



## Minutes for 6 October 2016

**10/10/2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) was held on Thursday, 6 October at the Gualala Community Center in downtown Gualala. Council Members present were: Ron Eckert, Robert Juengling, Eric Mills, and Jeff Watts. Council Member Charles Ivor was absent. Guests attending were resident CHP Officer Mathew Zane and CHP Captain/Commander Bruce Carpenter of the Ukiah Office. Administrator Mary Mober and 7 members of the public were also present (see sign-in sheet and speaker's cards). **Council Chair Juengling** convened the meeting at 18:33.

**Introductions and Announcements:** Council Members introduced themselves. **Council Member Mills** announced that 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Dan Hamburg will attend the 3 November meeting. Council Member Mills will ask the Independent Coast Observer (ICO) to run an article regarding the visit the week before the meeting to attract public interest and boost attendance.

### 1. Consent Agenda:

#### a. **Minutes: 1 September 2016**

It was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Council Member Watts, and unanimously carried that the Minutes be approve as corrected by changing:

- i. Item 6, line 3: the spelling of Officer Greg **Stafini** to Greg **Stefani**;
- ii. Item 8, paragraph 2, line 2: the spelling of the acronym **MAC** to read **Municipal Advisory Council**;
- iii. Item 9, line 1: the spelling of the acronym **THP** to read **Timber Harvest Plan**;
- iv. Item 9, line 5: the spelling of Allen **Lavine** to Allen **Levine**;
- v. Item 12, line 5: the spelling of Westport **GMAC** to Westport **MAC**, and;
- vi. Item 14 d, line 4: the spelling of the acronym **ICO** to read **Independent Coast Observer**.

#### b. **Correspondence:** All were acknowledged as received.

- i. CalFire THP Report: 1-16-094 MEN; Gualala River North Fork; Gualala Redwood
- ii. Planning Commission Agenda 6 October with various documents to be addressed.

### 2. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Council Member Eckert, and unanimously carried that the Agenda be approved as presented.

### 3. Public Input on Non-agenda Items: None

### 4. Report: Mendocino County Law/Code Enforcement: Council Chair Juengling

reminded everyone the next Sheriff's Forum will be held 1 December as confirmed by Administrator Mober and the Sheriff's office.

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**CHP Officer Mathew Zane** introduced his superior officer Captain/Commander Bruce Carpenter of the Ukiah Office. Officer Zane stated the complaints received at the last Sheriff's Forum, 1 September, are being addressed by the CHP.

**Captain Carpenter** said CHP presence on the Coast has increased over the last month. A drunk driver caused the accident in Point Arena over the weekend that sent eight people to hospital. He encouraged people to call 911 when an accident is witnessed. Leave your information and the CHP will contact you later for a statement.

**Council Member Watts** said cyclists on Highway One are a danger. Many are from foreign countries and don't know local rules of the road. There is no space to pass legally.

**Captain Carpenter** stated an officer will take appropriate action when he sees an incident but it's difficult to do something if an officer is not present. He is assigning Fort Bragg officers to the South Coast to help Officer Zane as much as possible.

**Officer Zane** noted CHP officer's schedules will be moved to accommodate more officers on the South Coast on weekends for the next few months. The Sheriff's office has two full-time officers here as well.

**Council Member Mills** invited Captain Carpenter and Officer Zane to next Sheriff's Forum.

- 5. Discussion:** Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) electrical power provider for Mendocino: **Council Chair Juengling** introduced Gualala-area resident **Joel Chaban** who presented a history of the movement to provide electrical service from SCP and other non-profit, independent, community-service companies. All rate-setting Boards are locally controlled and locally elected from the area's residents.

Rules on providing solar power from ones property will not change and customers will get credit on their energy input into the grid from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). All state-mandated programs will also remain in place. Unfortunately, statements will be longer than PG&E's monthly billings and more difficult to read.

The three cities in Mendocino County need to pass a resolution to receive SCP service. Fort Bragg has voted to do so, Point Arena will do so shortly, but Ukiah has several factions against the idea and the city is still discussing the matter. By 2020, 60% of the state will be served by independent energy companies.

In 2002, the state legislature passed legislation allowing independent companies to provide power to residents. Senate Bill #790 of 2011 mandates PG&E cooperate with independent providers if a community votes the option to use the service.

SCP distributes any profits to counties and/or spends them on infrastructure to increase clean energy generation and access. Mendocino will get between \$500,000 to \$1 million a year for alternative energy expenses including installation of electric car charging stations. The automatic switch-over will happen June 2017. A homeowner may apply within 60 days of the switch to cancel the service. See [powerlocalmendonoma.org](http://powerlocalmendonoma.org) or [sonomapower.org](http://sonomapower.org) for more information. Also see ICO article in 30 September issue (minutes archive).

- 6. Discussion: Draft** – Mendocino County Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Policy document: **Council Chair Juengling** stated the Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopted the Policy last month. GMAC will continue to operate as usual and have no problems doing so. The BOS questioned if resolutions rather than letters should be used by MACs to voice their concerns outside the BOS but decided letters could be used. Take item off Agenda.

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- 7. Drought: State of Emergency & Status of the Gualala Water Moratorium: Council Chair Juengling** said though this week's rain saw a spike in the flow of the North Fork of the Gualala River, it is now down to 4 cubic feet a second.
- 8. Chairman Juengling's Report: Council Chair Juengling** continues to ask potential members meets to apply to the BOS. The GMAC website states there are two seats to fill on the Council.
- 9. Vice-Chairman Ivor's Report:** None
- 10. Council Matters:**
- a. Report: Gualala Community Action Plan (Streetscape Planning): **Council Chair Juengling** stated Phil Dow may attend the January or February 2017 meeting. GACP was due to start 1 October but he hasn't seen anything happening to date.
  - b. Discussion: Gualala Parking Issues: **Council Chair Juengling** noted parking problems at the old post office have been alleviated since the new post office was opened. There are several buildings now empty in town that, if rented, may add more traffic to the area.
  - c. Various CalTrans and; County Issues: **Council Member Mills** said the relocation of the recycling center to the Fish Rock dump site is inconvenient to most of the community. Fish Rock Road maintenance was discussed in depth. Council Member Mills will inform Supervisor Dan Hamburg about the Fish Rock Road discussion and ask if he will send the ICO a statement for print before the 3 November meeting.
- 11. Treasurer Eckert's Report: Treasurer Eckert** stated Webmaster Sophia has submitted her invoice for \$180 for the quarter. Purchasing a GMAC computer to record meetings will be done soon.
- 12. Secretary Watts' Report:** – None.
- 13. Website Report: Maintenance of GMAC Website: Council Member Eckert** said webmaster Sophia needs assistance with the website and has asked for a second person more versed in web maintenance to help.
- 14. GMAC Promotion, Citizen Participation & Recruitment:**  
**Council Member Mills** spoke with Francis Anderson of Action Network regarding a student to be GMAC's intern. She didn't know anyone who could fill the position. She felt he Gualala Trading Post and/or Facebook would be the best place to post GMAC information. Trading Post to notify people where the monthly Agenda can be seen might also boost attendance. Posting a permanent sign on local bulletin boards stating who and what GMAC is should be done. Having special guests present current topics at meetings and notifying people in advance will also help.
- 15. Administrator Mobert's Report:** Administrator Mobert reported working 12.7 hours; materials were \$4.36, for a total of \$195.11.
- 16. Agenda for next meeting** – 3 November 2016:
- a. Walk/See Assignment: CDP #2016-0033 (McCoy, TTEE 1/2 and CalTrans): Council Members Mills and Watts.
  - b. Guest Speaker: 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Dan Hamburg
  - c. Meeting of 1 December 2016: Sheriff's Forum; Convene 18:00
- 17. Adjournment:** 20:07

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