



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

February 2, 2016—7:00 PM

Westport Community Church, 24900 Abalone Street, Westport

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**—Kevin Michel, Bill Knapp, Robert Scott, and Thad Van Bueren were present. Sally Grigg notified in advance that she would be absent.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2015 meeting**—approved unanimously.
- 3) **Public Expression—(Discussion Only)**—Tom Kisliuk advised a report by Greg Guisti was available about the relationship between herbicide use and fire behavior. Westport Volunteer Fire Department Chief Frank Maurice offered thanks to the WMAC for hosting this meeting covering the CWPP issue.
- 4) **New Business— Discussion and Possible Action**
 - a) County Wildfire Protection Plan update. Madelin Holtkamp, Executive Director of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, gave an overview of the CWPP last updated in 2004 and now available as a draft. It identifies needs useful for obtaining grants. The plan is being digitized so it can be updated annually from now on. A questionnaire was circulated and will be made available at the Westport Store. Input should be provided by the end of February, with a final plan set to be released by end of March. Various ideas for local fire protection and grant sources were discussed. No formal action was taken.
 - b) Non-motorized Transportation prospects. Director Van Bueren advised that the Mendocino Council of Governments will host a public meeting attended by Caltrans at 5:30 PM at the Westport Church March 1 focusing on prospects for building non-motorized transportation improvements along the Route 1 corridor near Westport.
- 5) **Old Business— Discussion and Possible Action**
 - a) County 911 contract suspension. Director Van Bueren related that no immediate action by BOS was likely based on a conversation with Supervisor Gjerde about the WMAC letter. The WMAC asked for further updates from Gjerde.
 - b) Update on radar speed signs in Westport. A motion was unanimously passed to write Caltrans thanking them for installing radar speed feedback signs in Westport and indicating concern about the slide north of Chadbourne Gulch.
- 6) **Announcements/Correspondence**—WMAC alternate Director vacancy noted.
- 7) **Set preliminary agenda for next meeting—March 1, 2016**
 - 5:30 PM—Forum with MCOG and Caltrans on non-motorized transportation prospects
 - 7 PM WMAC meeting: Non-motorized transportation; updates on 911 contract; tsunami siren (Frank Maurice request).
- 8) **Adjournment**

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