

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY  
COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

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**Regular Public Meeting**

**November 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Bolinas Fire Protection District, 100 Mesa Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Brown (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary) arrived 10:20  
Ralph Camiccia (Bolinas)  
Rudi Ferris (Bolinas Rod and Boat Club)  
Jeff Loomans (Stinson Beach)  
Mischon Martin (Marin County Parks/Open Space District)  
Mia Monroe (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)  
Dave Press (Point Reyes National Seashore)  
Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory)  
Ed Ueber (At-Large) arrived 10:11  
Nils Warnock (Audubon Canyon Ranch)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Mueller (College of Marin)  
Morey Nielsen (Seadrift)

STAFF PRESENT: Max Korten, General Manager  
Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent

**1. Call to order**

**The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.**

**2. 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.

Bruce Bowser stated he was happy to receive the Greater Farallones mailer with information about the lagoon.

David Aimley stated his opinion that the eucalyptus trees are poisoning the shoreline and claimed that the county has not removed the trees they were supposed to have removed.

**3. Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2023 to be Submitted for Approval**

The meeting minutes were approved as submitted except that a request was made to list the Councilmembers in alphabetical order.

M/S EUBER/STENZEL

AYES 9

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

**4. Introduction of new BLAC member (Informational Item)**

Nils Warnock will be the new representative for Audubon Canyon Ranch, upon Councilmember Gwen Heistand's retirement.

Councilmember Maria Brown, the agency representative for Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, announced that she will be stepping down from the BLAC. The next meeting will be her last meeting and Karen Reyna, Resource Protection Coordinator, will be taking over subsequently as GFNMS representative.

**5. Presentations of Marin County Board of Supervisors Certificates of Recognition Honoring Kiren Niederberger and Gwen Heistand (Information Item)**

Certificates of Recognition from District 4 Supervisor Dennis Rodoni honoring Kiren Niederberger's and Gwen Heistand's service to the Advisory Council were presented. Councilmember Niederberger was in attendance to receive her certificate. Councilmember Heistand's certificate was presented to her in absentia.

**6. Agency Reports (Information Item)**

MARIN COUNTY PARKS: The Coastal Commission Permit was approved for the Bolinas Wye Project. Vegetation removals to start in January 2024 by CCNB and Hanford.

Parks is working on securing permits for removal of the Letter Property buildings and the restoration work of the site.

The last 3 of the eucalyptus trees scheduled for removal within the Coastal Commission Permit along the Lagoon will be removed before the end of January 2024. There was a suggestion that the Coastal Commission appear at an upcoming meeting to talk about the eucalyptus and other non-native trees and their effect on the Lagoon.

POINT REYES NAT'L SEASHORE: Nothing to report.

GREATER FARALLONES NAT'L MARINE SANCTUARY: Karen Reyna will take over representation to the BLAC.

Green Crabs removal continued (in its 14<sup>th</sup> year) 4558 removed this year. Professor Ted Grosholz is retiring from UC Davis. There will be a presentation to the BLAC at a future meeting on the past findings of and future of Green Crab project.

The South End Project is in the feasibility/design phase. The project will undergo Management Plan review process in 2024. The feasibility report will be out Summer 2024. See website for more info Farallones.NOAA.gov

Councilmember Brown attended the UN Climate Conference in Dubai as part of the delegation. She reported on the Blue Carbon work happening, including about sediment stores and findings of where the greatest carbon storage is taking place.

NAT'L PARK SERVICE/GOLDEN GATE NAT'L RECREATION AREA: Eskoot Creek – the sediment basin was cleared in collaboration with the County to keep the Stinson Beach parking lot clear, improve the riparian and dune systems. Councilmember Monroe talked about balancing expectations as part of the project. Lifeguard tower to be renovated.

The Western Monarch Thanksgiving count showed numbers of more than 1000 at two sites, less at other sites. None counted at Muir Beach.

## **7. Council Member Comments (Information Item)**

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH: There is an upswing in H5N1 Bird Flu happening.

The smoke up above Griffin preserve the past few days was due to burn piles.

AT-LARGE: Councilmember Ueber stated his opinion that we should take the “Information Item” and “Action Item” labels off agenda items so that the council may take action on anything they want to in the moment.

STINSON: Councilmember Loomans talked about recent flooding and concerns for the upcoming wet season.

BOLINAS: Nothing

ROD AND BOAT CLUB: Councilmember Ferris mentioned that the anchovy schools are coming into the Lagoon earlier and staying later.

Storm drain drainage from downtown catch basins to the Lagoon – this is an issue that needs to be investigated and mitigated. BLAC to write a letter to MCSTOPPP supporting change. Look into “drains to lagoon” medallions for the curbs.

The Southerly storms put moorings and craft at risk.

Floating deadwood – the Rod and Boat Club members have been taking pieces of deadwood out of the water as they find them but would like to work with the county on this.

Max Delaney of NOAA asked about the moorings including how many are there.

POINT BLUE: There is a concern of increased water levels due to El Ninos and climate change.

COLLEGE OF MARIN MARINE LAB: Councilmember Mueller was absent but Councilmember Monroe mentioned that the lab groundbreaking happened over the summer.

## **8. Next Regular Meeting Date (Action Item)**

Approve Friday March 1, 2024 for the next Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council meeting.

## **Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.**