

Marin Conservation League

North Marin Unit

Draft Meeting Notes

July 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at the home of Susan Stompe. Attending were Edith Piltch, Bernie Meyers, Joyce Applen, Dorothy Thomas, Nona Dennis and Susan Stompe.

Announcements: The annual Picnic on the Porch will be July 24 at the MCL office from 3 – 6. Audubon Canyon Ranch is having a “birthday party” for Marty Griffin on July 24. MCL is sponsoring a CEQA workshop on July 28 at 7 p.m.

Minutes: The notes of the June 15 meeting were approved as distributed.

Kelleher Lumber, Black Point - Kelleher Lumber is requesting annexation to the Novato Sanitary District and the City of Novato. The County Planning Commission denied the request and it will probably be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. After some discussion about it and the annexation of Daniels Distributing a couple years ago, it was **M/S/C (Piltch, Stompe) To recommend that MCL support the annexation of the sewer, only after other sewage solutions have been exhausted, but not annexation to the city.**

50 H Lane: Owners of 50 H Lane have applied to the county for a permit to build a house and a second unit on the 5.88 acre former horse stable, as well as a permit to construct a stable for 45 horses. There was a hearing with the Zoning Administrator where it became evident that the applicant had not filed an adequate application. There is a residence on the property that was built without permits. Many neighbors objected to the use permit for 45 horses. The Zoning Administrator continued the hearing to the end of August. After some discussion of the potential adverse impacts, it was recommended **that MCL write to the Zoning Administrator to urge an EIR be done, at the very least on hydrology, manure management and circulation.**

Hanna Ranch: The potential developers of the Hanna Ranch, south of Vintage Oaks, has submitted an application to build a hotel, a couple restaurants, retail with office above on the 19+ acres. There will be a scoping meeting for the EIR at the Planning Commission on July 16. Issues recommended to be analyzed include: circulation and emergency access, wetland setbacks, noise, hydrology and water quality, a tree inventory, green building standards and purple piping in the buildings to allow for use of recycled water.

North Redwood Blvd.: Gail was not at the meeting to update the status of the NRB planning.

North Marin Water District: Rick was not able to attend, but called to say the NMWD approved signing on with Marin Clean Energy in the county areas at the Deep Green level.

North Coast Rail Authority: Bernie said the hearing on the EIR will now be Oct. 13 in Ukiah.

Novato ½ c sales tax: Bernie raised the issue of Novato putting a measure on the November ballot to raise the sales tax for a 5 year period to help alleviate the fiscal crunch and retain a few more services. He recommended that MCL use the hearing to negotiate where the funds would be used. No motion was made.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Notes by S. Stompe