

**BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 100 MESA ROAD, BOLINAS, CA
DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Becker (Point Reyes National Seashore) *Present at 9:23 a.m.*
Maria Brown (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary)
Ralph Camiccia, (Bolinias)
Rudi Ferris (Bolinias 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)
Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift)
Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory) *Present at 9:09 a.m.*
Ed Ueber (At-Large)
Kristen Ward (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)

STAFF PRESENT: Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
Veronica Pearson, Bolinas Lagoon Project Manger
Jason Olivotti, Chief Ranger

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ralph Camiccia called the meeting to order at 9:04 am at the Stinson Beach Community Center.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public came forward to speak.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 2018 AND REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2018

M/s Camaccia/Heistand to approve minutes, as submitted, for special meeting held on August 20, 2018 and for regular meeting held on October 10, 2019.

**AYES: Camiccia, Ferris, Heistand, Loomans, Mueller, Niederberger, Ueber, Ward
ABSENT: Becker; Stenzel**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. CONSIDER INVITING A CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN THE BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL

It was noted that this is a repeat of an item listed on the October 2019 BLAC meeting agenda. BLAC members have been expressing an interest in having a Caltrans representative as a seated member of the Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council. The Caltrans representative would be a non-voting member similar to members of other government agencies. BLAC members agreed that they would like the Board of Supervisors to consider amending BLAC bylaws to incorporate Caltrans as a member of the Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council. Caltrans has not

officially responded to county staff or to the BLAC regarding this suggestion, although they have requested a copy of the BLAC charter for review. A Caltrans representative would be desirable on the council, as many of the projects associated with Bolinas Lagoon have direct impacts within Caltrans' jurisdiction.

M/s Ferris/Stenzel to confirm that Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council members would still like to have a representative from Caltrans participate as a regular member of the council.

AYES: ALL

5. REVIEW FINAL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND APPROVE LOCATIONS FOR POSTING THEM IN BOLINAS LAGOON

After reviewing a variety of signage, a selection was made regarding the final appearance of the new speed limit signs. It was noted that Marin County Parks will procure the signs, and that BLAC members will install/post them in approved locations.

M/s Loomans/Ferris to approve the final appearance of selected speed limit signs and the locations where they will be posted.

AYES: All

The motion was approved.

6. RECAP OF STATE OF THE LAGOON CONFERENCE

Council members thanked Kate Bimrose, the National Marine Sanctuary Resource Protection Specialist for Bolinas Lagoon, and BLAC member Joe Mueller, for their work in planning the State of the Lagoon event.

After council members received a recap of conference highlights, a suggestion was made that updates regarding existing programs be a regular item that is included in future State of the Lagoon conferences. It was noted that discussion of the North End project resulted in a better turnout at last year's event. It was suggested that future events be videotaped.

7. AGENCY REPORTS

Agency members provided brief updates on various agency activities that have taken place since the previous BLAC meeting.

Ben Becker (Pt. Reyes National Seashore) – Spoke about a recent seal incident where an off leash dog killed a seal on a beach which was closed to the public.

Mischon Martin (Marin County Parks) – Recapped the One Tam Bioblitz event. Updated on Kent Island invasive Spartina, which is hopefully extirpated.

Kirsten Ward (Golden Gate National Recreation Area) – GGNRA is starting design of repairs to the Stinson Beach parking lot. Beginning at the next meeting Kirsten will be replaced as the BLAC representative for GGNRA by Allison Forestel.

Maria Brown (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary) – Update on the South End project. Will present at the October 2019 meeting. Update on green crab population. Refresher on oil spills, new clean-up techniques. Will bring an informational item to a future meeting. Moorings on Tomales Bay, will bring lessons learned to Bolinas Lagoon, future Agenda item.

8. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Non-agency members provided brief updates on various agency activities that have taken place since the previous BLAC meeting.

Jeff Loomans (Stinson Beach) – Commented on Green Crab study and the South End project.

Ralph Camaccia (Bolinas) – Commented on the Buell tree, promised to assist with agreements with landowners.

Joe Mueller (College of Marin) – Update on the new lab. 3 new buildings, with all existing buildings to be demolished. The project is still in the “maybe” stage but still better than a “no” stage. Asked if the BLAC could send a letter of support to the College.

Gwen Heistand (Audubon Canyon Ranch) – Commented on the One Tam Bioblitz. Mentioned that there would be a naturalist walk with David Herlocker the next day at Martin Griffin Preserve. Spoke about upcoming Firefighter 2 training at ACR. Mentioned the draft report of the bird study and offered an analysis of the recent Cal trans culvert work.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next BLAC meeting will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.