

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE

North Marin Unit Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Webb home, 222 Crest Road

Atherton Ave. to School Rd., top of hill turn right onto Crest to 222 (about ¼ mi.)

>12 noon, brown bag lunch

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Announcements: Picnic on the Patio Aug. 2, 12 – 3 at 175 N. Redwood Rd., San Rafael - Free
3. Notes of June meeting – attached
4. **Guest speaker – Dan North, manager of Redwood Landfill – update on Management Plan implementation**
5. Projects & Issues around Novato
 - a. Solar farm on Cooley property, Bowman Canyon – approved
 - b. Novato General Plan: White papers on General Plan issues - reports
 - c. Blackpoint Community Plan
 - d. Mira Monte restoration plan by SMART
 - e. SMART report by Grand Jury
6. Status Reports:
 - a. Transportation issues – Don
 - b. Redwood Landfill
 - c. Water District issues –
 - d. Firemans Fund/Burdell Commons
 - e. Water ReUse authority – Rick or Bill
 - f. MOST progress – Joyce or Bill
 - g. Buck Center housing
 - h. Mission Lodge site use
 - i. Novato Square Shopping Center
 - j. Gnoss Field -
7. Other

Next meeting:

Questions or comments, please call Susan Stompe 897-1610

Marin Conservation League
North Marin Unit
Draft Meeting Notes
June 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at the Applen home. Present were: Pat U'Ren, Joyce Applen, Ralph Webb, Rosalie Webb, Edith Piltch, Dorothy Thomas and Susan Stompe

Announcements: Picnic on the Patio is August 2, on June 29 there will be a morning and an afternoon presentation of the Marin Native Grassland/Marin Carbon Project.

Notes of the May meeting were approved with the corrected spelling of Delyn Kies' name and addition of Edith to the attendance.

Proposed Solar Farm in Bowman Canyon: Susan reviewed the position adopted at the MCL board meeting to support the project, but to recommend that two specific conditions be added to the conditions of approval; that there be a performance agreement to assure the structures be removed and recycled at the end of their service, and that the streambank be vegetated with native trees and shrubs. We agreed that the quarry site is appropriate, but also urged that an ordinance be adopted.

Novato General Plan. Charets on Redwood Blvd between DeLong and San Marin were held on May 22 and June 9. Discussion focused on keeping the wide median, retaining 2 lanes of traffic in each direction, and enhancing the landscaping.

North, north Redwood Blvd. were discussed two Saturday mornings, June 7 and June 14 which Dorothy and Susan attended. Options were presented, to which participants added colored dots. Results will be posted online. Areas of consideration included: use of the PG&E site (possible GGBHTD bus yard), amount of development on Birkenstock property, Redwood design options at the SMART station.

White papers have been written on some General Plan topics. Susan requested some help reviewing them. Joyce said she would look at them.

Blackpoint Community Plan is being developed. Rosalie attended the June meeting. Generally the old plan is the baseline, although staff has recommended loosening the percent of lot use from 12% to 30%, a request to extend the Baylands Corridor was denied. The 2 acre minimum has held up so far.

MOST progress: Joyce reported that MOST is working with the community to acquire Sky Ranch between Fairfax and San Anselmo. The 16 acre parcel is under contract for more than a million dollars.

Novato Current Projects: Susan reviewed the recent list which include the senior care facility on the McPhail property at Hwy 37 and 101, and 31 units on Main Gate Road and C Street at Hamilton.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10

The next meeting will be at noon on Thursday, July 9 at Webbs..