

<p>Midcoast Community Council 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 http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org Email: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</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 October 25, 2023

(7:00pm) 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 (7:03)
- 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**, Gregg Dieguez read the following items sent to the MCC by Mike O’Neill:

1. **PTC Honors** will be held on October 26th. Watch on Pacific Coast TV.
2. **SMC Veterans day dinner** December 10th. It will be held at Long Branch Saloon & Farms– 321 Verde Rd, Half Moon Bay. Sponsorships are available.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-day-dinner-farm-bureau-tickets-727644713927?aff=oddtcreateo>

3. **Mirada Bridge Ribbon Cutting** will be held on November 3rd, 1:30 PM at the Mirada Bridge
4. **Enforcement Removes Guns from People Under Restraining Orders**

- The County [provided an update](#) on a targeted effort to get firearms out of the hands of people with domestic-violence, gun-violence and certain other civil restraining orders against them.
- A total of 168 firearms – 67 rifles or shotguns and 101 handguns – were surrendered to law enforcement or federal firearms licensed dealers in compliance with court orders.
- The Gun Violence Prevention Program targets a gap in California’s efforts to reduce gun violence: while many laws are on the books, little funding often goes toward enforcement.
- The Board of Supervisors in October 2022 pledged \$2 million over two years to launch the local effort.

5. Flu Clinics and COVID-19 Vaccination

- County Health is recommending that everyone who is eligible get the seasonal flu vaccine and the updated COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are available from health care providers and local pharmacies. Use [MyTurn](#) to find a location near you.
- Residents without health coverage who need flu or COVID-19 vaccines should contact County Health at 650-573-2877 or SMCHHealth_IZ@smcgov.org for more information.

6. Join a Public Forum on Community Health

- As part of two initiatives to improve health outcomes in San Mateo County – a Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan – County Health has hosted public events to share findings and gather input.
- The next step is virtual kickoff event to share findings from the community forums, engage in a process to identify top priorities, and begin a framework for developing the community health improvement plan.
- The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. [Use this link](#) to participate in the meeting.
- For more information, visit the [Community Health Planning](#) page or contact Deandra Lee in Public Health, Policy and Planning at 628-222-3023 or DLee1@smcgov.org.

7. Visit Art Showcase for Disabilities Awareness Month

- Sponsored by the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities and the Office of Arts and Culture, the [Disabilities Art Showcase](#) at 400 County Center in Redwood City is open to the public during the month of October.
- In the Caldwell Gallery on the main floor, the show is free and open to the public, Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Members Sought for Commission on Disabilities

- The Commission on Disabilities works to promote the independence and full participation of people with disabilities in San Mateo County.
- New members are needed to advise the Board of Supervisors on disabilities-related issues, create opportunities for people with disabilities [and much more](#).

2. Public Comment:

Carlyle Ann Young:

- SMCS oversight board will not have subpoena power. 9 members of the board will be appointed by the board, the remaining 4 members' appointment process has yet to be determined.

Len Ericson:

- The Multi Asset Project will submit for a permit.
- The class 2 bike line along the east side of rt1 adjacent surfers beach will conflict with parking.

3. (7:25) Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes for September 27 and October 11 were pulled for further discussion.

4. Regular Agenda

- a. **CA State Parks re Montara Mountain and North Peak Access Road maintenance presentation. *Speakers: Linda Hitchcock and Tim Hyland delivered a presentation of the maintenance performed on the Montara mountain trail used to access the towers at the summit.***

Council Comment:

Gregg Dieguez:

- Concerns over the easement that American Tower has to use to service the site.

Kimberly Williams:

- GGNRA Land
- What species of concern were affected?
- Erosion due to clearing to the edge of the road.
- Long term planning.

Public Comment:

Carlyle Ann Young:

- Asked if herbicide was used during the process of maintenance.
"No herbicide was used"
- Suggested continuous maintenance, to avoid emergency maintenance.
- Asked for a road PRISM description.

Carl May:

- There was no emergency. The road was good as is.

- The cleared portions of the the road will take 5-10 years to self restore
- No excuse to remove more vegetation than the 12 foot portion of the road.
- Need for a professional botanist to look at the cut areas to access the damage and restore the damage.
- Keep out invasive species.
- The Butterfly population will decrease.

Tim's response to Carl:

- The proliferation of invasive species is temporary and the ecosystem will recover.

Fran Pollard:

- Does the park have money or were all the available funds spent on storm damage?

Claire Toutant:

Thanks to the speakers.

Gregg Dieguez:

- Concerns of the width of the tail/road.
- Was the road macerated beyond its defined boundary.

Jane Praysilver:

- Monitoring of species population is needed.

Kimberly Williams: Final remarks on the the Montara Mountain and North Peak Access Road maintenance:

- What are the guest speakers' recommendations?
- Find another route to the towers at the summit of Montara mountain.
- Is there a citizen group that has worked with the parks, and is that an option?

Dan Haggerty:

- Maintain the removal of invasive species.

Gregg Dieguez:

- **Review the letter and discuss the next steps for the following MCC meeting.**

- b. **Alternatives to Pesticides in SMC Park Lands:** Concerns & Effects On Ecosystems And Climate; Alternatives & Best Practices presentation. **Speakers:** *Melinda MacNaughton, MS RDN; Sandy DeSimone, PhD; Sarah Keiser CEO, Megan Kaun, MS,*

Council comment:

Scott Bollinger:

- What is the method used to control non native species without chemicals?
Mechanical removal.

- Are there any native ruminants used to control the overgrowth of brush?
No
- Tule elk vs cows for brush control.

Nicholas Colderon:

- Nicholas asked that no action be taken until the SMCP gets more information from the subject experts.

Kimberly Williams:

- Review what method has the least environmental impact:
 - Gas powered tool
 - Battery powered tools
 - Herbicides

Public Comment:

Cata:

- Native Grazers
- Controlled burns
- Have regard for the interconnectedness of all things in nature.

Carlyle Ann Young:

- Against herbicides.
- Ask a health expert of their opinion on Roundup use.

Natalie Downe:

- Glyphosate runoff into the ocean.

Barbera Kasey

- *See both sides of the issue.*

Lisa Ketcham:

- Wedding for removal of unwanted plants.
- Supports the use of herbicides for difficult situations.
- Suggests herbicides for the control of Pampas/Jubata Grass

Jane Praysilver:

- Wants to partner with SMCP/ Nicholas Colderon.

Tim Federal:

- The RCD does not push herbicides use.
- The RCD uses the best overall science.

Anastasia Gilderham:

- Held up the book “White Wash”

Melinda MacNaughton:

- Response to Tim Federal of RCD

Kelly X

- Large complex topic of controlled burns.

Carl May:

- Monsanto based research on the safety of Glyphosate

Council Action on Consent Agenda:

Scott Bollinger and Claire Toutant will resolve the issues with the MCC minutes.

Due to the late hour, discussion of agenda items 5 and 6 was truncated.

7. Adjournment (10:30pm)

Scott Bollinger moved for adjournment.