



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes— April 4, 2017

1) ROLL CALL

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on April 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport. Roll call was conducted with following directors present Knapp, Scott, and Van Bueren.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the October 4, 2016 meeting

No discussion of minutes or public comment. Motion by Director Scott and second by Director Knapp. Motion passed unanimously.

3) **Public Expression – (Discussion Only)** – Several members of the public were in attendance, including Jerry Ward CEO of SWoW, all were present in response to Agenda Item 4)a) – Westport Recycling and Transfer Station.

4) Old Business—Discussion

a) **Westport Recycling and Transfer Station:** Jerry Ward presented a verbal summary of the status of the Westport Transfer Station and conditions that could allow opening a trash and recycle drop off at the site of the closed transfer station. Major points were:

- Drop off service available one day a week, probably Saturday
- Westport Water District to provide use of location at no charge to SWoW
- SWoW would hire a site attendant, preferably a local person
- County of Mendocino would allow operation of the site without any additional permit costs to SWoW
- Recycle service would be drop off only, using provided recycle carts. No recycle buy back or CRV pay out

There was discussion of the possibility of charging a “gate fee” which would go to the Westport Water District. SWoW would be willing to record and collect the “gate fee” and write a monthly or quarterly check to the Water District for the amount collected. Director Knapp will contact the Water District to see if this approach is acceptable to them.

If the trash and recycle drop off facility is make operational, SWoW would also continue to provide dumpsters for local fundraising events, WVFD annual BBQ and the Village Society annual Ducky race.

After more discussion a motion was made and passed for WMAC to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the County Solid Waste Director supporting continuing effort to get the Trash and recycle Drop-off Site opened. Director Van Bueren will write the letter and circulate to the other Directors for comment prior to sending.

b) **Route 1 Slide Repairs** (PM 75.5-76.5 and 78.8): WMAC contacted Caltrans about two local slides based on last month’s meeting. Days after last month's meeting CalTrans modified the one

way control at MP 78.8 to stop signs within view of each other. While not addressing the issue of planning / scheduling of repairs, it has made traffic flow simpler and safer. No new information of significance was obtained related to the PM 75.5 – 76.5 stretch just North of Chadbourn Gultch.

5) New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

- a) **Mendocino Broadband Strategy:** After brief discussion it was agreed that the general strategy proposal was reasonable and WMAC did not have sufficient knowledge to expand on or critique what was provided. Bill will respond utilizing the response form provided by the Broadband Alliance.
- b) **CDP 2016-0054 (Mendocino Land Trust) Smith Ranch Trail:** After review and discussion it was decided to “support with comment” CDP 2016-0054. Specifically WMAC would like to see bicycles explicitly included in the use statement for the permit. Director van Bueren will fill in and return the request for review form WMAC received.
- c) **BC 2016-0025 (Risse) Notice of Violation:** After discussion it was determined there was no direct action possible until the “after the fact” permit application gets distributed for comment. Director Van Bueren will contact County Planning to make sure WMAC gets the permit application in time to allow comments to be made within the period allowed.

6) Announcements/Correspondence – (Discussion Only)

- o Alternate Director Vacancy
- o Director Scott reviewed a letter he is drafting to CalTrans related to many repairs made over last winter

7) Set preliminary agenda for next meeting (May 2, 2017)

- a) Recycle and Transfer Station status
- b) Hwy 1 lane closure status

8) Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

_____ Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Bill Knapp, Secretary