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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.

Coastside Community Council Meets on December 13th — Standing-Room-Only Crowd Adopts Charter

BY GINA HOLMES

A standing-room-only crowd of nearly two hundred fifty attended the second community meeting of the unincorporated Coastside towns on December 12 at the Farallone Vista School. The first meeting, held November 15 at Montara Gardens, had about fifty Coastsiders attending. The main goal of the second meeting was to adopt a charter defining the purposes of a Coastside Community Council. Goal accomplished. The primary function of this council will be to give the unincorporated communities of Princeton, El Granada, Moss Beach, and Montara a greater voice in determining the future of developments in the midcoast area.

The meeting was conducted in an informal town meeting manner, with El Granada resident Michael Day acting as moderator. The agenda included adopting a Charter, discussing how the future Council might be organized, expanding committees already formed, creating new committees as needed, and discussing suggestions about the formation of the Community Council.

Following the November meeting two alternative Charters were drafted which outlined the purposes and goals of the Community Council. Alternatives A and B of "The Charter for Princeton-El Granada-Moss Beach-Montara Community Council" both had five stated purposes which were nearly the same. Alternative A, however, had a sixth point that specifically stated preservation of the rural flavor of our community as a goal of the Council (see Charter, page 1). Many people offered views regarding the pros and cons of each alternative of the Charter before an informal vote was taken. The majority of the residents who spoke were in favor of alternative A with its stated goal of preserving the rural character of the coast. When the vote was taken, alternative A was selected by an overwhelming margin.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the organizational structure for a Community Council representing the unincorporated areas. While no decision was made on this point, several ideas were suggested for the Council, including traditional town meeting, informal body of residents elected to their positions, and a non-profit corporation with a formal governing body. Daniel Moses, a Princeton resident, spoke eloquently about the advantages of a general meeting providing an opportunity for all interested people to voice their opinions and vote on important issues.

Another issue discussed was the possibility of incorporation of our towns, versus annexation to the city of Half Moon Bay.

The meeting moved on to introduce individuals who had previously volunteered to the various committees. Five committees have been formed to accomplish a variety of tasks — Steering Committee, Organizational Committee, Research/Legislative Committee, Publicity/Newsletter Committee, and Fundraising Committee. The Steering Committee, headed by Nancy Maule of Montara, is serving as the interim Council until the Community Council is formed. (See page 4 for more information on each committee and whom to contact if you are interested in participating.)

The chair of each committee will meet with the Steering Committee to coordinate their efforts before the next Coastside Community Council meeting on January 17 at El Granada School.

Supervisors Agree to Hold Important Meetings at Coastside Locations

BY NANCY MAULE

So coastal residents it has been a problem to attend hearings on issues affecting their community, because most of the hearings are held during the day in Redwood City. This might change in the near future, as supervisors promised to shift important meetings to the coastside and hold them on evenings rather than during the day.

Mary Griffin, President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has said, "I do appreciate the difficulty of young families going to daytime meetings. I was happy to convene the meeting and clarify the issues surrounding the Pillar Point Harbor. It was informative, indeed, to meet with the Mid-Coastside residents."

We have also heard that the board intends to hold future meetings in the midcoastside when other important issues arise- such as the Princeton rezoning. The time and place of this meeting will be announced by mid-February and it is possible that the meeting will be held at Farallone View School. Look for this news- it is a most important meeting for our future as a liveable community.

Meanwhile, residents should not forget to take advantage of the opportunity to call or visit the office that Anna Eshoo, another county supervisor has opened in Princeton. It is staffed by her aides and will be open each Monday morning from 9 to 12. The telephone number is 728-7993. It seems that coastsiders are beginning to get response from two supervisors: may the trend continue to include the other three!

LOCAL ISSUES

BY CAROL WARE
AND BILL KEHOE

Following is a list of a few major issues facing each and every coastside resident. All efforts have been made to provide accurate and current information. Individual contacts listed below can provide more details on their respective issues. We encourage your feedback and views on these and other coastside concerns for our next newsletter.

Proposed Pillar Point Harbor Village

A 94-suite hotel, enclosed mall with 25 shops and a 340-seat restaurant and bar located at Capistrano Avenue and Hwy 1, was approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors despite overwhelming opposition by coastside residents. Local concerns are that the project will block views of the harbor and Half Moon Bay coastline and will subvert the small town rural character of the coastside. STATUS Appealing to the Coastal Commission, filing a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) lawsuit against the County and Westinghouse — stating the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) is deficient. "It is important to size down and resite the development because this will set the tone and scale for future development on the coast." DESPERATELY IN NEED OF \$\$\$ TO PURSUE LAWSUIT. Please send checks to: Green Foothills Foundation (write Harbor Fund in memo section) — Concerned Citizens of the Coastside, 301 Shelter Cove Drive, HMB, CA, 94019. Contact person: Larry DeYoung, 728-5346

Montara State Beach Parking Lot

A parking lot accommodating 158 cars and 3 buses has been proposed 1000 feet north of the Chart House Restaurant on the coast side. Fifteen picnic tables, locking bicycle parking and bluff top trails are planned. The Coastal Commission delegated the authority for granting coastal development permits to San Mateo County. A public hearing at the San Mateo County Planning Commission for this coastal development permit will be held January 18 in Redwood City. Contact person: Carol Ware, 728-3855

Offshore Oil Drilling

President Bush's Task Force report is due on January 2,



The site of the proposed Pillar Point Harbor Village as seen today from the corner of Hwy. 1 and Capistrano Rd. The artist's rendition, below, shows that the development which includes a hotel, a shopping mall and restaurants would block approximately 57% of the harbor and ocean views as seen from Highway 1.



1990. This may be kept a secret so keep your eyes and ears opened. Twenty-five Congress people introduced the National Ocean Protection Act 1990 (HR3751) which would prohibit new drilling on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, as well as Alaska. Our national coalition of offshore oil opponents will meet in February in Washington D.C.

Contact person: Dorothy Torres, 728-5532

McNee Ranch State Park

This park with over 600 acres of open space is located on Montara Mountain between Gray Whale Cove and Montara with access adjacent to Martini Creek (on Hwy 1 south of Devil's Slide). Long time residents have used Farallone cutoff and San Pedro Mountain Road to gain access to the state park however new owners of the property threatened continued usage. McNee Access Group was formed by local residents to secure continued usage of these two important trails into the state park. Meetings have been held with Supervisor Anna Eshoo, representatives of the state park, local residents and the new owners. Issue pending.

Contact person: Sue Prichard 728-3771

Montara-Moss Beach Water Crises

Montara and Moss Beach for years have been faced with high water bills from Citizens Utilities Company, water shortages and drinking water health risks. In response to the above issues the Montara Moss Beach Water Improvement Association (Continued on Page 4)

Montara-Moss Beach Water Improvement Association will host

BULLETIN BOARD

Coastside Community Council is an open assembly of local residents. We seek resident participation in the general

meetings and on the various committees. Below is a brief description of each committee with a person to contact if you are interested in becoming involved.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee currently functions as an informal council. Limited powers of this committee include calling meetings, prioritizing issues, coordinating actions and facilitating the efforts of other committees.

Chair: Nancy Maule, Montara, 728-3388

Research/Legislative Committee

The Research and Legislative Committee will be exploring the alternatives available to the Coastside Community regarding the following issues: Formation of an advisory group to the San Mateo County Supervisors; annexation to Half Moon Bay; and the feasibility of incorporating the four areas into a city. Consideration will be given to such criteria as public opinion, current legislation and financial impact.

Chair: Sonali McElroy, Moss Beach, 728-0530

Organizational Committee

This committee is working to put together proposals for the council's organizational structure — including such issues as the number of representatives, type of election and formulation of by-laws.

Chair: Michael Day, El Granada, 726-7326

Publicity/Newsletter

The Publicity/Newsletter Committee furthers public awareness of local issues, calls attention to meetings, and provides a forum — in the form of a newsletter — for local residents to voice their opinions.

Chair: Laslo Vespremi, Moss Beach, 728-9260

Fundraising

This committee is seeking people who are interested in finding ways to raise money to support the activities of the Coastside Community Council, which include production of the newsletter, legal fees, and other related expenses.

Volunteers call Nancy Maule, 728-3388

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VICTORY PICNIC
Point Montara Lighthouse
Saturday, January 13, 1990
11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

MMBWIA will provide hot dogs and drinks - You can bring salads, deserts or anything else to share.

"We win — thanks to the tremendous efforts of the community. Now let's celebrate!"

PUC Rules Farallon Vista Condos Can't Be Built Until
Community Water Shortage Is Rectified
For All Existing Users!

H₂O VICTORY CELEBRATION

- TUG OF WAR
- VOLLYBALL
- FOOD
- RAFFLE FOR VALUABLE PRIZES
- LIVE MUSIC
- PUPPET SHOW AND MORE . . .

Raffle Prize Donors Include:
Steve's Blue Pacific, Lisa's, Pasta Moon, Chart House, Dan's Restaurant, Coastal Affair, Moon Garden, The Foglifter (Formerly Sharon's) Ocean Shore Video

(Continued from Page 3) (MMBWIA) was formed and dedicated to obtaining safe, reliable and affordable water for our communities. The PUC and the County Board of Supervisors both identified our communities to be short 200 gallons of water/minute! When the 148-unit Farallone Vista (FV) condominium project was proposed and approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors the MMBWIA acted!!! Knowing good and well our present water system could not be stretched to provide additional water to FV the MMBWIA organized the community to respond with letters and legal action. Final Results - the Public Utilities Commission ruled that the Farallone Vista Condos can't be built until our community water shortage is rectified for all existing users!!!

Contact person: Gary Warhaftig, 728-3806

**JOIN US AT THE H₂O VICTORY
CELEBRATION - POINT MONTARA
LIGHTHOUSE - SATURDAY, JANUARY 13,
1990 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM.**

See ad above



Pick up Locations:

Half Moon Bay Library
Neighborhood Mart, Montara
Coastal Affair, Montara
Old Princeton Landing
Coastside Market, Moss Beach
El Granada Hardware
El Granada Market