



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes – DECEMBER 6, 2011

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on December 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Grigg, Knapp, and Director Van Bueren presiding.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with Directors Grigg, Knapp, and Van Bueren present. Directors Eyerly, Scott and Vidaver were not present.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Upon motion by Director Grigg, seconded by Director Knapp, the minutes of the September 6, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved.

3) Public Expression – (Discussion Only) – None

4) New Business – Discussion and possible action

The following was approved as an emergency agenda item. Upon motion by Director Grigg, seconded by Director Knapp and unanimously approved by vote, Timber Harvest Plan 1-11-101MEN submitted by James Denoyer was added to the agenda for discussion and possible action.

Discussion included submitting a request to the Dept of Forestry/CalFire for the WMAC to receive THPs on a timely and regular basis so that the community has time for public input. Director Knapp moved, with Van Bueren seconding, that Director Van Bueren draft a letter requesting the above and contact MAC members for approval prior to mailing. Said motion passed unanimously.

Discussion moved to THP 1-10-101MEN. The proposed plan asks that the applicable governing agencies grant exceptions to the usual timber harvesting regulations. The terrain is steep with the erosion potential high effecting the riparian vegetation and Howard Creek. Mr. Denoyer has asked for exceptions to rules governing ground based logging. In the past neighbors in this area have logged with helicopters. This THP calls for heavy logging.

Director Van Bueren moved, Director Knapp seconded, that a letter be written to the appropriate agencies denying any exceptions to the regulations and stating that the amount of harvesting requested is excessive. If exceptions were to be made, justification for such exceptions should be given. The motion passed unanimously. Director Van Bueren moved with Director Knapp seconding that the neighbor directly to the north, Barry Kuhlman be contacted regarding a possible meeting to gather public input. Director Grigg was asked to call/email Barry.

5) Old Business – Discussion and possible actions

- a.) National Ocean Policy Update - tabled.
- b.) State Beach Closure Update – no action at this time
- c.) Rockport signage update

Director Knapp moved with Director Grigg seconding that Caltrans be asked to add a “No Services” sign to the existing sign just north of Westport that currently gives the mileage to Rockport and Highway 101. During discussion it was agreed that this sign caused the most problems, while adding “No Services” to other mileage signs for Westport would cause confusion. Director Grigg volunteered to contact the appropriate people after the Holidays.

6) Other business/announcements – Discussion Only

The California Dept. of Transportation and MCOG are soliciting contractors for two pilot projects from Leggett to the Mendocino/Sonoma County line for a Pacific Coast Bicycle Route Engineering Feasibility Study.

7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 2, 2011 unless it is cancelled due to a lack of new business. The following was identified for the agenda of that meeting:

- a. Update on Calfire THP notifications

8) Adjournment

Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST:

Sally Grigg, Acting Secretary