MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Becker, Pt. Reyes National Seashore
Maria Brown, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
Ralph Camiccia, Bolinas Representative
Rudi Ferris, Bolinas Rod and Boar Club
Daphne Hatch, Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Jeffrey Loomans, Stinson Beach
Kiren Niederberger, Seadrift Association
Lynne Stenzel, Pt. Blue Conservation Science
Ed Ueber, At-Large

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gwen Heistand, Audubon Canyon Ranch
Mischon Martin, Marin County Parks (non-voting member)
Joe Mueller, College of Marin

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council (BLAC) Chair Ralph Camiccia called the special meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Advisory council members introduced themselves. Staff members from Marin County Parks and members of the public also introduced themselves.

2. **OPEN TIME**

Kate Bimrose, National Marine Sanctuary Resource Protection Specialist for Bolinas Lagoon, distributed copies of the annual issue of the Magazine of the National Marine Sanctuary to BLAC members, noting that Bolinas is featured on page 31 of this issue.

3. **COLLEGE OF MARIN MARINE LAB**

Advisory council members reviewed a draft letter to the Board of Trustees for the College of Marin voicing strong support for the College of Marin’s continued use of the Marine Lab as an educational campus, either on its own or in concert with other suitable organizations, and asking if there is any information the BLAC can provide to them that would be useful when they address the future of the Bolinas marine lab facility. Suggestions for revisions to the letter were made and agreed to.

M/s Ueber/Ferris to send updated letter to the Board of Trustees for the College of Marin.

AYES: Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Loomans, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber

ABSENT: Heistand, Mueller

4. **BOLINAS LAGOON INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE**

Kate Bimrose briefly reviewed a discussion that occurred at a previous BLAC meeting and advised council members that the Bolinas Lagoon informational brochure discusses the ecological importance of the lagoon, how the lagoon has been impacted by human use and ecological changes, and why the lagoon is important. She noted that the brochure also highlights
community efforts to bring about changes to the lagoon. The Greater Farallones Association partnered with One Tam and with Marin County Parks to develop printed material about lagoon restoration efforts, and why the lagoon is so important. The new brochure includes sections describing its history, and partners who are working to protect the lagoon for future generations. The focus of restoration efforts is to prepare the lagoon to withstand future changes and for the lagoon to be able to show resilience to any future changes. A portion of the lagoon’s timeline is included in the brochure. It is intended that this be a living document which can continue to be edited over the years.

Minor language corrections were discussed by advisory council members. It was then:

M/s Ueber/Loomans to accept suggested changes and approve letter as updated.

AYES: Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Loomans, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber

ABSENT: Heistand, Mueller

5. **RESOLUTION HONORING DAPHNE HATCH**

James Raives read the draft resolution honoring Daphne Hatch into the record. No changes were made to the draft resolution, and it was accepted as submitted.

M/s Ueber/Stenzel to authorize the Chair to sign the resolution honoring Daphne Hatch for 20 years of service, and for her dedication to the preservation and restoration of Bolinas Lagoon.

AYES: Becker, Brown, Camiccia, Ferris, Hatch, Loomans, Niederberger, Stenzel, Ueber

ABSENT: Heistand, Mueller

The next regular meeting will be held in April 2018.

6. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.