

<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 November 29, 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, Remote Voting
- Dan Haggerty, Treasurer
- Scott Bollinger, Secretary
- Gus Mattammal
- Ann Rothman, Remote Voting
- Kimberly Williams Remote Voting

*A moment of silence was held for Don Horsley.*

### **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:

Don Horsley, Former San Mateo County Sheriff, Supervisor, Dies at 80

- A former teacher and beat cop whose ideas for reform propelled him to San Mateo County Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors, Horsley passed away last Friday.
- Horsley served 14 years as sheriff and 12 years as a member of the Board of Supervisors. His impact was tremendous and our office is grateful for all the community members who have reached out offering well wishes for his family.
- Information about services is pending.

#### Gun Buyback Set for Dec. 9 in Belmont

- The County and partners are holding an anonymous gun buyback on Saturday, Dec.9, at 400 Harbor Blvd.Belmont.
- From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, law enforcement officers will accept all guns, no questions asked, in exchange for cash: \$50 for nonfunctioning firearms; \$100 for handguns, shotguns or rifles; \$200 for assault weapons as classified by the state of California.
- To those planning to attend, transport firearms unloaded and in the trunk of your vehicle.

#### How to Prepare for the Winter Storm Season

- The National Weather Service has forecast above-normal precipitation in the Bay Area this winter, a reminder to check (or build) your emergency kit and review (or create)your evacuation plan.
- To help residents prepare, the County has prepared a simple step-by-step guide to get started.
- Look for additional helpful Tips in the coming weeks.

#### Sawyer Camp Segment Now Open; Ralston Bike Trail Reopens Dec. 1

- The 6-mile-long Sawyer Camp segment of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail reopened Friday, Nov. 24, after the months-long closure due to storm damage earlier this year.
- Repairs that have been ongoing for several months concluded with the restoration of a 25 foot wide collapsed portion of the trail.
- Ralston Bike Trail, a connector trail to Crystal Springs Regional Trail, is scheduled to reopen Friday, Dec. 1, when PG&E concludes work on the natural gas line in the area.

#### Apply for the Assessment Appeals Board

- The Assessment Appeals Board hears appeals of property tax assessments.
- Applicants must have five years of professional experience in California as a certified public accountant, public accountant, licensed real estate broker or attorney.
- Apply now or call 650-363-4573 for more information.

Flu, COVID-19 and RSV With respiratory virus season upon us, County Health and the Association of Bay Area Health Officials encourages everyone to take steps to prevent flu, RSV and COVID-19.

- Stay up to date on vaccines. Vaccines are the best defense against severe illness and death —and you can get all at the same time. Visit MyTurn to schedule vaccines or contact your healthcare provider.
- Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone 6 months and older and have been updated to protect against new variants.
- RSV immunizations are now available for infants and young children, pregnant people and adults 60 years and older.
- Stay home if you're sick. Staying home when you're sick slows the spread of flu, COVID-19, RSV and even the common cold.

- Test and treat. Test for COVID-19 and flu if you have symptoms. If you test positive, contact your health care provider and ask about prescription treatments.
- Consider wearing a mask. Masks can slow the spread of respiratory viruses. If you or your family member are at high risk for severe illness, consider wearing a mask, especially in public indoor or crowded spaces. See more from the California Department of Public Health.

#### Don't Pack a Pest During the Holidays

- The San Mateo County Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures asks residents to not transport fresh fruits and vegetables from the following fruit fly quarantine zone counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Sacramento, Riverside, San Bernardino, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara.
- Personal travel is one of the primary avenues for the spread of damaging invasive species and all residents are urged to adopt the principles of "Don't Pack a Pest" to help prevent future introductions of invasive pests and diseases.
- Maps, quarantine restrictions and other information are available.
- If you have questions about a fruit fly quarantine/eradication, or if you think you have fruits and vegetables infested with fruit fly larvae, call the CDFA Exotic Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899 or the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at 650-363-4700.

#### Comment:

Gregg Dieguez:

- Asked for confirmation on letters sent to the county.

Dan Haggerty:

- Sad to hear that Don Horsley passed away.
- Concerned about the upcoming heavy storm season.
- Drainage on the west side of HW1 at the airport has not been resolved.

Burnett Silveria:

- There is a limited number of sandbags available at the harbor.

Carlyle Ann Young:

- Where should we evacuate to during a natural disaster?
- Mike O'Neil responded by saying that a consultant has been hired to plan an evacuation route.

Patrick Tyranny:

- Recommended that the new bridge at Medio Creek be dedicated to Don Horsley

#### B. **Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay City Council**, reported the following:

- A minimum wage resolution meeting will be held on November 30th
- 880 Stone Pine is making progress.

## 2. (7:15) Council Questions/Comments:

Gregg Dieguez:

- Asked for an update on the community fiber network

Dan Haggerty:

- Asked for an update and a link to the streetscape project on Main Street HMB.

### Public Comment:

Fran Pollard:

- Thanks for the vote on the off leash policy and increased signs in Quarry Park.

## 3. (7:25) Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes for 10/25 and 11/8/23 pulled for further review.

## 4. Regular Agenda

**a. Medio Bridge Update.** Assessment of damage reports. **Speaker: Krzysztof Lisaj, DPW** presented information on bridge construction and possible erosion control plans and maintenance.

Comment:

Patrick Tyranny:

- Concerns on the southern wall erosion.
- Replace rip rap.

Burnett Silveria

- Erosion concerns.

Carlyle Ann Young:

- Trash receptacles at the bridge are overflowing.

Dan Haggerty:

- North side wall looks unfinished.

Kimberly Williams:

- We should not be surprised by erosion.
- What is the cost of ongoing maintenance?
- What was the final cost? *\$3.5 Million*
- Look into alternatives for moving the trail in the future.

Claire Toutant:

- Where will the bridge be moved in the future?

Michelle Dragony:

- There is currently a lawsuit between the County and the Condo on the south side of the bridge.

**b. (8:30) Montara Mountain. Preservation.**

- The council had a discussion regarding the trip up Montara mountain hosted by the State Parks department.
- A letter concerning the trip was reviewed.
- **The frequency of trips on the trail to the towers for propane delivery and maintenance needs to be determined.**

**c. (9:00) Managing Midcoast Priorities.** Update on MCC requests and desired process for working with the County.

Gregg Dieguez:

- Mike O'Neil has limited availability.
- There is a need for a manager for the MCC.
- The ask should be for a permanent staff.

Dan Haggerty:

- Not in favor of hiring staff for the MidCoast.

Gus Mattammal:

- Interested in finding more details on the Fair Oaks Community.

Kimberly Williams:

- What is the status of Mike O'Neil in the future?
- Request an MCC liaison to the County.
- Want to not lose independence of the council.

Ann Rothman:

- Ann is in support of a clerical position.

Len Ericson:

- Asked for more information on the position.
- *Gregg replied with the request for a full time position.*

Carlyle Ann Young:

Made a request for a new representative to the County.

## 5. (9:30) Council Activity

Gregg Dieguez:

- Discuss a letter to the parks department regarding the MCC request for details of the report describing the use of herbicides and pesticides in San Mateo County Parks.
- January 24th is scheduled for the discussion on herbicides and pesticides, this conflicts with a regularly scheduled MCC meeting.
- A work group was formed to construct a letter to the parks department concerning glyphosate use. The group consists of Gregg Dieguez and Ann Rothman. The letter will be voted on at the December meeting

### Public Comment:

Melinda MacNaughton:

- There is a need for a letter to the Parks Department regarding Glyphosate usage.

Jane Praysilver:

- "Hope we can focus on the topic of Glyphosate spraying".

## 6. (9:45) Future Agendas

- ***MCC Officer Elections (12/13)***
- Stormwater Follow-up (12/13)
- Hwy 1 Maintenance Plans (12/13)

Claire Toutant:

- Should we respond to the plans for the new fire station in Moss Beach, and **make it an agenda item?**
- Kimberly Williams, Ann Rothman and Claire Toutant will review the new fire station plans.

## Adjournment (9:40pm)

