

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Parks and Open Space Committee
January 10, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Greg Zitney (temporary Chair for day), Larry Minikes, Robert Eichstaedt, Arlin Weinberger, Susan Stompe, Larry Kennings, Nancy Benjamin, Diane Kay, Larry Scheibel, Pat Nelson, Roger Harris, Jill Templeton, Aaron Fulton (MMWD), Tom Boss (MCBC), Eva Buxton (CNPS), Shaun Horne (MMWD), Janet Klein (One Tam), Sharon Farrell (Parks Conservancy), Terri Thomas (CCNB), Jon Campo (MCP), Ari Golan (MCP), Al Baumann, Amory Willis (ABH)??, Andy Westbom (Marin County IT Dept)

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MCL Business-Environment Breakfast with Senator Mike McGuire, January 11, 2019, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m., McInnis Park Clubhouse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Committee approved the November 14, 2018 minutes as submitted and approved the December 13, 2018 minutes with minor correction to add Eva Buxton to the list of attendees.

ACTION ITEM ON THE MCL TRAIL POLICY REVISIONS: There was a motion to approve the draft revisions of the trail policy (dated December 13, 2018) for the MCL Board of Directors approval subject to additional comments at the Board meeting (January 15, 2019). Motion approved.

INFORMATION UPDATES

1. Marin County Parks.

- a. Andy Westbom, Marin County IT Department, demonstrated how the Open Data Portal of Marin County, launched in 2017. Useful links: (a) Main Entry Point at <https://data.marincounty.org/>; or, (b) go to Park and Preserve Incident Reports at <https://data.marincounty.org/Public-Safety/Park-and-Preserve-Incidents-Reported-by-Rangers/63v5-xmvp>. The public may design data sorts and display information in various tabular and chart formats. These data “reports” can be saved on line once an individual account has been established. There was discussion about the data for incident reports and whether an incident may be double counted. It can. For example, it is possible that MMWD may enter an incident report, and if another agency becomes involved, such as the County Sherriff, that agency may also file an incident report on the same incident. Thus, there would be two data points on the same incident. While data can be mapped, the maps are not linked to Marin Maps; however, a link may be established in the future.
- b. Jon Campo provided brief updates for various MCP projects in progress. (? Report on Eagle Rim Trail, Mt. Burdell?) The Ponte Ridge project recently concluded a 30-day administrative comment period (not a formal CEQA stage yet) and the County will soon be releasing a Response to Comments document. Escrow has closed on the Addition to Mt. Burdell OSP (Bowman Canyon site), and it is now owned by the County. Site visits for stakeholders will soon be scheduled. Some social trails have been decommissioned

along the Hunt Camp Trail. The realigned Gasline Trail is being revegetated in the Alta Bowl Preserve. An RFP for Roy's Redwoods improvement project will be issued January 11, 2019. More workshops are being planned. Mt. Burdell Frog Pond looks well established.

2. MMWD.

- a. The Biodiversity, Fire and Fuel Integrated Plan is undergoing internal review.
- b. The Azalea Hill Restoration Project Neg Dec. received 124 comments. MMWD consultants are reviewing mitigation measures, and the public will be notified in the next month regarding the status of the Neg Dec. Staff will make a recommendation to the MMWD Board to either adopt the Mitigation Measures or recirculate the document.
- c. MMWD's preliminary draft ADA E-Bike policy was discussed and received extensive public comment at a December 11, 2018 public workshop. E-Bike usage is approved for ADA purposes under the policy. The MMWD Board has directed staff to examine available data related to E-Bike impacts on trails, safety of devices and user group conflicts. Staff will present an Informational Item at the March 21, 2019 Board meeting.
- d. On habitat restoration, counts for Coho were higher than average on Lagunitas and Walker Creeks. MMWD is also applying for habitat restoration grants for small scale projects.

3. One Tam/Parks Conservancy.

- a. A Fungus Bioblitz is scheduled for January 26th.
- b. On January 31, an event will be held at Marin Art & Garden Center on the West Peak Restoration project. See the One Tam website calendar of events. There will be additional lectures in February, March and April, as a continuation of the series started with the January 31st event.
- c. Sharon Farrell provided an executive summary of the recently completed study on the first four years of One Tam. The study examines how well the collaborative model measures up to goals and expectations. It is the first study of its kind related to multiagency stewardship across landscapes and its efficacy. The study surveyed 60 organizations and agencies, MCL included. A guide to the study will be published in February. The full report can be found at the following website:
http://onetam.org/sites/default/files/basic/Generating_Scaling_Up_and_Sustaining_Impact-One_Tam%27s_First_Four_Years.pdf).

4. State and National Parks. No updates.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MCL Parks and Open Space Committee 2019. The Committee considered whether there are ways to improve how the committee functions and whether there are any particular goals for the year. The idea of supporting the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) San Geronimo Golf Course project by participating in an amicus brief was raised. An Initiative related to the site may be put on the March 2020 County ballot. The Initiative would obligate the property to continue the

golf as its primary use. In addition, there was discussion about how the Committee might better share information with the wider MCL community. E-blasts could contain links to studies or relevant websites.

2. New Fire and Environment Committee (“working group”). This working group has formed to address an issue of top priority – how to integrate environmental considerations into the critical need to protect human life and structures from wildfire.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes by Diane Kay

The next meeting is February 14, 2019