

**MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE**  
**Land Use, Transportation, and Water Committee**  
**February 7, 2018, 9 to 11 AM**

Present: Susan Stompe, chair; Liza Crosse, Nona Dennis, Don Dickenson, Rick Fraitas, Stephen Keyes (sp?), Pam Meigs, Bob Miller, Carole Mills, Pat Nelson, Kate Powers, Matt Sagues, Judy Teichman, Ann Thomas, Greg Zitney. Also, Henry Symons from Assemblyman Levine's office. Also, Marge Macris for Community Marin Housing section; Jerry Meral regarding the 2018 water bond measure, and Deb Callahan, Bay Area Open Space Council ED speaking on Proposition 68 (SB5).

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING.** Minutes of January 3, 2018 OK as distributed.

**AGENDA.** OK as prepared.

**CA WATER BOND 2018.** Jerry Meral gave an overview of the \$8.877 billion Water Supply and Water Quality Act, an initiative bond measure to be on the November 2018 state ballot.

There would be a large range of spending categories. Among his comments were the following:

- The last water bond, Prop 1, was approved in 2014 with a large portion dedicated to water storage and the remainder for various uses. Prop 1 funds may be depleted by the end of 2019.
- Approval of the measure would maintain the state's debt repayment burden at or below five percent. This would be within guidelines as the state has a six percent debt cap.
- Among goals, the bond could be used to produce new water through desalting of groundwater, storm water capture, urban water conservation, repair of infrastructure, and radical new projects such as replacement of yellow star thistle on large public lands with European grasses (or something similar), which would reduce water used by vegetation.
- Details are on the website: [www.waterbond.org](http://www.waterbond.org).

**PROP 68.** Ms Callahan described the \$4.81 billion Clean Water, Natural Resources & Parks measure that will be on the June ballot as Prop. 68. She noted the following:

- It has been 15 years since the last parks measure was on a state ballot.
- The measure would provide for a per capita grant program to be administered by State Parks, for parks, open space, and protected agricultural lands as a method to ensure equitable funding around the state for this portion of the funding.
- There would be about \$50 million for the Coastal Conservancy.
- Details: [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures/)

**RECOMMENDATIONS ON BALLOT MEASURES**

M/S (Ann/Don) and approved to recommend that MCL endorse Proposition 68 on the June 2018 ballot.

M/S (Nona/Don) and approved that MCL hold off on a decision regarding the 2018 water bond measure planned for the November 2018 ballot.

**WATER UPDATES.** 1) Sea level rise adaptation planning continues at the county. Of 22 proposals for Measure AA funding, 10 are in the North Bay, including at Spinnaker Point in San Rafael and Deer Island in Novato. County staff are now working on policy guidance and how to plan for land use in this changing environment. Public Works personnel are looking at capital projects as a lot of infrastructure is nearing the end of its useful life and the replacement process must take into account increasing and permanent inundation along the shore. There will be very large costs associated with modernization of infrastructure. 2) The low rainfall so far this season is an ominous sign of possible drought this year.

**TRANSPORTATION ISSUES (TAM).** Kate reported that TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin) has agreed that their request to voters for renewal of the transportation Measure A will be for renewal at the half cent sales tax level. Also, separately from the Highway 37 Policy Committee, Marin's TAM is studying possible projects along the stretch in Marin from Highway 101 to about the Sonoma Raceway intersection, to create a new route on higher ground in that section that could accommodate more traffic and keep it above flood risk areas. Options being looked at include a six mile bridge extending from Bel Marin Keys to Mare Island, and creation of a new route on higher elevation land, somewhere just north of 37.

**AGRICULTURAL LAND USE.** The January 26 quarterly meeting was quite successful with about 40 attendees at the Farm Bureau offices.

**WOODACRE FLATS WASTEWATER PROPOSAL** Liza Crosse said she is associated with the Woodacre Flats wastewater group which has proposed a project for a number of parcels in that area that would replace the failing septic systems currently in use. The proposed project would use an area on the San Geronimo Golf Course for water treatment and due to the current situation with the golf course she said some funding eligibility for the project could be affected. She supports use of the golf course for the water treatment area. [Note: an EIR is currently being prepared on the feasibility study done on the wastewater proposal and MCL, and other groups, provided scoping comments in May 2017 for this EIR which has not been completed.]

**COMMUNITY MARIN/HOUSING.** The draft Housing chapter was discussed. Marge Macris, who is the point person for the update committee on the housing section, asked and answered questions. Ann and Nona (MCL reps on the update committee) will further edit the proposed policy section based on comments at this meeting. This new revision will be circulated and hopefully be on the agenda for the MCL board to consider at the February 20 meeting.

**COMMUNITY MARIN/AGRICULTURE.** The first round of a revised Agriculture chapter was distributed. This includes a number of statements inserted by representatives of the several groups working on the joint document. The next step is for all the groups to review the draft and report back with suggestions for change or deletion to be incorporated into a second round draft. Judy submitted a number of notes on the section. Nona and Ann to incorporate comments into the first round draft for review at the March Land Use Committee.

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