

<p><b>Midcoast Community Council</b>  An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar  PO Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038  <a href="http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org">http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com">midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Gregg Dieguez, Chair  Claire Toutant, Vice Chair  Dan Haggerty, Treasurer  Scott Bollinger, Secretary  Gus Mattammal  Kimberly Williams  Ann Rothman</p>
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## ***Minutes for Meeting of June 28, 2023***

### **(7:04pm) Call to Order**

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid teleconference meeting. The physical location for the in-person portion was held at the Granada Community Services District office, 510 Avenue Alhambra, 3rd floor, El Granada, CA.

Council members present:

- Gregg Dieguez, Chair
- Claire Toutant, Vice Chair
- Dan Haggerty, Treasurer
- Scott Bollinger, Secretary
- Gus Mattammal
- Ann Rothman
- Kimberly Williams

### **1. (7:10pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials**

A. **Mike O'Neill, Community Liaison to Supervisor Mueller**, reported on the following items:

- 1) The County Board of Supervisors adopted its \$7.7 billion recommended budget for the next two fiscal years. The key focus is on housing and emergency response/resiliency. The finalized budget will be approved in September.
- 2) State Parks and Supervisor Mueller will attend the Half Moon Bay 4th of July Parade and Celebration. A reminder that fireworks are illegal in unincorporated San Mateo County.
- 3) San Mateo County Libraries will be offering free field trips for fourth graders and their families who live in HMB and rural Coastside communities. Sign up at <https://smcl.org/blogs/post/calling-all-fourth-graders-free-park-passes-and-field-trips/>
- 4) The 19th annual San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day is August 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This free event will be held at the San Mateo County Events Center. There will be free hotdogs and parking. [www.smcdisasterpep.org](http://www.smcdisasterpep.org).

- 5) The San Mateo County Office of Emergency Preparedness agreed to fund the Coastal Resilient Infrastructure Strategic Plan (CRISP) in the amount of \$200k. This plan will include all resilient infrastructure projects from the different public agencies on the Coast into a comprehensive document to prioritize, design and seek funding to move forward on infrastructure issues on the Coastside.
- 6) Supervisors Mueller's coastside office is open in the Shoppes at Harbour Village Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm.
- 7) San Mateo County Commission and Committee vacancies currently open:
  - Coastside Design Review Committee
  - Behavior Health Commission
  - Housing and Community Development Committee
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
  - Commission on Disabilities
- 8) The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is currently recruiting for the following (5) Volunteer Hearing Board seats:
  - Principal in the Public category
  - Principal in the Professional Engineer category
  - Alternate in the Public category
  - Alternate in the Medical category
  - Alternate in the Professional Engineering category
 More information can be found at: <https://governmentjobs.com/careers/baaqmd>
- 9) PG&E has replaced approximately 4 miles of main gas lines in El Granada. The main gas line project has been completed and replacing service to individual homes will begin. After the service lines have been replaced, PG+E will return and patch the sections of road affected by the project.

In collaboration with the County of San Mateo and PG+E the 4 miles of affected road will be slurry-sealed. This is planned to take place in Spring 2024 because it is dependent on temperature and weather conditions.

**Comments/Questions:**

- A request was made to the Supervisor's Liaison for a map of the streets that will be slurry-sealed.
- A comment was made that the weight of a utility truck crushed a pipe on Alamo Street in Montara resulting in water loss and repairs, and that vehicle weight limits need to be posted and enforced on County roads to protect aging infrastructure.
- Concern was expressed that slurry seal won't be applied until Spring 2024.

**B) (7:18) Kathryn Slater-Carter, Director, Montara Water & Sanitary District (MWSD), announced:**

- 1) MWSD approved the Sewer Authority Midcoast (SAM) amended General Budget for FY 2023-24. The amended general budget omits the Montara Force Main Rehabilitation Project that was previously included.

- 2) In accordance with the California Voting Rights Act, the MWSD is required to transition from an at-large to a district election system. A redistricting process is underway and MWSD is accepting public comment.

**C) (7:23) Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay City Council,** reported the following:

- 1) Attendance at Supervisor Mueller's office opening was representative of the entire coastside and a positive step towards a cohesive approach to prioritize and fund infrastructure needs on the midcoast.
- 2) He noted the CARES Program's success delivering a trained, unarmed response to crisis intervention and that it is funded one more year.
- 3) HMB will break ground on an amphitheater at Carter Park that will serve the entire coastside as a venue for music, plays and other local entertainment.
- 4) HMB's City Manager met with Gregg Dieguez to discuss open internet infrastructure and funding a feasibility study.
- 5) The HMB City Council approved its budget. Harvey noted that while the budget is balanced this year, the prediction for next year is concerning.
- 6) HMB passed the SAM budget as amended.

**Comments/Questions:**

- The time of the next meeting to discuss 555 Kelly Avenue was requested and Harvey said he will report back on the date.
- There was a question about the increase in the cost of the Sheriff's contract with HMB, and whether the City will renew or seek alternatives. Harvey responded that it would cost the City more to retain its own law enforcement.
- There was a question about HMB's public notice of a special meeting within the required time frame.
- Concern was expressed about Carter Park being prone to flooding.

**D) (7:35) Barbara Dye, Director, Granada Community Services District (GCSD),** reported:

- 1) GCSD voted to support the SAM General Budget for FY 2023-24 as amended, which includes operations for SAM and the infrastructure items that are critical for the plant. She acknowledged HMB's refusal to support repairs to the force main and emphasized the need for all parties to collectively support and fund the SAM plant to keep it operating.

**E) Cynthia Knowles, Pollution Prevention Specialist, County of San Mateo Environmental Health Services,** announced:

- 1) There will be a free household hazardous waste drop-off day in Half Moon Bay on July 29, 2023. Drop-off is free and open to all San Mateo County residents. Appointments can be made at:  
<https://www.smchealth.org/post/make-hhw-drop-appointment>  
This event doesn't include e-waste.

**2. Public Comment:**

- 1) **Carlisle Ann Young** (Moss Beach) commented that the recently approved County budget included license plate readers for the coastside. It was noted that HMB and the MCC had opposed the use of license plate readers as a privacy issue.

- 2) **Melinda MacNaughton** (El Granada) expressed concern about glyphosate use in El Granada and on the coastside, in parks and open space, by County Parks, GGNRA and other entities and its impact on the health of residents, wildlife, soil, and water. She requested the MCC put the issue on a future meeting agenda.
- 3) **Justine Cable** (El Granada) objected to the use of glyphosate and other herbicides by the County of San Mateo in El Granada.
- 4) **Jane Praysilver** (El Granada) commented that the County is trying to save money at the expense of community members, especially young families who are trying to avoid these products, and that there are no signs posted warning the community about herbicide use. She referenced City of San Mateo and Menlo Park as examples of areas that don't use glyphosate.
- 5) **Mary-Anne Giglio** (El Granada) expressed concerns about herbicide use and requested the MCC put the issue on a future meeting agenda.
- 6) **Natalie Downe** (El Granada) opposes the use of glyphosate and other herbicides in El Granada, and expressed concerns about runoff into the creeks and the Ocean.
- 7) **Carlisle Ann Young** (Moss Beach) expressed concern about the human health impact and that County workers or low-paid contractors are regularly being exposed to herbicides and may suffer health consequences. She supported putting the issue on an MCC agenda and asking the County not to spray in parks.
- 8) **Cynthia Newth** (El Granada) commented that spraying is happening behind her home in El Granada and the contractor is Go Native. She asked that the issue be agendized as an urgent item and expressed concerns about health and environmental consequences.

**Action Items:**

- At the request of the public, the MCC will schedule this issue as a future agenda item.
- Dan Haggerty requested a list of County agencies that currently use herbicides and what specific products they are using.

**3) (7:55) Consent Agenda:**

- A) Approve the Minutes of June 14th 2023
- B) Approve letter in support of funding of the CARES program

The Consent agenda was approved by a 7/0 vote. Gus Mattammal Moved and Claire Toutant 2nd.

**4.) (7:35) Regular Agenda:**

**A. Damage to Montara Mountain**

- 1) A survey of the emergency road work impact to Montara mountain was presented by Scott Bollinger and Gregg Dieguez. The presentation included pictures, locations and measurements of the work.
- 2) Chris Rogers and Carl May gave public comment and described the negative impacts of the work done to the fire road.
- 3) Chair Dieguez received a large number of concerned emails in addition to the feedback to the MCC.

- 4) The following issues and concerns were raised by members of the public and by the Council:
- Mr. Barnett has been unresponsive since the work was completed.
  - There are plant species endemic to Montara Mountain.
  - Who will be responsible for restoration?
  - Landslides are possible in a “super El Niño” season.
  - The work will exacerbate and increase erosion.
  - The work will facilitate the spread of invasives that will need to be removed.
  - Was there a biologist or other expert onsite for this work?
  - There was reference to a set of earlier guidelines established by the Planning Commission. Were these followed?
  - A question was raised about how the work was managed.
  - The point was made that there are at least three other access roads.
  - The work on the road was aimed at accommodating wide-turn vehicles.
  - Montara Mountain is greatly valued by the coastside community.
  - Explore better protections for this area in the long-term.

A work group of Scott Bollinger, Gregg Dieguez and Kimberly Williams was established to determine what future actions can be taken to prevent this issue from recurring.

#### **B. MCC planning:**

Gregg Dieguez presented a draft budget for the MCC. The budget items were reviewed by the Council.

An action item to add the cost of the P.O. Box of \$150.00 to the budget line items was noted.

#### **6.) Council Activity:**

- Scott Bollinger. Documentation of Montara Mountain emergency fire road repair.
- Gus Mattammal. SAMTRANS underpass information.
- Kimberly Williams attended HMB and Pacifica City Council meetings
- Ann Rothman attended the Board of Supervisors Meeting

#### **7.) Future Agenda:**

- Possible special meeting to address the Tenant Protection Ordinance July 19th at 7:00pm
- Glyphosate agenda item on July 12th.

#### **Adjournment (10:30pm)**

Gus Mattammal Moved, Kimberly Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 7-0