

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE MARIN COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Director Arnold  
Director Kinsey  
Director Rice  
Director Sears  
Commissioner Durr  
Commissioner Kennings  
Commissioner LeBuhn  
Commissioner Olson  
Commissioner Ross  
Commissioner Zitney

ABSENT: Commissioner Scott

**I. 5:00 P.M. MARIN COUNTY PARKS STAFF PRESENTATION OF THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT'S DRAFT ROAD AND TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Director Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Elsie Holland, Marin County Parks Chief of Planning and Resources, introduced project consultants John Baas and Bob Klousner, and briefly reviewed objectives for today's PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Holland noted that open space preserves provide native habitat, wildlife corridors, and refuge for rare and endangered species while connecting local communities, and that over three million people visit the preserves each year. She reviewed challenges, the data driven approach used to create the plan, and the importance of early and continuous community and stakeholder participation in the process.

Linda Dahl, General Manager of the Marin County Open Space District, outlined the comprehensive program for management of open space roads and trails, briefly touched on challenges, long term objectives, carrying capacity of the preserves, policies, and the state and federal regulations and county and department documents that guided the development of the Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP).

Ms. Dahl introduced Nona Dennis (Marin Conservation League), Curt Kruger (Marin Horse Council), and Tom Boss (Marin County Bicycle Coalition). Each thanked the Board, and commented on the Road and Trail Management Plan.

Project consultants John Baas, of MIG, Inc., and Bob Klousner of Environmental Planning Partners, completed the presentation of the Draft RTMP Tiered Program Environmental Impact Report, after which Elise Holland briefly reviewed the next steps.

Board members and commissioners received testimony from members of the public, a number of whom praised the open and collaborative process that encouraged public participation during creation of the draft plan. Comments were also received about growing use of trails by school clubs, opportunities for expanding multi-use access, volunteering for trail maintenance, speeding cyclists, and preserve visitors who "seek solitude" and wish to

“commune with nature”. Continuing “tough and meaningful” enforcement of District rules was suggested, as was addressing night riding cyclists in open space preserves, and investigating their impact on wildlife.

Seeing no one else coming forward to speak, public comment time was closed.

Supervisor Arnold noted that a 60 day public review and comment period begins today, and ends on December 2, 2013.

Board members and commissioners briefly commented about collaboration and the finding of commonalities during this process, getting more youth interested in and involved with land stewardship, recognizing a uniform interest in creating a respectful environment and a sense of community, resource protection, safety and the importance of keeping all user groups in mind, coordinating management efforts with other land agencies, possibly reviewing the Open Space District’s night riding policy, an annual pass or user fee for stewardship of open space preserves, and the need to “reach out” more proactively to the “backyard residents” of Marin’s open space preserves.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.