



Minutes for 3 November 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) was held on Thursday, 3 November at the Gualala Community Center in downtown Gualala. Council Members present were: Ron Eckert, Charles Ivor, Robert Juengling, Eric Mills, and Jeff Watts. Special Guest 5th District Supervisor Dan Hamburg was in attendance. Recording Secretary Mary Mobert and eight members of the public were also present (see sign-in sheet and speaker's cards). **Council Chair Juengling** convened the meeting at 18:35.

1. Introductions and Announcements: Council Members introduced themselves. Lloyd Chasey, prospective GMAC Member also introduced himself.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes: 6 October 2016

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

b. Correspondence: Notice of Public Workshop on Sea-level Rise on Our Coast. How Do We Adapt? To be Held at UC Davis Marine Laboratory, Bodega Bay.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Public Input on Non-agenda Items: Bob Rutemoeller suggested having a copy of the Agenda for public viewing on the website before the meeting.

5. Report: Mendocino County Law/Code Enforcement: The next Sheriff's Forum will be held Thursday, 1 December convening at 18:00.

6. CDP #2016-0033 (McCoy & CalTrans); Location: 35500 South Highway One; APN -022-13: Standard Coastal Development Permit to repair a culvert on Highway One. The proposed project would replace the existing culvert down drain. Imported borrow would be used for embankment grading. Council Members Mills and Watts walked the property.

Council Member Watts spoke with Mr. McCoy. **Council Member Mills** noted Highway One will not be disturbed during construction. The pipe goes downhill to the badly-eroded canyon. The plan calls for 200 cubic yards of dirt and rock to fill erosion and ponds built to step runoff from the highway to the beach. 1) traffic control is needed near the crosswalk but only when trucks are delivering fill, rocks, and/or other materials; 2) the Anchor Bay Beach access trail shall remain open during construction; 3) CalTrans shall notify local businesses about the construction, dust, truck noise, etc. prior to beginning work; 4) eliminate all invasive plant species, and; 5) redwood roots shall be protected when removing the willows.

It was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Council Member Ivor, and unanimously carried that the project be recommended for approval provided the



points discussed above are addressed. Council Member Mills will write the letter to the County.

7. Guest Discussion/Public Participation: Council Chair Juengling introduced 5th District Supervisor Dan Hamburg who noted GMAC was formed 25 years ago this meeting.

Solar Power:

Supervisor Hamburg explained how Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) will provide power to Mendocino County. The cities of Willits, Point Arena, and Fort Bragg all voted to receive power from SCP. On 13 October, Supervisor Hamburg was sworn in as representative for Mendocino's unincorporated areas on the SCP Board.

Erecting solar panels can be done without a County-approved CDP. Customers with solar panels will receive credits through PG&E. The Costs of power and maintenance will be calculated to determine the gain or loss to PG&E shareholders. Customers may choose to opt out of SCP service but the larger purpose of buying clean energy is the elimination of green-house gasses and eventually creating nothing but clean energy nationwide.

Garbage and Recycling Services:

It was noted that all garbage trucks in Sonoma County are run on engines using clean energy that are manufactured by a *Tesla* subsidiary out of Santa Rosa. It was suggested Mendocino County do the same? Supervisor Hamburg will research it.

The Gualala recycling center has been moved to the Fish Rock dump station and is now very inconvenient, especially for Sonoma County residents. Supervisor Hamburg said it was a matter of costs; the county is negating with the present provider. Evidently, the rent was doubled by the landlord; then the company moved the recycle center without notifying the County or having its permission to do so. Recycle services in rural areas have to be located within a three-mile radius of stores selling recyclable containers. The County again providing countywide garbage service was discussed.

Broadband Service:

It was noted that Anchor Bay Campground may now have installed AT&T fiber-optic, broadband service. It was ask that, since Coastal broadband service is very poor, if the campground can be connected, why not the rest of the area.

Supervisor Hamburg said AT&T presented a talk to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on 1 November (see attached Independent Coast Observer {ICO} article). The two cuts in service along highway 101 affecting four counties a year ago brought statewide attention to Northern California's broadband problems. The federal *Connect America Fund* is helping bring broadband service to underserved areas nationwide. Mendocino County will receive upgrades through this grant. All work will be completed by 2020. An AT&T tower will be erected on Ten Mile Road in Gualala but that doesn't mean all residents will have service.

It was noted that, with the recent undergrounding, Gualala has cutting-edge fiber cable on



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Highway One but it's only an upgrade. Redwood Coast Medical Services was told they had to pay around \$250,000 to \$350,000 to connect and provide emergency diagnostic services to its patients. The U.S. needs a rural broadband act like the Rural Electrification Act.

The Initiative Process:

The initiative process is being abused by voter's groups and is indicative of failure to act by state legislators. The Mental Health Facilities Initiatives AG and AH indicate the BOS is not doing its job either. Supervisor Hamburg gave his views of the two initiatives, the reasons for them, and urged everyone to vote Tuesday, 8 November.

County Roads:

The County Road Index has fallen to 31% of 100% possible indicating the roads are falling apart. If any initiative to raise \$40 million is needed, it should be for repairing County roads or upgrading the County's fire department. County roads will be beyond repair in five years and will have to be taken back down to gravel. Fish Rock and Old Stage Roads were mentioned as deteriorating for lack of attention by the County Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Hamburg was asked to be mindful of the various Timber Harvest Plans (THPs) being filed for the Gualala River watershed and the law suits involved.

8. Drought: State of Emergency & Status of the Gualala Water Moratorium: Council Chair Juengling reported recent rain brought the Gualala River flow to just under 100 cubic feet a second on the North Fork.

9. Chairman Juengling's Report: Chairman Juengling again introduced Lloyd Chasey as a potential GMAC member who may join the Council by 1 December.

10. Vice-Chairman Ivor's Report: Vice-chairman Ivor urged people to read this week's ICO article on the Gualala River THPs (see attached ICO article). He hopes the river's watershed will become a public park in the future. Logging took place before an injunction order went into effect; Gualala Timber Company violated the *Endangered Species* and *Clean Water Acts*. Thirty-five people attended a recent THP forum on strategies to save the trees.

11. Council Matters:

a. Report: Gualala Community Action Plan (Streetscape Planning) Council Chair Juengling reported Phil Dow, head of the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG), may attend the January or February 2017 meeting. Council Chair Juengling will speak to Gualala Rotary tomorrow regarding the GCAP project.

b. Discussion: Gualala Parking Issues: Council Chair Juengling reported there was new parking on Cypress Road. The Gualala Hotel is up for sale again and, if it sells, there may be more parking problems in the future.

c. Various CalTrans and; County Issues: None

12. Treasurer Eckert's Report: None.

13. Secretary Watts' Report: – None.

14. Website Report: Maintenance of GMAC Website: Council Chair Juengling is working with webmaster Sophia to get outside help in upgrading the website.

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- 15. GMAC Promotion, Citizen Participation & Recruitment:** None.
- 16. Administrator Mobert's Report:** Administrator Mobert stated she worked 12.8 hours; materials were \$7.44, for a total of \$199.44.
- 17. Agenda for next meeting – 1 December 2016**
Sheriff's Forum: Convene 18:00. Promotional public service announcements will be on the radio and in the ICO. Hosting a speaker each month was discussed and thought a good idea.
- 18. Adjournment:** 20:54

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