



**Minutes for 4 April 2018**

**04/08/2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) was held on Thursday, 5 April at the Gualala Community Center in downtown Gualala. Council Members present were: Lloyd Chasey, Charles Ivor, Robert Juengling, and Eric Mills. Council Members Melissa Finley and Jeff Watts were absent. Administrative Secretary Mary Mobert and nine members of the public were also present (see sign-in sheet and speaker's cards). Started 18:32

**1. Introductions and Announcements:** Council Members introduced themselves.

**Council Member Chasey** attended a Supervisor's Candidates Forum in Comptche with all five candidates in attendance. *The Redwood Coast Democrats* will hold a forum at the Gualala Community Center on 14 April from 2 to 4 p.m. with three of the five candidates attending. He hoped one would be held in this area with all five candidates answering questions.

**Council Chair Juengling** announced another forum will be held Wednesday, 11 April in Little River starting at 6 p.m. **Mr. Jim Koogle**, Point Arena City Council Member and resident, stated the Point Arena Council is discussing presenting one there.

**2. Consent Agenda:**

**2.a. Minutes: 1 March 2018**

It was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Council Member Ivor, and unanimously carried that the Minutes be approve as amended by striking: on page 2, Item 8, second paragraph, line 1 "Council Chair Juengling would like..." and inserting "Council Chair Juengling suggested using..."

**2.b. Correspondence:**

- 2.b.i. CDP #2017-0047 (Koogle)
- 2.b.ii. MCN Annual Domain Name Statement for \$22.29
- 2.b.iii. Official Response To Significant Environmental Points Raised During The Timber Harvesting Plan Evaluation Process On THP #1-15-042 (Dogwood)

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**4. Public Input on Non-agenda Items:**

- i. **Mary Sue Ittner**, Gualala-area resident, read her remarks into the record regarding the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy Bluff Trail (see attached).
- ii. **John Bower**, Gualala-area resident, can't find an Agenda or Minutes on GMAC's website and hopes they will be accessible to the public soon..

**5. Report: Mendocino County Law/Code Enforcement:** None

**6. Status of the Gualala Water Moratorium:**

**Council Chair Juengling** reported it was ongoing.

**7. Council Matters:**

**7.a. Discussion: Gualala Community Action Plan (Streetscape Planning)**

**Council Chair Juengling** reported the project is ongoing and requested more parking meetings.

**7.b. Report: CalTrans Gualala Parking Issues & Future Parking Forum:**

**Francine Temple**, Gualala resident, distributed 1) a letter from the *North Coast Regional Water*

Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) dated 20 August 2013; 2) a letter from the NCRWQCB dated 6 May 2014, and; 3) a letter from Jim Tischler of the NCRWQCB dated 12 January 2018 (see attached). She stated the Bower property where the video store is located has been cleared for development by the NCRWQCB. The Soil Report stated petroleum constituents are in the ground water 25 feet below the surface but there are none in the surface soils. No further testing is planned for Mr. Bower's property.

**Council Member Ivor** ask if the ground water been addressed. Ms. Temple said yes, drinking water was not effected, only the deeper ground water. More information may be found on the Geo-Tracker website in the "written reports" section that contains at least 25 years of history.

**Mr. Bower** noted the last full contamination report was issued on 20 January 2018. Since then, holes were drilled for sampling ground water. One hole drilled at Breaker's Inn wasn't sampled during the work. He felt pollution there is very high in that area. Engineers were asked to redrill that well to test it; then a report on groundwater will be issued. A vapor report was issued recently. The NCRWQCB may ask for more tests after samples are analyzed.

Mr. Bower met with other interested property owners and his engineer about parking on Church Street. He may be able to create up to 200 parking places on his property there but the plans need to be finalized. It will be used by Surf Market employees so the lot behind the store may be opened to customers. A community parking meeting will be called soon; he will notify GMAC members when the date is set so they may attend.

**7.c. Various CalTrans and; County Issues:**

**i. Future Mill Bend Coalition Speaker Report:**

**Council Member Ivor** reported the Mill Bend Coalition is looking for groups and/or persons to endorse their Mission Statement and help in buying the two properties: "lower mill" and "Mill Bend" from Gualala Redwoods Inc. (GRI). They may be able to make an offer to GRI to buy it when they find investors.

Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Department may be interested in purchasing the 13 acres along the river in Sonoma County to add to the Gualala Point Park. The Mill Bend Coalition has met with Linda Hopkins, the Sonoma Land Trust representative; they are interested but short on funds and looking for supporters. For more information, the Coalition's website is: [millbend.net](http://millbend.net).

**Council Member Ivor** read the Coalition's Mission Statement into the record:

"The Mill Bend Coalition formed to ensure that the Mill Bend properties are in hands that will protect valuable habitat and open space, provide public access, and preserve the natural features of this scenic gateway to the Gualala River watershed."

**It was moved by Council Member Ivor, seconded by Council Member Chasey and unanimously carried that the GMAC endorse the Mill Band Coalition's Mission Statement (above).**

**ii. Pacific Woods Road Brush Cutting:**

**Council Member Mills** spoke with Howard Dashiell in February about cutting brush in the area. The County won't be cutting anything until "spring" He will contact Mr. Dashiell in May to keep the pressure on.

**Mr. Bower** stated the mower was working on Old Stage Road and Gualala Court yesterday but not on Pacific Woods Road. **Administrative Secretary Mobert** saw two men using weed whackers and pulling broom by hand on Old Stage Road but not the mower.

**iii. Disaster Preparedness & Fire Forum:**

**Council Chair Juengling** scheduled 5 May with the Gualala Community Center for the Forum. Chuck Henderson will follow up. The Independent Coast Observer will have a supplement in the 26 April edition.

**iv. Invite Planning and Building Dept. Representative to Speak:**

**Council Chair Juengling** sees May or June as a good month to schedule a speaker. He will speak with the Ukiah office to ask if the head planner, Mitch Gonzales, could come.

**8. Chairman Juengling's Report:** None.

**9. Vice-Chairman Ivor's Report:**

The "Dogwood" THP # 1-15-042 SON was approved by CalFire as of last Friday (see THP Archives). Presently, *Gualala Redwood Timber* has not started logging and it may be limited due to rainfall and ground conditions. *The Friends of the Gualala River* intends to file a temporary restraining order maintaining that CalFire has not satisfactorily addressed: 1) the environmental and cumulative impacts and effects of all the company's THPs on the Gualala River watershed; 2) the comments in opposition to this THP, and; 4) the company ignoring and/or not following the process mandated in the California Environmental Quality Act.

CalFire eliminated some sections of the THP and referred readers to previous comments made when addressing newly-raised scientific concerns. They did speak to some cumulative effects of the THP over the next three years and extracted 60 acres of proposed harvest from the THP around the Switchville area.

**10. Secretary Watts' Report:** None

**11. Treasurer's Report:**

**Treasurer Mills** reported he is up to date on payments. He received the MCN and Administrative Secretary Mober's statements. He reminded Council Members to submit the Political Practices Commission Form 700 to the County; the deadline was 2 April.

**12. Website Report: Maintenance of GMAC Website:**

**Find/ Hire a Webmaster:**

**Council Chair Juengling** reported he is still looking for a person to fill the position. He has asked a member of *And Moore Studios*, who may be serving as the Chamber of Commerce Webmaster, if they would be available to do GMAC's website. He will report 3 May.

**13. Broadband Report:**

**Council Member Chasey** had no report. **Mr. Bower** repeated an item he heard on the news that a 30-satellite system may be available in five years. **Council Member Chasey** stated 5-G access satellite dishes may be put onto telephone poles in some communities and service derived through them. **Council Member Mills** noted there has been great success in laying fiber cable in many communities. He will research the item further.

**Administrative Secretary Mober** noted several swarms of satellites, 15 to 25 at a time, will be launched by Space X and other private companies over the next five years for a total of up to 150 to 200 satellites in low earth orbit. More information on launch times and areas covered is on the net.

**14. GMAC Promotion, Citizen Participation & Recruitment:**

**Council Chair Juengling** reported GMAC has a new member, Melissa Finley and still has two seats vacant, a Member's and an Alternate Member's seat. If anyone was interested, they should contact Supervisor Hamburg.

**15. Administrative Secretary Mobert's Report:**

**Administrative Secretary Mobert** reported working 15.55 hours; materials were \$7.25, for a total of \$240.03.

**16. Agenda for next meeting – 3 May 2018:**

**16.a.** Administrative Secretary Mobert will be absent; Council Member Mills will do the May Minutes.

**16.b.** Inviting a County Planning and Building Speaker: (Council Member Ivor)

**17. Adjournment:** 19:46

DRAFT Minutes prepared by: Administrative Secretary Mobert

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*The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors established the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) to advise them on planning issues that affect or have the potential to affect the Gualala area. The GMAC's role is advisory only.*

Public Attendance and Participation is Encouraged at GMAC Meetings.