



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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### Summary Minutes— August 17, 2009

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on July 20 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with Chairperson Van Bueren presiding.

#### 1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with directors Eyerly, Van Bueren, Knapp and Vidaver present. Director Fostiak, and alternate Grigg were absent.

#### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: No discussion or public comment.

Motion: Upon motion by Director Knapp, seconded by Director Eyerly, and carried unanimously; it is ordered that the Minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting are hereby approved.

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

#### 3) Public Expression

Jim Martin of the Mendocino County Fish and Game Advisory Council introduced himself and noted he was there to do presentation on MLPA that evening.

#### 4) Old Business – Discussion and possible action

a) Review WMAC presentation to Mendocino Board of Supervisors. The presentation to be made at BOS meeting in Ft. Bragg August 18. – WMAC reviewed the presentation prepared by Director Van Bueren and with only minor changes and without a motion approved the presentation. The presentation included the following:

1. Introduction of WMAC members
2. Summary of initial operations and reference to our website
3. A summary of the Multi-use Coastal Trail Planning Grant
4. An update on the WMAC's strong support of for a broadband grant application for the the area served by the WMAC.
5. A review of the planning issues and how we interact with the local agencies. This review included a request that the WMAC be allowed to comment directly to entities outside of the County government.

b) Broadband update – Kendall Smith sent a letter of support for the RBN grant application and a copy of WMAC letter to the BOS was also conveyed to RBN. The deadline for requesting stimulus funds for the grant was extended for a few days.

#### 5) New Business – Discussion and possible actions

a) Highway safety improvements – Gordon Westerling

Mr. Westerling gave the WMAC a review of some of the many dangers of Highway 1 between Westport and Ft. Bragg. The dangers include missing guard rails, no bicycle lanes, and no turnouts or passing lanes. Mr. Westerling would like to have the safety levels at least equal to Highway 20.

Motion: Director Van Bueren made a motion that the WMAC draft a letter to MCOG (Mendocino Council of Governments) to point out safety concerns and ask them to put the matter on their agenda for discussion. The letter is to include some possible solutions for the issues such as adding guard rails, turnouts, signage, passing lanes, and bicycle lanes. Motion was amended to ask Director Knapp to prepare and circulate a draft to WMAC Directors prior to submittal. Director Eyerly seconded the motion.

Action: Motion passed unanimously.

b) MLPA Process – Vidivar/Jim Martin

Mr. Martin of the Mendocino County Fish and Game Advisory Council gave the WMAC an overview of the Marine life Protective Act Initiative (MLPA) for the North Coast Study Region. The outcome of the findings from this act could result in a fishing ban on designated areas Of the north coast. Both the city of Ft. Bragg and officials of other north coast cities have responded to the California Natural Resources Agency regarding this issue. The WMAC made no motion to do anything specific, but agreed to continue to monitor the process.

**6) Other Business – Discussion only**

a) The proposed trail for the Mendocino Land Trust on the Jackson Grube property will be discussed by the Coastal permit administrator on August 27, 2009.

b) Director Knapp noted that any expenses that had been submitted for payment had been approved and the checks would be issued soon.

**7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Westport Community Church at 24900 Abalone Street in Westport. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Any development permits that are submitted
- 2) Review of presentation for the Board of Supervisors meeting the following day.
- 3) MLPA update
- 4) Coastal Commission update for Jackson-Grube building permits

**8) Adjournment**

Chair Van Bueren declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM

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Name, Chair

ATTEST:

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Name, Secretary