

**Marin Conservation League**  
**North Marin Unit**  
Final Meeting Notes  
October 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at the Stompe home. Present were: Frank U'Ren , Dorothy Thomas, Bernie Meyers and Susan Stompe.

**Announcements** included: Bernie is retiring from NCRA on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Susan will send Bernie's reports on NCRA to members present.

The notes of the September 18 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Projects and Issues around Novato:**

**North Redwood Blvd:** Frank and Dorothy attended the last workshop on the North Redwood Corridor on Sept. 28. They commented on their perceptions. There seemed to be support for enhancing Rush Creek, but not the tributary from Atherton Ranch. Most housing was directed to Atherton Ranch. Mixed use with housing did not get much attention. Mixed use with office above was preferred. At the first workshop biotech was a preferred use, but was not mentioned on the 28<sup>th</sup>. One of the drawbacks of mixed use apparently is getting construction loans. Gail and Susan volunteered to visit the lending departments of local banks to find out more about the issue. Other members encouraged them.

**General Plan update:** The city sought recommendations through the "Open Novato" website. The City Council will make the final decision, but four focus areas will be studied in depth. The NW Quad, South Redwood( Diablo/DeLong to Rowland), Bel Marin Keys Industrial and Hamilton seem to be the front runners. The Planning Commission will be the General Plan Steering Committee. The process is expected to take 3 years.

**Redwood Landfill:** RLI has a permit pending with the county to change their composting method and increase the amount to be processed from 170 T/day to 514 T/day. The new process would be anaerobic, whereas the current process is aerobic, which emits more greenhouse gasses. MCL is supporting the change and increase. The main concern at the public meeting was potential odors. Marin Environmental Health Services will be responsible for responding to odor complaints, which should improve response time.

**Black Point Community Plan:** Revisions of the BPCP meetings have begun.

**Port Sonoma** has dropped their plan to raise the Carneros Ranch elevation with fill. Now they are looking at a regional dredge material off-loader at the mouth of the Petaluma River. Their project manager has just been named head of the Sonoma PRMD

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.  
The next meeting will be November 21.  
Notes by SS