that ABAG re-arranged housing numbers for Marin County after receiving complaints from Corte Madera, Larkspur and Novato fueled the perception that the report recommendations are questionable. It was noted, however, that under the scenario's projections growth is largely diverted south of Marin County. David, Susan and Priscilla will review the report and recommendations for Marin County and prepare a draft position statement which the Land Use committee will review at its May meeting. David will also contact Michelle P. to see if she has information about the PCAs.

Marin Council of Governments. Suggestions that Marin County jurisdictions establish their own regional planning arm separate from but parallel to ABAG have come from several sources. There was consensus that MCL would not comment on this proposal at this time.

Lucas/Grady Ranch. Nona attended the April 3 BOS meeting at which the board discussed the Lucas Valley Estates appeal of the PC approval of the Precise Development Plan. The HOA appeal asserts the applicant failed to comply with California Environmental Quality Act regulations and that the plan is inconsistent with residential zoning. In addition comments have been received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, state Department of Fish and Game and Regional Water Quality Control Board that were not available when the PC recommended approval. Nona wrote a letter regarding the appeal to the BOS.

San Rafael Airport Sports Complex. The city's approval of the proposed complex is on hold pending CalTrans' concern about proximity of the project to the San Rafael airport.

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