

**BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 100 MESA ROAD, BOLINAS, CA
DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Brown (GFNMS)
Ralph Camiccia, (Bolinias) (Arrived at 5:15 p.m.)
Rudi Ferris (Bolinias Rod and Boat Club)
Gwen Heistand (Audubon Canyon Ranch)
Daphne Hatch (GGNRA) (Arrived at 5:15 p.m.)
Ronald Miska (Marin County Parks)
Lesly Robinson (Stinson Beach)
Lynne Stenzel (Point Reyes Bird Observatory)
Ed Ueber (At-Large)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Mueller (College of Marin) (Excused)
Brannon Ketcham (Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore) (Unexcused)
Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift) (Unexcused)

STAFF PRESENT: James Raives, Senior Open Space Planner
Brian Sanford, Parks Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Bolinas Fire Protection District.

2. OPEN TIME

No member of the public came forward to speak.

3. EUCALYPTUS TREES AT THE NORTH END OF BOLINAS LAGOON

Marin County Parks staff summarized its report on the removal of all standing eucalyptus trees between Olema Bolinas Road and Bolinas Lagoon along the northwest portion of the lagoon. Staff's report evaluated management plan direction, cost, land ownership, environmental compliance, and long-term maintenance.

Several members of the public commented on the report and raised the following concerns:

(Daphne Hatch and Ralph Camiccia arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

- The trees are part of the character and cultural heritage of Bolinas.
- Fallen eucalyptus trees in the lagoon do not affect its water quality.
- The removal of fallen trees from the lagoon will damage the wetlands.

- Trees in the lagoon degrade water quality and trap sediment.
- Marin County Parks should remove trees that are leaning into the lagoon.
- The eucalyptus trees block view of the lagoon.
- People expressed interest in donating money for removal of the eucalyptus trees.
- Eucalyptus trees are not heritage trees as defined by the Marin County Code.
- Removal of the eucalyptus trees would enhance the biological value of the lagoon.

Advisory council members discussed the impact eucalyptus trees have on natural resources in the lagoon. Several Commissioners commented on the locally preferred plan regarding removal of non-native trees that fall into the lagoon. Committee members also expressed concern about the impact eucalyptus trees have on native flora. Several members indicated that their preference is to remove trees that have fallen into the lagoon. Ronald Miska, Marin County Parks representative on the advisory council, offered a possible compromise. At the April 2016 meeting of the advisory council, staff will present an evaluation of the removal of trees that could fall into the lagoon in the next couple of years. Following that meeting, staff will set up a site visit to consider the development of a plan to remove these damaged trees. Staff will invite representatives of the advisory council and the public to attend this site visit.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.