

MCL Invasive Plant Subcommittee

Meeting of February 18, 2015

Agenda

Members and interested parties: Paul Minault, Nona Dennis, David Long, Eva Buxton, Dave Chenoweth, Kate Powers, Betsy Bikle, Jude Stalker, Jill Templeton, Pamela Reaves, Hugo Landecker, Charlotte Torgovitsky, Kristin Jacob, Linda Novy, Gerald Meral, Dagmar Zakim, Mick & Allison Seaman.

Discussion of strategic perspectives from minutes of last meeting:

Strategic Plan: Report on our activities for our action plan for 2015:

Measure A Funding for invasives work

In general--Eva Buxton, Betsy Bikle

San Rafael--Paul Minault and Kate Powers:

Tiburon, Belvedere & Fairfax--Eva Buxton

Mill Valley & Ross—Betsy Bikle

Sausalito—Kate Powers

Corte Madera—Dave Chenoweth

Larkspur—Betsy Bikle

Novato—Susan Stampe (Nona said she would talk with her)

Unrepresented: San Anselmo, Marin County, and Marin's six Community Service Districts (CSD's) (Bel Marin Keys, Marin City, Marinwood, Muir Beach, Tamalpais Valley, and Tomales Village).

Homestead Valley County Service Area—Dagmar Hakim

Announcements/Calendar Items/Info Sharing:

-Article on community foundations

-San Rafael's Sustainable Community/Climate Action Plans

Current Action Items

Paul

- Provide input on Dave Chenoweth's list of organizations

Eva

- Review the Tiburon and Fairfax General Plans to see what they say about invasives and draft working notes on invasive plan goals, policies and actions to be included in our proposal for all Marin's cities' general plans.

David Long

- Contact Plant Right to learn more about their programs (See note in IPC journal)
- Talk to Sam Abercrombie, steward of Ring Mountain, and Sarah Minic (??) regarding our committee and forming a county invasive plant coalition

Kate Powers

- Prepare a contact list of committee members and interested parties

Jude Stalker

- Review Novato general plan and ordinances to see what they say about invasives and draft working notes on invasive plan goals, policies and actions to be included in our proposal for all Marin's cities' general plans and ordinances.
- Draft "what am I a resource for" and send to other members.

Betsy Bikle

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Matters Pending, On Hold, or on a Long Fuse

- Letter to OPR re revision of CEQA Appendix G. (Recommendation submitted 6/3/14) (Paul)
- Letter to OPR re Update to General Plan Guidelines (submitted 7/12/14) (Paul)
- Progress on San Rafael Canalways site (Nona, Eva)
- Work with MCL Ag Committee to reinvigorate the Ag Commissioner's weed management plan and weed management area meetings

Mission Statement

The mission of the Invasive Plant Subcommittee of the Parks and Open Space Committee is to educate and inform the citizens of Marin County about the threat to our open spaces posed by invasive plants and to mobilize the human, financial, governmental and institutional resources of our county to take effective action to restore our open space habitats to their natural condition to the maxim extent reasonably feasible.

Marin Conservation League

Invasive Plant Subcommittee

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of January 21, 2015

Attendees: Paul Minault, Nona Dennis, David Long, Dave Chenoweth, Eva Buxton, Betsy Bikle, Jude Stalker, Dagmar Hakim

Measure A Funding initiative:

David Long: See what Cal Fire is doing re fire prevention. It is more capable than local agencies. Also, we need to advocate strategically for local agencies to use Best Management Practices (BMPs) for vegetation management to increase the quality of the management. Measure A management projects should include demonstration projects, and the county should promulgate grant requirements. County could give an award for the most innovative project. Project managers should be peer leaders.

Nona: The best local examples of BMPs for invasive plant projects are in the County Vegetation Management Plan and the draft MMWD vegetation management plan. Janet Klein of MMWD could give a presentation on invasive plant control.

Nona: We need to focus on 3-4 cities w either key resources, political support (like San Anselmo's open space group) or key political leaders.

Paul: Our message should be that open spaces are being destroyed by invasives, both ecologically and aesthetically, and this is qualitatively different from other park and open space maintenance issues, which typically concern maintenance and replacement of developed facilities with a defined life span. Local governments have a stewardship and fiduciary responsibility to future generations.

Measure A Assignments/Interests:

San Rafael (Est \$500,000): Paul Minault & Kate Powers

Novato: Jude Stalker, Susan Stompe (Nona to contact)

Tiburon (\$50,000), Belvedere and Fairfax: Eva Buxton

Mill Valley, Larkspur and Ross (\$7,000): Betsy Bikle

Sausalito: Kate Powers

Corte Madera: Dave Chenoweth

San Anselmo: Unallocated

Community Service Districts (CSDs's): Marin City, Marinwood, Muir Beach, Strawberry Rec, Tamalpais Valley, Tomales, Bel Marin Keys, Firehouse Park agency

Community Service Areas (16) These don't receive Measure A money, but may receive funding for open space management from other sources. Homestead Valley: Dagmar Hakim

Marin County: (it already adopted a two-year budget for 2014-2016)

Adjourn