



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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MINUTES

March 1, 2016—7:00 PM

Westport Community Church, 24900 Abalone Street, Westport

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM**—Robert Scott, Sally Grigg and Thad Van Bueren were present. Bill Knapp and Kevin Michel were absent. MCOG Director Phil Dow and Caltrans Planner Tasha Alhstrand attended with seven members of the public. Van Bueren took the minutes and chaired the meeting.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2015 meeting**—approved unanimously.
- 3) **Public Expression—(Discussion Only)**—No comments.
- 4) **New Business— Discussion and Possible Action**
 - a) Non-motorized Transportation. MCOG Director Phil Dow summarized information from an MCOG meeting held in the same venue starting at 5:30 PM. Tasha Alhstrand of Caltrans reported a bicycle survey recently completed. A prospect for a grant application that bundles three priority projects in Westport, north of Fort Bragg, and Gualala was discussed (federal Transportation Improvements Generating Economic Recovery). Public comments supported pursuing that grant opportunity. The WMAC unanimously approved a motion to have the Chairman investigate that prospect and take appropriate action including writing a supportive letter and assisting with the application as appropriate.
 - b) Route 1 Landslide at Postmile 76.0. Several public comments were expressed about the urgency of making repairs because this access is critical for services and the local economy. WMAC previously commented on 2-12-2016 to Caltrans on this issue. Ms. Alhstrand and Mr. Dow made the group aware that a PSR study was completed to analyze alternatives and costs. That document will be provided. It concluded the preferred approach is to move the route 30 feet inland.
 - c) Newport Trail permit (CDP#2014-39). Eight members of the local community provided comments supporting and opposing. Some were disgruntled that the easement was required as a condition of approval of a prior private development, but it was explained that the easement was already legally granted to MLT by an instrument recorded against the title to the property. Substantive concerns that should be considered included the need to prevent trespass onto adjacent lands by the public and their pets and the need to ensure the improvements should not comprise the visual beauty of the setting. Concerns about visual and resource impacts (abalone poaching) were raised. The WMAC unanimously approved taking a neutral position and advising the County of concerns.
- 5) **Old Business— Discussion and Possible Action**
 - a) County 911 contract update. Director Van Bueren shared an update from Supervisor Dan Gjerde. The BOS plans no immediate action and will carefully review any scope for a new RFP for 911 services if one moves forward.

b) County Wildfire Protection Plan update. A brief review of this issue was provided and those present were advised they could review the draft CWPP update on the WMAC web site and supply comments to Madelin Holtkamp, Executive Director of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council. The plan will be finalized by the end of March and will be subject to annual updates thereafter.

6) **Announcements/Correspondence**—WMAC alternate Director vacancy noted.

7) **Set preliminary agenda for next meeting—March 1, 2016**

a) Update on Route 1 slide at PM 76.0

b) Update on 911 contract suspension

8) **Adjournment**—The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.