

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Land Use, Transportation, and Water Committee: June 6, 2018, 1 to 3 PM

Present: Susan Stompe, chair; Nona Dennis, Larry Kennings, Bob Miller, Pat Nelson, Linda Novy, Kate Powers, Judy Teichman, Ann Thomas, Doug Wilson, Greg Zitney. Guest: Henry Symons.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES. Minutes of May 2, 2018. OK.

AGENDA. Add updates on Green Bridge, Pt Reyes and San Rafael transit center.

DEIR/SAN ANSELMO FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECT. Committee reviewed the project, proposed as part of the comprehensive Ross Valley Flood Protection & Watershed Program. As there is an \$8 million grant from this first major component of the broader program this limited project is underway ahead of the program EIR on the entire program. The San Anselmo Project is comprised of two main elements: a flood diversion basin at the former Sunnyside growing grounds in Fairfax, and removal of the building at 634-36 San Anselmo Avenue in downtown San Anselmo. The DEIR also examines several alternatives and concludes that the environmentally superior alternative, including a smaller basin, no building removal, and modifying two bridges in the Morningside area of San Anselmo. Unfortunately this alternative would also increase flood risk in downtown San Anselmo. The DEIR examines several combination alternatives, including mitigation measures that would require the cooperation of private property owners, but could product a superior alternative.

The FEIR certification and project decision are both scheduled for a late August Board of Supervisors meeting with a short review period in early August for the FEIR. Ann suggested that, as there will not be further information on the project until after the MCL July board meeting – with no MCL board meeting in August, MCL could approve a recommendation on a project in June or July.

Susan asked that incompleteness requests for a comment letter on the DEIR be emailed to her by June 27 and she will prepare the comment letter, which is due July 2.

COMMITTEE MEETING TIME. The July meeting will be July 11.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES (TAM). Kate reported that at a meeting Friday the expenditure plan to be described in November ballot's Measure A will be reviewed with all the cities. As Regional Measure 3 was approved by voter there are four Marin projects that could receive funding assistance: Highway 37, Narrows completion, the NB highway 101 to EB 580 connector, and Bettini Transit Center relocation. The next SR 37 policy committee meeting in July 20 in Vallejo. Kate suggested that a TAM representative be invited to the Land Use Committee July meeting for a Measure A update.

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES. Judy reported for Sally and David that they have arranged for several speakers at the July 27 quarterly agricultural land use meeting.

COMMUNITY MARIN. Committee members reviewed the draft Economic Vitality section prepared by the Community Marin update committee. There were a number of suggestions, which Nona noted. Committee members' comments will be taken back to the update committee for review. The update committee, comprised of representatives from several county environmental groups, meets on the second Tuesday of each month; Nona and Ann are MCL representatives on the group. The Biological Resources section will go to the board for review this month.

GILL NET COMMENT LETTER. Henry Symons, from Assembly Member Levine’s office, attended the meeting to give a brief overview of proposed SB 1017, which would prohibit use of gill nets in the shark fishing industry, winding the program down until 2023 through a phased program. Assembly Member Levine is one of the co-authors in the Assembly for the measure, which was introduced by Senator Ben Allen of Redondo Beach. The bill is currently undergoing amendment in the Senate, and has yet to be assigned to an Assembly committee.

Committee agreed that MCL could send a letter of support for the legislation. Linda will draft the letter, to be sent to Senator Allen and copied to Senator McGuire and Assembly Member Levine. The letter will go to the MCL June board agenda as MCL does not have an existing applicable policy.

GREEN BRIDGE/PT REYES. Judy reported that final plans for replacement or reconstruction of the bridge over the Lagunitas Creek on Rte 1 should be ready this summer and the final EIR/EA, which will identify a preferred alternative, out by fall. The 86-year-old bridge, dubbed the Green Bridge due to the green truss color, is being replaced as it does not meet Caltrans’ seismic standards. Judy believes Caltrans is acknowledging some of the community concerns and has agreed to narrow the shoulders and lanes. A West Marin resident, however, announced plans to file a lawsuit on the project.

DIPSEA RANCH. The project is now a 3 lot project and issues on septic and access have been resolved. It is no longer of “countywide significance”

SAN RAFAEL/NOVATO GENERAL PLAN UPDATES. There has been no change in the status of the Novato planning process. In San Rafael the advisory committee is considering which elements will be included in the general plan revision.

SAN RAFAEL AIRPORT/COUNTY MOU. An MOU is finalized and the project is about ready to go to State Lands.

BETTINI TRANSIT CENTER RELOCATION PROCESS. The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 12, from 5:30-7:00 PM at Whistlestop in San Rafael to discuss location concepts under consideration.

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