

DATE: October 28, 2022
TO: Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council
FROM: Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council Meeting Format and Frequency Changes

RECOMMENDATION

Review the existing format and frequency of the Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council meeting structure and consider adjustments to improve efficiency and community participation.

Motion

The motion language is to be determined based on the outcome of the discussion by Council members.

DISCUSSION

Background Information

At the April 29, 2022 meeting, an informational item on the Agenda that concerned strategies to solicit interest from local community members to join the Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council prompted a related discussion of the current structure of the meetings and whether two annual meetings are sufficient to hold the interest of the community and encourage participation in issues relevant to the BLAC. Previous iterations of the BLAC met quarterly, and a desire was communicated at the April 29th meeting by some council members to return to a similar structure.

Alternative structures such as some in-person and some online platform meetings, or some structured and agendized formal meetings combined with field trips, live-streamed, or on-demand digital offerings were also suggested by staff and council members.

The Council subsequently requested a Special Meeting be convened as soon as possible, preferably in June or July of 2022, to discuss alternatives and decide if a change in structure is necessary and if so, what the new format would entail. A meeting was scheduled and convened on June 23, 2022 to consider this item, but not enough Council members attended to have a quorum, so the meeting was not called to order.