

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Parks and Open Space Committee Meeting
November 18, 2010
Final Meeting Minutes
(Accepted and approved 12/9/2010)

ATTENDEES: Joyce Britt, Priscilla Bull, Nona Dennis, Robert Eichstaedt, Delos Putz, Roger Roberts, Jean Starkweather, Susan Stompe, Steven Schoonover

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MCOSD Road and Trails Management Plan Program EIR Scoping Meetings are to be held on Nov. 29, 2010 at the Margaret Todd Senior Center, Novato, Nov. 30th at the Lagunitas School, Dec. 1st at the Mill Valley Community Center, and Dec. 2d at the Board of Supervisors Chamber D Room 330 of the Civic Center. All the meetings will take place between 6:30 - 8 PM. All interested parties are urged to attend to ensure that a comprehensive Program EIR is produced.

APPROVAL OF THE POSC MEETING MINUTES for October 14, 2010: The revised draft POSC Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2010 were accepted and approved as presented.

ACTION ITEM: The POSC reviewed minor changes to the proposed revision of the Parks and Open Space Chapter of the updated Community Marin Statement. The Committee further modified the proposed language changes which Susan Stompe will take back to the Community Marin Steering Committee for consideration.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. The loss of Proposition 21 (The State Parks Funding Initiative) in the election was discussed. While it passed in Marin it failed to get a majority vote statewide. The California State Parks Foundation has asked that supporters of the Initiative continue to press for adequate State Budget funding to forestall closures and reduction in park services. Future volunteer support for state parks in Marin and throughout the state will be critical.
2. Roger, Delos and Nona summarized the MCOSD Workshop of November 3d on the '680 Trail'. The workshop was focused primarily on soliciting mitigation improvements to the presently proposed alignment rather than exploring other alignment options. It appears that MCOSD has concluded that the currently proposed alignment is the best that can be done under the circumstances. Issues still outstanding are what are the precise BMPs(Best Management Practices) during construction and operation that will be employed, and the de-commissioning of social trails in the area, Linda Dahl, Director of MCOSD, will be making the final determination on any amendments to the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the project under CEQA.
3. Roger reported that he and Nona would be preparing the MCL Letter to State Parks on their request for scoping comments on the Program EIR for Road and Trail Change of Use (the PEIR) which must be filed by November 30th. The POSC was asked if there were any additional concerns beyond those raised at the October POSC Meeting. There being none, the comment

letter will be sent covering the points already noted in the October POSC meeting.

4. Armando Quintero MMWD Board Member, and Mike Swazey, MMWD Staff member, joined the POSC Meeting to discuss the proposed establishment of a non-profit Friends of the MMWD Watershed. A useful exchange of views ensued. POSC members encouraged MMWD to stress stewardship of the watershed lands and maximizing the opportunities for partnering with existing organizations in delivery of the proposed program activities. MMWD's business plan for the 'Friends organization' is ambitious, and POSC members urged MMWD to proceed carefully and not over-reach with the proposed organization.

5. Jean Starkweather brought the committee up to date on the status of the proposed TARGET project in San Rafael which abuts the Shoreline Park. The San Rafael City Council will have a public hearing on the EIR and the merits of the project on December 6th. In response to comments made by MCL the project will reduce access and improve the buffering to Shoreline Park. There still exist concerns over the impacts of this Big Box project to the community at large.

6. The Tiburon Vegetation Management Plan for the town's open space areas did not get discussed, and will be re-scheduled for the December POSC Meeting.

The POSC Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.