



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes— April 5, 2011

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on April 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Eyerly, Grigg, Knapp, Vidaver, and Director Van Bueren presiding. Alternate Director Scott was also present.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with directors Eyerly, Grigg, Vidaver, Knapp, and Van Bueren present.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: Director Grigg was added as present at the meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Director Van Bueren moved acceptance of the minutes of the March 1, 2011 as amended, seconded by Director Knapp.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved unanimously.

3) **Public Expression – (Discussion Only)** – No public expression other than on agenda topics.

4) **New Business – No New Business on Agenda**

5) Old Business – Discussion and possible actions

a) Herbicide use in Forest Regeneration – John Anderson of Mendocino Redwood Company made a slide presentation to WMAC. He was accompanied by Sarah Billig and Jim Holmes who is president of MRC. Mr. Anderson explained that tanoak has to be controlled so that the conifers can grow. MRC has tried several methods including Girdling, Shade Mats, Vinegar, and others, but has not been able to control without use of herbicide. The most successful method, using the least amount of herbicide is the hack and squirt method. MRC stated that less herbicide is used with this method than with foliage or aerial spraying. Imazapyr is the herbicide that is used to control the tanoak. It was also explained that there are buffer zones next to all water. The buffer is determined by type of water. For example a river or stream might have a different buffer than a small pond. The area that the herbicide is used in has to have signs posted when treated, and there has to be training for the applicator. MRC stated that they try to use herbicide only once in the life of a stand (60-80 years).

There were 12 members of public present and the following persons raised questions and comments: Ed Howard, Juliana Van Meter, Terry Neives, Harvey Hoestetter, Marguirite Lambert, Kerry Reynolds, Kay Rudin, Brian Hougland, and Lois Senger. There was a discussion on the best time to use the herbicide and when the water samples from the areas that have had herbicide applied are taken. MRC noted that they are required to collect water samples and have them tested by an independent lab. There were questions from the audience and WMAC members. The questions asked included asking about how long it takes for Imazapyr to degrade and what it degrades into. How could one drop kill a tree? There were several questions regarding possible uses for the tanoak. Is there a way to make it more

economical to use the tanoak for firewood and are there better ways to facilitate the collection of the tanoak. MRC expressed a willingness to work with the public on better ways to use the tanoak. Sarah Billig (MRC) will deliver test results from water samples and other information she receives such as information on what the Imazapyr breaks down to. That information will be delivered to Director Van Bueren and shared with the WMAC.

b) National Ocean Policy – Vidivar. In July 2010 President Obama issued an executive order regarding the stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts and the Great Lakes. The National Ocean Council is charged with preparing strategic action plans for nine national priority objectives. The council is accepting public input through April 29th, 2011 on policy objectives. Draft strategic action plans will be released in the summer of 2011 and they will also be available for comment. WMAC decided that there was not enough time to provide input before the April 29th deadline.

Motion: Director Grigg moved that a letter be sent to NOC expressing WMAC interest in the initiative and asking to review draft Strategic Plans when they become available. Seconded by Director Knapp.

Discussion: None

Action: Directors Eyerly, Grigg, Knapp, and Van Bueren in favor; Director Vidaver abstained.

Action: Motion approved with Director Grigg to compose draft letter for circulation and approval of other Directors prior to submission to NOC.

c) Highway One Safety Issues – No action to pursue at this time. Director Van Bueren to contact Supervisor Smith to ask for information regarding timing of Highway One repairs.

d) Seascape address confusion – Knapp. Director Knapp noted that the 911 system has been updated with a note for direction to the affected locations. County maps need to be updated and Director Knapp is looking at that issue. No other action required from WMAC.

6) Other business/announcements – Discussion Only

a) Director Knapp announced that there would be an information update on the coastal trail draft plan on July 9th. A draft of the plan will be circulated about three weeks prior to the meeting.

b) The original terms of office will expire for Director Knapp and Director Van Bueren this month. Both plan to apply for reappointment, but it was agreed the openings should be noticed on the WMAC web site.

c) Director Knapp noted that any quarterly expenses should be turned in forthwith.

7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2011. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Highway 1 safety;
- 2) Ocean Policy;
- 3) Review data from MRC

8) Adjournment

Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 P.M.

Name, Chair

ATTEST:

Name, Secretary