

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 29, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Camiccia (Bolinás)
Rudi Ferris (Bolinás Rod and Boat Club)
Gwen Heistand (Audubon Canyon Ranch)
Jeff Loomans (Stinson Beach)
Mischon Martin (Marin County Parks/Open Space District)
Joe Mueller (College of Marin)
Ed Ueber (At-Large)
Dave Press (Point Reyes National Seashore)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift)
Maria Brown (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary)
Alison Forrestel (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)
Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory)

STAFF PRESENT: Max Korten, General Manager
Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
Veronica Pearson, Bolinas Lagoon Project Manger
Jason Olivotti, Chief Ranger
Indigo Bannister, Assistant Open Space Planner

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Public Comment

Open time for public expression, up to three minutes per speaker, on items not on today's agenda. The Committee will hear items without return comment or discussion.

One member of the public, Don Smith, expressed his concerns regarding bike safety with the proposed Bolinas Wye Project. Recommended that Caltrans implement the recently passed Complete Streets Policy and address bicycle safety in the area through adding a left turn lane and bike lanes.

NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Approve Minutes for Meeting October 29, 2021 (Action Item)

Motion

Approve Minutes as submitted for October 29, 2021 meeting.

M/S HEISTAND/LOOMANS

AYES 8

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Election of Officers (Action Item)

Motion

Elect Kiren Niederberger as Chair and Jeff Loomans as Vice Chair for 2022-23.

M/S CAMMICIA/UEBER

AYES 8

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Solicitation of interest from the local community in joining the BLAC in Council Member positions

Notes: Current attendance and membership of BLAC is less than it used to be and there is desire to bring new people into BLAC to replace eventual retirements.

Discussion: Councilmember Camiccia recommended increasing number of meetings to at least three per year if not four per year as a way to increase engagement of community. Councilmember Ferris commented that in past have had more agency participation in meetings and would like to see that again, specifically CDFW and Caltrans. Caltrans will attend if solicited, have invited them to be a member in past and have politely declined. Councilmember Press noted that he can help facilitate Caltrans participation at future meetings. CDFW was also invited to become a member in past year and did not hear back from. Recommendation to have meeting structure be an action item on the next agenda. Agency partners notes that not out of question to move to quarterly meetings, expressed interest in some being digital meetings.

Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Project Update

Veronica Pearson (Marin County Parks) and Brian Bartell (WRA) presented on the 60% designs for the Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Project.

Discussion: Councilmember Press recommended looking into the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal as a potential funding source and recommended that the team looks at hiring two separate contractors for the restoration and civil work. Marin County Parks will return to BLAC with action item when CEQA documents are ready for public review.

Letter to Kate Bimrose, Formerly of Greater Farallones Association, appreciating her years of service to the BLAC (Action Item)

Motion

Compose and send a letter of commendation to Kate Bimrose thanking her for her service to the BLAC and request Supervisor Rodoni send a letter.

M/S CAMMICIA/UEBER

AYES 8

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Agency Reports

Notes

PRNS: Press – Coho are struggling – NPS is in discussions with NMFS about doing relocations throughout watershed. Working with partners at UC to look into Chinook in Redwood Creek and their

interactions with other salmonids. NPS Science Communication Intern just finished [podcast on black abalone](#) and [Storymap of community engagement in Seashore](#). Currently harbor seal pupping season.

MARIN COUNTY PARKS: Korten – Measure A up for renewal on June ballot. Parks has entered into partnership with West Marin EAC to help with implementation of three county Leave No Trace program. Also entered into MOU with West Marin EAC to provide docent support to Agate Beach visitors.

GFNMS: Loomis – Programs are back up and running. Several major grants have been recently awarded for the region. \$2 million appropriation for kelp restoration – hope to continue to receive \$2-4 million per year for 5 year period. 4 year grant for sediment and sea level rise study. \$180,000 grant for South End Project engineering design work which will be paired with \$90,000 in private donations.

NO OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

Council Member Comments

Notes

MUELLER (College of Marin Lab) – Noticed a plummet in invertebrates and increase in green crab lately – Lagoon is changing. Lab is currently raising funds for construction – have \$1.3 million funding gap. Received funding to do transects in same locations as Gordon Chan 30 years ago, website for project will be developed.

HEISTAND (Audubon Canyon Ranch) – Youth programs started back up for first time in three years this week. Community Open House upcoming and will be doing more events with the public this summer.

Discussion: Desire to invite a CDFW representative to talk to group at next meeting about their current organizational structure and presence in the Bolinas area. Desire for more cohesion between the various wildlife interest groups and CDFW. Lagoon is coming under increased pressures that have not seen before and would like to discuss with CDFW. Discussed whether camping is allowed on Lagoon side of SR1 and Parks recommended checking in offline to discuss where and identify enforcement strategy. Member of public indicated that more action items are needed on the agenda to draw other agencies to meetings.

Next Meeting Date (Action Item)

Motion: Approve the date for the next BLAC meeting. Staff recommended Friday October 28, 2021 as the date for the next meeting.

The Council moved to have a special meeting this summer to discuss the format and number of future meetings and selected October 28, 2021 at 9 am as the preferred date for the next regular meeting.

M/S UEBER/CAMICCIA

AYES 8

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.