

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting notes

Sept. 1, 2010

8 a.m.

MCL office, 1623A Fifth Ave., San Rafael

Present: Nona Dennis, Don Dickenson, Susan Stompe, Randy Greenberg, Alan Bortels, Barbara Salzman, Marge Macris, Chair

Agenda Changes: Nona added appeal on the meteorological towers and discussion of recommendations from the Climate Action Committee.

Minutes of the Aug. 4 meeting: Under San Geronimo Valley Vegetation Management Plan, change "riparian fauna" to "riparian species."

Community Marin 2003 Update: All draft sections approved by the group so far have been sent out again, with the request that member organizations review and comment by Oct. 15. Next meeting Sept. 17.

Easton Point, Alta Robles. No further action.

Novato General Plan Update. Susan reported that there will be another meeting on the Housing Element with ABAG and HCD representatives. Planning for North Redwood Blvd. will await resolution of Housing Element issues. North Marin Unit will meet Sept. 16 to discuss position on housing requirements for North Redwood Blvd.

Transportation. No position recommended regarding the vehicle license fee proposal for Marin transportation improvements. To be discussed at the Sept. 21 Board meeting. MCL should explain reasons for either taking or not taking a position.

Skywalker Properties, Kentfield Vision, Marin General Hospital, no further action.

San Geronimo Valley Riparian Vegetation Ordinance. Back to Board in October. Concerns about County Counsel's position that there may be an inadequate basis for a strong Stream Conservation Area ordinance because of Countywide Plan definitions.

WECS Ordinance. No further action.

Kelleher Lumber, LAFCo. No further action.

Hanna Ranch. Susan reported that the North Marin Unit will discuss recommending that Novato adopt a housing impact fee ordinance.

Meteorological Towers. Approved allocating \$300 for an appeal of the Deputy Zoning Administrator's approval to the Planning Commission. Marin Audubon will allocate \$300 for the total appeal fee for one tower, and a private party will appeal the approval of the other tower. Major issue is using categorical exemptions rather than subjecting the towers to environmental review.

Climate Action Committee recommendations. Nona discussed the work of the committee, which is drafting recommendations on how it can coordinate with other committees and serve in an advisory capacity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Marge Macris, note taker