

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2011  
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Joyce Britt, Priscilla Bull, Tom Boss, Nona Dennis, Robert Eichstaedt, Delos Putz, Roger Roberts, Jean Starkweather, Susan Stompe, Doug Wilson, and Mike Swezy (MMWD).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (1) Azalea Trail Re-Alignment Walk with M. Swezy and Armando Quintero of MMWD Friday, April 22d ( 9AM to 1PM). (2) MCL's Walk into History on Ring Mt. (9:30 AM to 1:30PM), Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. (3) Stafford Lake Bicycle Park Community Design Workshop, Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, (7:30- 9PM). (4) Angel Island State Park Interpretative Master Plan Workshop, April 25<sup>th</sup> (5-8 PM) at Tiburon City Hall. (5) May 12<sup>th</sup> Bay Area Open Space Council Meeting at the Presidio, (6) MCL Business Breakfast being planned for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2011 POSC MEETING MINUTES: The revised Draft Minutes of the POSC Meeting on March 10, 2011 were accepted and approved as presented.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) the GGNRA Dog Management Plan and DEIS was presented by Delos Putz. and discussed by the Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee that MCL should support his recommendation that MCL send a comment letter supporting Alternative C (The NPS Preferred Alternative ) , and also urging that the GGNRA include a regular Monitoring Program with significant signage and enforcement measures. It is also recommended that GGNRA have a "sunset" provision in the Plan such that after 5 years from adoption there will be a formal review of the effectiveness of the Plan. The comment period for this Plan ends on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Nona will draft MCL's comment letter.

(2) Don Wilhelm of MCL's North Bay Committee submitted a Memorandum for POSC review regarding the Stafford Lake Bicycle Park Community Design Workshop. The POSC Committee agreed with his suggested comments by MCL regarding the need for the design to mitigate fully any and all sedimentation and erosion impacts of this project. The Committee also suggested that he include dust control measures plus request that the CEQA review process for the project be clarified at this point.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1) The POSC discussed the initial March 26<sup>th</sup> Community Workshop by the Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD) on its Road and Trail Management Plan. The workshop covered the MCOSD Mission and Goals and engaged the attendees with break-out groups to discuss the range of potential outcomes that would be both acceptable and unacceptable. There

will be four such workshops during 2011 with the next one to be scheduled in June and cover greater information on existing conditions plus begin more detailed discussion on future desired conditions for MCOSD's Roads and Trails Management.

- 2) The reorganization of the County's Parks and Open Space Commission was discussed including MCL's comments on the Ordinance which were accepted and incorporated into the final language of the Ordinance establishing a new seven member Commission to be chosen on an at large basis by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) acting as the Board for the Open Space District.
- 3) MMWD is meeting again next week with interested MCL Board Members and other members of the public with regard to the establishment and function of a Friends of the Watershed entity. Mike Swezy from MMWD informed the Committee that MMWD's application for Proposition 84 funding to build a Visitor and Watershed Nature Center was turned down. MMWD continues to desire to establish a Friends organization to mobilize funding and volunteer stewardship assistance for protection and enhancement of its watershed lands.
- 4) The continuing problem of illegal social trails on MMWD, MCOSD and State Park lands was discussed including a new illegal trail off of the Double Bowknot trail running down into Mill Valley. None of the various agencies have the budgets and staffing to oversee and control this problem, but are attempting to shut down and restore such trails to their natural condition whenever and wherever they can. It was observed that the MCOSD Roads and Trails Management Plan will provide an opportunity to attempt to address this ongoing issue.

The POSC Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

NOTE: Future POSC Meetings will now be chaired by Nona Dennis beginning in May.