MCC Governance, etc.

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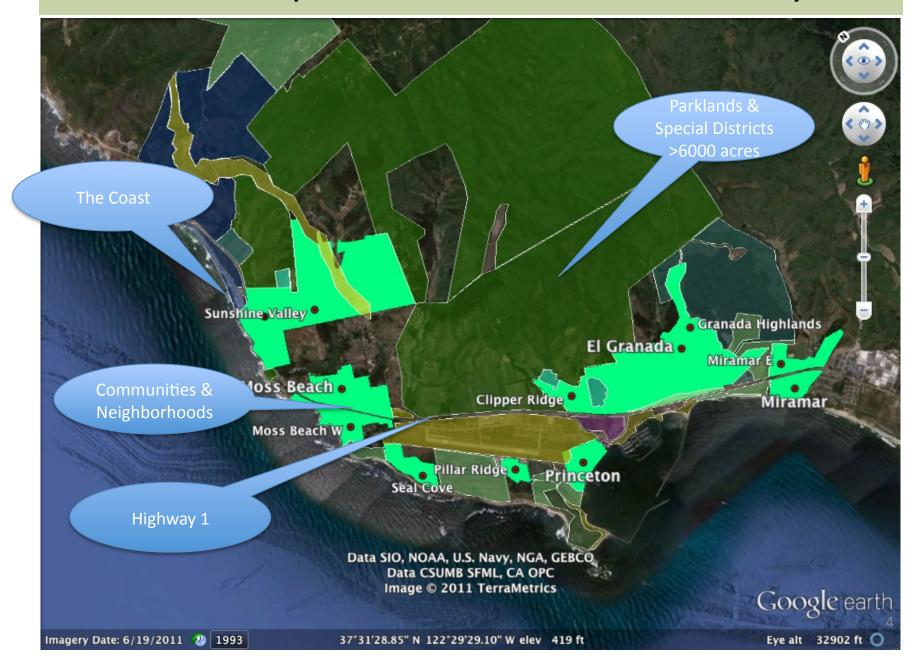


San Mateo County Counsel Comment

... the founding Resolution specifically recognizes that "the unincorporated areas of Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Miramar and Princeton . . . are neighboring communities with a strong sense of identity and common problems." We are not aware of any resolutions or other actions of the Board of Supervisors indicating that those conditions do not still apply.

John Beiers, County Council Letter, September 2, 2011

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San Mateo County Counsel Comment

MCC Bylaws: Section 1.02 (3) provides that one of the MCC's purposes is "To seek to preserve the rural small-town character of the Area by protecting the existence of agricultural lands, commercial fishing activities and the natural marine environment; supporting the retention of a greenbelt around urban areas of the County of San Mateo; maintaining the coastal protections afforded by the County Local Coastal Plan and Measure A (1986), and seeking to manage growth in a manner which is consistent with the present character of the Area".

"This particular vision is not set forth in any part of the County's establishing resolution nor in its recitals, and seems to me to be in direct conflict with the very next section 1.02(4) of the bylaws that provides that the MCC is to assist the community in developing a long range vision. In short section 3 seems to provide that the MCC is to promote a particular vision of the Community, while section 4 provides that the community is to develop it own vision."

Lee Thompson, Deputy County Counsel Email, October 19, 2011

Action Suggestion The Status of Bylaws Section 1.02 (3)

- Recognizing the broad view of the nature of the community (and it's environment)
 - Expand the statement to include large amount of parklands in the Midcoast
 - Reaffirm community support
 - Determine how to get common understanding with San Mateo County Government

Conducting Community Process Committees of various strips

Views of rights, entitlement and jurisdiction

Committees, Forums, Meetings, Jurisdiction

- Section 1.04(c) provides that "The Community Council is the agency of the Community in the making of Community decisions." I am not aware of any authority or provision in state law or county ordinances or policies that supports such an assertion. What the establishing resolution does effectively provide for is that the MCC is established to "advise the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on matters including, but not limited to, public health, safety, welfare, public works and planning which affect the Midcoast " and "to provide a forum for community concerns" (which includes conducting surveys, determine community positions, disseminating information to and from county departments, serving as a liaison for county services, commission studies and reports and developing community support for County activities and County support for community activities).

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Committees, Forums, Meetings, Jurisdiction

You have asked that the Board to consider (sic) the MCC's relationship with County departments and staff as it related to County activities in the unincorporated Midcoast area. We understand that this matter has arisen in connection with recent questions regarding whether County departments and staff have any responsibility to report to the MCC on matters of interest to it.

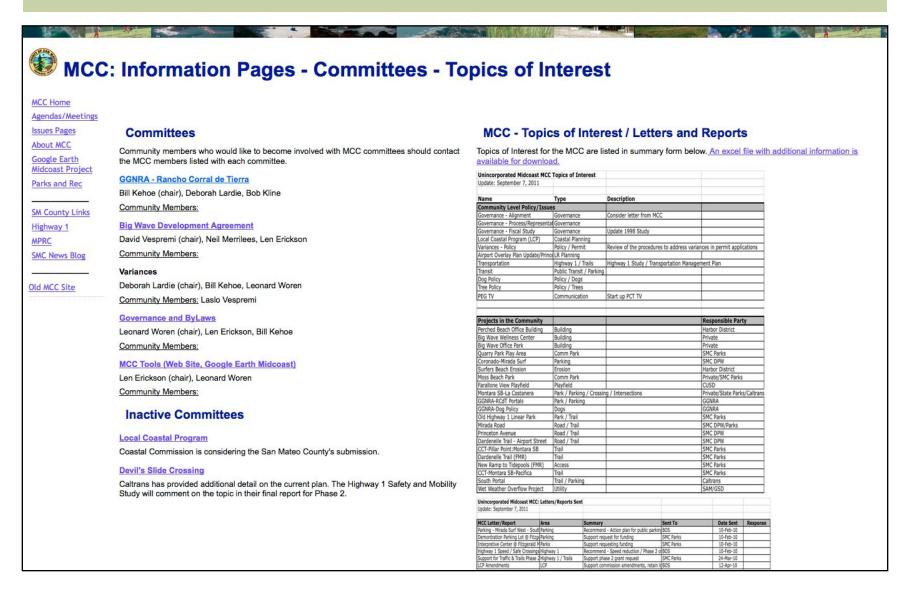
Simply stated, county departments receive direction from and report to, the County Manager and the Board of Supervisors. County staff members, in turn, receive direction from and report to their respective department heads.

The MCC was established to advise the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on matters affecting the Midcoast, including, for example, public hearth, safety, welfare, public works and planning issues. Of course, consistent with Resolution No. 55042, which established the MCC in 1991, (the "Founding Resolution"), the MCC may "disseminate information to and from county departments" and "serve as a liaison for county services." This means that the MCC may sere as a link in the information chain; not that the County departments and staff must report to, or seek approval or direction from, the MCC. Given your important role as an advisory body, you may wish to explore ways to better facilitate the MCC's advice and concerns reaching the Board of Supervisors and information regarding County activities reaching the MCC.

John Beiers, County Counsel Letter, September 2, 2011

Midcoast - Topics, Committee, Interests

http://mcc.sanmateo.org/FocalPoints.html



Documenting /Communicating MCC – 1991 : 2011

- Transition to Electronic Media
- The Internet
 - MCC Web Site
 - Portal (County, Midcoast Community)
- GIS (County, Google Earth Midcoast)
- Electronic distribution of agenda, notices, etc.
- PEG (TV / Web Video)
- Newspapers (Print / Online)
- Forums / Discussions (Brown Act Constraints)

Action Suggestion – Community Process

- Redefine one of the MCC two monthly meeting slots
 - Create a 1.5 hour forum for a county department or other agencies to conduct their own briefing session for the Coastside on topics of interest
 - Follow with a shortened MCC meeting if needed
 - Initial Targets
 - Transportation
 - Parks
 - DPW