

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE
Land Use, Transportation, and Water Committee
January 3, 2018, 9 to 11 AM

Present: Susan Stompe, chair; Nona Dennis, Don Dickenson, Rick Fraites, Bob Miller, Pat Nelson, Kate Powers, Judy Teichman, Ann Thomas, Doug Wilson, Greg Zitney. Also, Henry Symons from Assemblyman Levine's office.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING. Minutes of December 6, 2017 OK as distributed.

AGENDA. Added discussion of State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection recirculated draft vegetation treatment program EIR.

WATER AND PARKS UPDATE. Henry Symons gave a talk with PowerPoint on major items on the state legislative agenda, including a Q and A with committee. Some comments:

- This is the first day of the new legislative session so it is not clear yet what the new bills will be. Henry is also just marking one year with Assemblyman Levine's staff.
- SB5, a \$4 billion water and parks bond measure will be on the June 2018 ballot. This measure, with a total cost, including interest, of \$6.53 billion, is focused on providing more access to open space and parks for underserved areas. However, it would include \$20 million to the Coastal Conservancy for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, and also \$3 million for a Russian River management plan. (The legislature's measure is separate from an \$8.9 billion citizen water bond initiative for which signatures are currently being collected to qualify for the November ballot.)
- The Governor's twin tunnels remain unresolved. There may be a compromise on one tunnel – paid for by water users – but this remains to be settled.
- The state is muddling through how to deal with sea level rise and coastal retreat. Stinson Beach and Marshall are especially at risk on the coast (Judy noted that some Tomales ranches would be cut off by high tides and rising waters).
- Forest management is also an issue needing attention and fuel reduction strategies are being evaluated. Fuel reduction appears to have lessened the fire at Annadel State Park, which burned less fiercely than expected in the Sonoma fires.
- Levine's office, trying to take a lead to address fire risk issues, will sponsor a fire forum February 10 at COM.

WATER UPDATES. 1) Sarah Phillips is organizing a strike team to quickly address the Japanese knotweed invasion in the Lagunitas watershed. 2) A North Bay Water Regional Water Supply Reliability program is being organized to evaluate the region's drought contingency planning. This multi-agency effort, an outgrowth of the North Bay Water Reuse program, is being headed by the Sonoma County Water Agency. 3) Flood control planning continues in the Ross Valley with a project set to go ahead to expand floodplain and riparian habitat at Allen Park in Ross, remove the fish ladder behind the Ross post office, and construct protective flood walls downstream of Ross in Kentfield's Granton Park. 4) The Lagunitas TAC, takes its annual field trip Friday to view several MMWD floodplain enhancement/winter habitat project sites.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. Kate reported that TAM ED Dianne Steinhauser will give a presentation January 10 to the Marin Coalition lunch group.

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE. The next quarterly meeting will be January 26 and the agenda may include a presentation on water quality in the park.

COMMUNITY MARIN. The draft Housing chapter was discussed; Ann, Susan, and Judy had comments prepared so Ann is to compile the comments in one document, with changes redlined, and send to Nona who will add her comments. The edited document that is thus compiled will be sent to Land Use attendees who indicated an interest in seeing it, and the final revision will be on the February committee agenda and then on the board's February agenda. The Land Use Committee also discussed the Agriculture section, which the update group has not yet reviewed, but which is the next chapter scheduled for the update group to review. The Parks and Open Space section will be reviewed by the MCL Parks and Open Space Committee and then go on a board agenda.

State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection recirculated draft vegetation treatment program EIR. Nona gathered comments to compile and forward to Assemblyman Levine's office, which the Assemblyman has requested.

EASTON POINT/MARTHA. The applicants' lawsuit, challenging the BOS decision to modify the master plan and not approve a precise development plan, is scheduled for a January 18 court date.

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