



## GUALALA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### **Minutes for 3 September 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) was held on Thursday, 3 September 2015 at the Gualala Community Center in Gualala, California. Council Members present were Barry DuCharme, Charles Ivor, Robert Juengling, Eric Mills, and Jeff Watts. Council Member Ron Eckert was absent. Council Chair Juengling convened the meeting at 18:34

1. **Introductions and Announcements:** Council Members introduced themselves. Council Chair Juengling thanked Council Member Watts for his many years of service on the Council as a member and as chair. His application for another four-year term will be voted by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors later this month.
2. **Consent Agenda: Minutes of 6 August 2015, and Correspondence:**
  - a. It was moved by Council Member Watts, seconded by Council Member Ivor, and carried 4 YES (Council Members Ivor, Juengling, Mills, and Watts), 0 NO, and 1 ABSTENTION (Council Member DuCharme) that the 6 August Minutes be approved when corrected as follows:
    - i) page 3, Item 7, Discussion: THP's 1-15-042 & 1-15-033 SON, paragraph 9 line 2, change "dafting" to "drafting;"
    - ii) page 4, Item 10. Council Matters: a. Gualala Community Action Plan: change all instances of the wording "Council Member Juengling" to "Mr. Juengling" noting that he attended the Parking Committee Meeting and reported during the Council meeting as a citizen, and;
    - iii) page 5, Item 10. Council Matters: a. Gualala Community Action Plan, paragraph 2, line 3 add "CalTrans" before "Gualala Redwoods Lands" to read ... to a potential town parking facility on CalTrans/Gualala Redwoods Lands at the southern end of town."
  - b. Correspondence: See 3 September 2015 Agenda- attached. (under 2.b.)
3. **Approval of the Agenda:**

It was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Council Member Ivor, and unanimously carried that the Agenda be approved as presented. Council Member DuCharme noted the agenda posted on the website was not the final copy but a working draft.
4. **Public Input on Non-agenda Items:** So Noted.
5. **Monthly Report: Mendocino County Law and Code Enforcement:**

Sheriff's Coast Commander Sergeant Greg Stefani stated there was a break in the fiber-optic cable between Hopland and Ukiah that has caused 911 outage.

Sergeant Stefani stated the Sheriff's Meet and Greet was to welcome three new Resident Officers and their families to the coast Sheriff Allman, Sergeant Stefani and his Fort Bragg staff, and the one new officer will be attending the event. Administrator Mobert stated the next Sheriff's Forum is 5 November.

Officer Mathew Zane introduced himself. He was happy to be on the Coast and now lives in Irish Beach. CHP Coast Commander Sergeant Kedren Emery who is stationed in Fort Bragg introduced

herself. She is trying to recruit another officer for the Coast by the beginning of next year

**Council Member Watts** mentioned the vendor problem on the CalTrans/Gualala Redwoods Lands just south of the Sandbar Restaurant.

**Council Chair Juengling** noted the situation has been discussed several times by the Council. CalTrans suggested people call the CHP to report vendors. Law enforcement can act by checking licenses and asking people who didn't comply with the law to leave.

**Sergeant Emery** said she would look into both state and county ordinances on vending. There needs to be room for emergency and truck parking when needed but how much and where will be answered by her research. She will let her officers know what she finds.

**Sergeant Stefani** stated he had checked some of the vendor's licenses in the past. They need to have a California State Business License and a Mendocino County Itinerants Business License to operate in this area. Two of the people he checked had those licenses, the rest did not.

**Ms. Mobert, speaking as a citizen** asked when Gualala was going to get the promised electronic speed sign. Both CalTrans officials and Mendocino County Department of Transportation Director Howard Dashiell have stated they would put a speed sign mounted to a trailer at the south end of Gualala for a week or two. Point Arena just had one permanently erected at each end of town.

**Council Member DuCharme** recalled the sign would be here only at certain times of the year, i.e., peak season, because it was cost prohibitive to erect one permanently. GMAC might want to make a formal request to both the state and County to loan Gualala a sign for a week or two.

**Council Chair Juengling** thanked all the officers for their attendance and invited them to participate at any of GMAC's monthly meetings.

6. **CDP #2012-0017 (Schwager) Location:** 33100 So Hwy. One, ¼ mile No. of Gypsy Flat Road; APN 143-050-04; Standard Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a single-family residence with attached garage. Associated developments include installation of a fence, gate, driveway, septic system, propane tank, trash enclosure, connection of utilities, power to existing test well, retaining walls, and the removal of Bishop Pine trees. (Council Members Mills & Watts)

Various detailed issues pertaining to the development proposal were discussed by the Council. **Secretary Watts** and **Council Member Mills** performed the site visit. Applicant's Representative, Project Architect **Michael Barron-Wike**, was present at the meeting to re-introduce and give a brief history of the revised project from 2012, and to answer questions from the council. Over 20 concerns produced from the Watts/Mills visit to the subject property, and from review of the plans, were addressed.

It was moved by **Council Member Watts**, seconded by **Council Member DuCharme**, and carried 4 YES (**Council Members DuCharme, Juengling, Mills, and Watts**), 1 NO (**Council Member Ivor**) that the project be recommended for approval provided the concerns of each of the Council Members (above) be addressed. **Council Member Watts** will write the letter, send it to Members for additions/corrections and then be sent to the County.

7. **Old Business:**  
a. **CDP #19-2014 (CalTrans) Location:** west side of State Route (SR) 1 at Post Mile 2.4 to 2.5 approximately 1 mile north of Gualala; to repair storm damage along SR1 between 2.34 to 2.53 in Mendocino County, one mile north of Gualala. The project will construct a soldier-pile retaining wall and install metal beam guardrail; reconstruct the roadway; and improve drainage along the highway. See project application questionnaire for additional detail.

**Council Member Watts** had created a map scaled to 40 feet/1 inch that he presented to the Council. CalTrans' finished plans show the road to be straight without a pullout, so they will take up the paving

now known as the "kink." The highway repair is 264 feet long; the "kink" is 60 feet long with a maximum width of 12 feet. If the "kink" was left, it could safely accommodate only one truck or two cars. Adding asphalt is not possible because that would interfere with the ESHA's located at each end. Tourists wanting to see the view would have to walk across the highway in an area where vehicles are traveling 55 MPH or more. This was a dangerous situation CalTrans wouldn't want to create. He felt the area was too small for CalTrans to consider leaving as a pullout. There is a pullout on the west side of the highway just north of this section that is accessible by vehicles traveling in both directions. There was no reason to leave the "kink."

**Council Chair Juengling** felt that constructing a pullout would be a whole new CalTrans project. It also falls between two driveways that are not that far apart, so there may not be enough room to enlarge the pullout to meet CalTrans' specifications.

**John Bower**, Gualala-area resident, didn't know when a good turnout would be if built in the area. The Havens Neck turnout at approx. Mile Marker 6.0 is 300 feet long and very wide. It seems there isn't enough room here to accommodate the length or width needed for a proper pullout. The coast will need more turnouts in the future.

**Council Member DuCharme** asked the Council write a letter asking CalTrans to leave the "kink" as a "future investment toward a pullout," not just "lopped off" with the road straight. Also ask a CalTrans representative to attend a meeting soon.

**Council Member Mills** noted CalTrans had told GMAC they would keep the "kink" as a turnout when the project was addressed, now they say the opposite. He would be glad to write a letter for GMAC.

**b) Discussion: THPs # 1-15-042 SON & 1-15-033 SON:** **Council Chair Juengling** reported that many people and organizations wrote asking for an extended period of comment. CalFire will be assigning a new comment period rather than adding time to the original comment period. The new date has not been announced as yet.

**Council Member Watts** asked if Council Member Ivor would prepare a letter from the Council to be discussed and receive public comments at the 1 October meeting.

**Council Member Ivor** stated he would be happy to write a letter for the Council; there also had been a huge response from The Sea Ranch residents.

**Martin Steinpress**, Gualala resident, wanted to know what points would be raised in the letter. He felt State agencies were not looking at this flood plain harvest with the consideration of a future green-belt park. He felt it was very important that GMAC keep this idea in mind when it expresses its views.

**Council Member Ivor** said the THP includes "really large trees." The harvest "would take out a canopy layer that protects the temperature of the water at critical times of the year, especially during a drought period." There were already endangered species listed with the Environmental Protection Agency living in and around the river. The agency has rated the river "impaired" because of sediment and temperature. Approving a THP along the flood plain of a river already rated as "impaired" is not a rational idea. Creating a river park should be considered. He is an environmentalist and fisherman; he has not seen large schools of fish in the last five years and is very concerned about the health of the river. He was glad the comment period was extended but CalFire may not have the funds to fully explore and evaluate this THP correctly. The river is a public trust. There are many government agencies that need to weigh in on the issue, as well as private organizations and a concerned public. Peggy Berryhill of KGUA radio interviewed fisheries biologist Patrick Higgins on her program *Peggy's Place*. The program can be heard on their website archives.

**Council Member Ivor** will write a letter for discussion 1 October; the item will remain on the Agenda.

8. **Drought: State of Emergency and Status of the Gualala Water Moratorium**  
Mr. Bower said the state's mandating locks on outdoor faucets and other actions of that sort are to make people think about what they can do to save water and about what technologies could produce more water in the future, such as desalination.
9. **Council Chair Juengling's Report:**  
Council Chair Juengling stated he reviewed the Gualala Community Center's (GCC) annual invoice. Council Treasurer Eckert has authorized payment and the County has done so.
10. **Council Matters:**
  - a. **Gualala Community Action Plan (GCAP Streetscaping) and**
  - b. **Discussion of Downtown Gualala Parking Issues:** Council Chair Juengling reported the Gualala Parking Committee met Wednesday 2 September 2015. Attendees were: Committee Chair Steve May, Diane Agee, Director of Redwood Coast Medical Services (RCMS); David Caley California Life Support District Director, Linda Bell, Director of the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy, and Council Member Robert Juengling acting as a Gualala citizen.
  - c. **Various CalTrans & County Issues:**
11. **Treasurer Eckert's Report:**  
Council Chair Juengling reported for Treasurer Eckert: GMAC account date is at \$3,935.74.
12. **Secretary Watts' Report:**
13. **Website Maintenance Report:**
14. **Administrator Mober's Report:**
15. **Agenda for the next meeting Thursday, 1 October 2015:**
  - i. CDPs received before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month
  - ii. Monthly Law Enforcement Report
  - iii. CDP #19-2014 (CalTrans)
  - iv. THPs # 1-15-042 SON & 1-15-033 SON
  - v. Water Issues and the California Drought (Council Members Ivor and Juengling)
  - vi. Gualala Community Action Plan (GCAP) Update (Council Chair Juengling)
  - vii. Gualala Parking Issues (Council Members Juengling and Watts)
  - viii. Various CalTrans and County Issues (Council Chair Juengling)
  - ix. Council Chair Juengling's Report
  - x. Council Secretary Watts' Report
  - xi. Treasurer Eckert's Report
  - xii. GMAC Website Report (Council Member Mills)
  - xiii. Administrator Mober's Report
16. **Adjournment:** It was unanimously agreed the meeting adjourn at 21.23.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Mober, GMAC Administrator