

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Land Use, Transportation, and Water Committee: November 7, 2018, 1 to 3 PM

Present: Susan Stompe, chair; Nona Dennis, Rick Fraites, Randy Greenberg, Larry Kennings, David Lewis, Pat Nelson, Linda Novy, Kate Powers, Judy Teichman (via speaker phone), Ann Thomas, Greg Zitney.

PRIOR MINUTES. Minutes of October 3, 2018 approved as distributed.

AGENDA. Approved with addition of report on Marinwood Community Services District maintenance facility.

DELTA SIGN-ON LETTER. Friends of the Estuary has asked MCL to sign on to a letter they prepared to the State Water Resources Control Board asking that the Board “propose and adopt, at the earliest possible date, water quality objectives for Sacramento River inflows to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, in-Delta channel flows, total inflow to San Francisco Bay, and other objectives in the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (i.e., the Sacramento/Delta portion of the Bay-Delta Plan update) that are protective of the wildlife, communities, and economies that depend on a healthy San Francisco Bay estuary....” Following discussion committee agreed it was OK to sign on. Note: MCL has signed similar letters in the past in support of inflows sufficient to protect San Francisco Bay’s water quality .

DEIS/EIR FOR CORTE MADERA CREEK FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT. The EIS/EIR evaluates five action alternatives along with the no-project alternative for a reach extending along San Anselmo and Corte Madera creeks from the Sir Francis Drake Blvd Bridge in Ross to the Bon Air Road Bridge in Larkspur. All the action alternatives are intended to increase current channel capacity. The Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) is not the environmental preferred plan, largely due to costs, but it is similar. The BoS hearing on this Army Corps project will be November 13 with written comments due November 27. Ann recommended that MCL express the following: 1. The DEIS/EIR does a thorough job of explaining alternatives, impacts, and mitigations. 2. Removal of the fish ladder behind the Ross PO, and habitat restoration at Allen Park will benefit fish and other aquatic species. 3. The TSP is an improvement over various plans proposed in the past for this project. 4. We urge the BoS to act expeditiously to move the USACE process to a record of decision. Committee approved comments to this effect. Ann to attend the BoS hearing and draft a letter to submit by November 27.

OTHER WATER ISSUES. Marin Municipal is expected to soon release the EIR on the vegetation management plan, and also, on November 13, will announce selection of the new General Manager.

PT REYES SEASHORE GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT EIS SCOPING. The Service has proposed six alternatives, including the no action alternative, for review and the deadline for public scoping comments is November 30. David reviewed a draft scoping letter that he and others had prepared. The letter offered specific comments regarding analysis of alternatives during the EIS preparation. Committee members offered a number of suggestions which David will review and revise the letter accordingly. He intends to attend public meetings and submit comment by the 30th.

OTHER AG NEWS. The agricultural advisory group hope to set up an informational workshop on agricultural land use and development code matters with County planners Tom Lai and Jeremy Tejirian. Invitees would include representatives of various environmental groups. Workshop would be held after the holiday season.

TRANSPORTATION/SAN RAFAEL TRANSIT CENTER RELOCATON PROJECT. Kate is attending meetings and following this project for which a Notice of Preparation has been issued related to the scope of topic areas to be studied for the relocation project EIR. The Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District is considering five preliminary alternatives, along with the no project alternative, and written comments must be submitted to the District by November 19. Land Use committee members were asked to email Kate by Monday with suggestions for the scoping letter, which she will draft.

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT MAINTENANCE FACILITY.

Committee looked into a proposed structure planned by the district to replace the original storage structure, which was built in 1965. The matter came to MCL in an email from a Marinwood resident complaining about the district's plan, and forwarding letters from two other groups asking that the county provide for public review of the application due to the proposed building's location within a 100 foot setback from Miller Creek. As of this time, there is no pending application at CDA. Ann reviewed online plans and suggested that, as the new structure would be further away from the creek than the existing one, that the project could be an improvement on the property.

COMMUNITY MARIN. Committee reviewed the *Economic Vitality* section of the *Community Marin* updating now underway. There were minor comments, so the section should go to the November board meeting for board review.

EASTON POINT (MARTHA). The owners of this property have put plans for development of the 43 homes on hold and have put the property on the market for \$110 million. They appear to be marketing it as a location for a single high-end residence. At any rate, all the constraints associated with the earlier plan, for 43 homes, would continue to be an issue no matter what is ultimately proposed.

HIGHWAY 37 POLICY COMMITTEE. This policy group will next meet Nov. 8 in Vallejo. Susan, Rick, Kate, and some others attend.

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