

Summary History
of the Organization of the
MIDCOAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Midcoast Community Council ("Council") is organized as a municipal advisory council to the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County ("Board"). The Board established the Council by Resolution No. 55042, adopted May 21, 1991 ("Board Resolution"). The Council is organized pursuant to Section 31010 of the California Government Code.

The Board Resolution established the Council for the unincorporated areas of Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Miramar and Princeton and unincorporated adjacent areas, as defined by identified election precincts ("Area"). Establishment of the Council was approved by the registered voters of the Area at the regular election held November 5, 1991. The members of the first Council were elected at the same election.

Establishment and approval of the Council was the culmination of about two and one-half years of active efforts by a number of residents of the Area. Efforts commencing in the summer of 1989 including a number of community meetings and smaller committee meetings resulted in overwhelming approval of a charter for the Princeton, El Granada, Moss Beach, Montara Community Council ("Charter") at a well attended community meeting in the Farallone View Elementary School multipurpose room on December 13, 1989, and the establishment of a steering committee of those willing actively to pursue formation of an organization for the community.

In early 1990 a division within the steering committee decided that as a priority a formal organizational structure should be established, and an organization subcommittee was formed for that purpose. The organization subcommittee, by an intensive series of meetings, in late May, 1990, produced comprehensive bylaws and articles of incorporation proposed for a nonprofit public benefit corporation as the organizational structure.

Community meetings were held during the Spring of 1990, at one of which organized by the steering committee an invited guest, Dr. Alvin D. Sokolow, suggested that a municipal advisory council should be considered in lieu of or as supplemental to a nonprofit corporation. The steering committee began its consideration of the bylaws and articles of incorporation, as well as alternatives, in June, 1990, and continued throughout the Summer. At a community meeting in October, 1990, the steering

committee recommended, and the meeting approved, requesting the establishment by the Board of a municipal advisory council to be governed in the manner set forth in the proposed nonprofit corporation bylaws and articles of incorporation. Members of the steering committee met with members of the Board, individually, from time to time seeking support for a municipal advisory council and the adoption of the Board Resolution was the outcome of their efforts.

Commencing in June, 1991, the steering committee met with potential candidates for membership on the Council, informing them of the organization, and actively supported formation of the Council, taking no position on individual candidates. Over twice as many members of the community became active candidates as there were positions on the Council.

Upon organization of the Council, members of the steering committee advised the Council on the organizational structure, in light of the bylaws and articles of incorporation proposed for a nonprofit corporation. Among other matters, a considerable simplification in the structure was effected by the Council decision not further to pursue at the time the formation of a nonprofit corporation. After a year of study, the Council adopted the first bylaws in December, 1992. The first bylaws include the substance of the Charter so overwhelmingly approved at the community meeting 3 years earlier.

The Charter was published in the first issue of a community newsletter in January, 1990, and is appended to this Summary History.

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
OF MONTARA, MOSS BEACH, EL GRANADA AND PRINCETON

Coastside Community Council Approves Charter, Sets Next Meeting for January 17

MONTARA In what proved to be its most important meeting to date, the newly formed Coastside Community Council adopted a ground charter in its second meeting. (See story on Page 2.) Below is the complete text of the charter as voted by the general meeting of an approximate 250 coastal residents.

CHARTER OF THE PRINCETON, EL GRANADA, MOSS BEACH, MONTARA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This Community Council shall be created to serve the following purposes:

1. To provide the Community with a more effective means to express its views to the County of San Mateo and other governmental agencies on matters of concern to the Community.
2. To contribute to the Community's awareness of issues of public import by providing a forum for discussions, and sponsoring meetings, discussions, and other events which will contribute to the general welfare, knowledge and awareness of the Community regarding such issues.
3. To provide a vehicle for exploring the feasibility and merits of incorporation of the urban and rural lands in the Community into a town or city.
4. To assist the Community in developing and expressing a long-range vision of the Community which meets the desires of its residents for an improved quality of life, protection of the environment, and sound economic planning for growth.
5. To assist the many associations, organizations and ad hoc groups of Community citizens who seek to communicate with the County of San Mateo and other governmental agencies about matters of great public interest in bringing their issues before the Community and in representing the Community before such governmental bodies; and
6. To seek to preserve the rural, small-town character of the Community by protecting the existence of agricultural lands, supporting the retention of a Greenbelt around urban areas of the County, maintaining the coastal protections afforded by the County Local Coastal Plan and Measure A, and seeking to control growth in a manner which is consistent with the present character of the Community.

The next meeting of the newly formed Coastside Community Council is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17. Take this opportunity to join a growing number of your neighbors and friends who are determined to have a voice in determining the future of the Coastside. Join us at 7:30 P.M. at El Granada Elementary School for an evening of important dialogue and information.