

<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>Gus Mattammal, Chair  Gregg Dieguez, Vice Chair  Ann Rothman Secretary  Scott Bollinger, Treasurer  Dan Haggerty  Claire Toutant  Kimberly Williams</p>
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***Minutes for Meeting of March 27, 2024***

**(7:03pm) 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:

- Gus Mattammal, Chair
- Gregg Dieguez, Vice Chair
- Ann Rothman, Secretary
- Scott Bollinger, Treasurer
- Dan Haggerty
- Claire Toutant
- Kimberly Williams

Ann Rothman attended remotely due to illness

**1. (7:05pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials**

Chanda Singh, Senior Transportation Planner announced Get There Together -a transportation demand study with San Mateo County and Half Moon Bay. Public remote meeting to take place May 7, 2024

Kellyx from RCD offered to come back to the MCC to discuss vegetation management strategies that are being studied. Organic and synthetic agent effects on soil are being evaluated.

Timothy Federal from RCD introduced a draft chart considerations for vegetation management methods

Questions:

Cid Young, Moss Beach asked about safety protocols for workers using Roundup. Mr. Federal replied that PPE is being utilized such as gloves, eye protection and application scheduling for days that are not windy.

Adam Ely, County Executive, Board of Supervisors Report

County opposed AT & T's request to PUC to end the carrier of last resort status.

Seton Coastside will be closed for 6 to 9 months for repairs and remodeling. BOS is concerned about the closure.

Measure K funds for the year have been approved. There will be an emergency coordinator for 3 years on the coast to form an evacuation plan.

Question from Cid Young expressed concern that at the BOS hearing on Cypress Point those who participated remotely were only given a single minute to comment while those in person were given 2 minutes or unlimited for non English speakers. Ms. Young said that the 71 unit development was approved with no mitigation and mentioned the 2 fatalities that happened already and asked that public safety and road improvements be funded.

Dan Haggerty expressed his concern for the unfair time limits placed on those who attended BOS remotely. Could not give comments he planned to give due to time constraints.

Kathryn Slater-Carter, MWSD gave a warning about lithium battery charging that caused her home to burn. Half Moon Bay Review had an article about the Princeton Pump Station that said the Montara pipeline should be maintained. SAM is jointly owned and she clarified responsibility.

Cid Young, MWSD fire board meeting weed abatement will occur and parcel owners will be billed beginning May 1.

Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay Vice Mayor- rent control ordinance to help low income workers in HMB. Working with the Age friendly group to get urgent care at Seton Coastside.

Krystlyn, April 4th opportunity center of the coastside will have its grand opening.

## **2. Public Comment:**

Burnett Silveria, El Granada expressed his concern that comments made at county meetings are not acknowledged or questions answered by BOS.

Kathryn Slater-Carter and Len Erickson will be appealing to the Coastal Commission the planning departments plan to take parking away from surfer's beach area.

Carl May, Moss Beach thanked Ann Rothman for her Cypress Point letter and testimony at the planning meeting and BOS. He appreciates MCC standing up for the coast.

## **3. Consent Agenda**

March 10, 2024 minutes approved 7-0

## **4. a. (7:25) Regular Agenda**

Seton Coastside

Mr. Tim Schulze, Associate Chief Operating Officer discussed the storm damage that led to the need for repairs to be made to the hospital and parking areas. The hospital is working with the insurance company to make repairs. The emergency room will also be closed for remodeling. The ER will be closed April 1, for 9 months and will reopen Dec, 2024.

Supervisor Mueller asked to have public health documentation the next day. He was very concerned about the closing of the ER. He is concerned that this violated the agreement with the state that the ER would remain open until 2025. He requested a meeting.

#### **4a. Questions and Comments:**

Dr. Tom Hazelhurt asked for services the community would like to see at Seton Coastside. Lab services, radiology, urgent care and cardiac and stroke care most requested.

Ann Rothman, MCC said she was encouraged by the remodeling and potential to expand services. She also expressed her concerns that the Board of Supervisors ignored the potential for fire response and inability of residents to access the hospital due to traffic concerns caused by Cypress Point not being mitigated first. She expressed the potential for harm caused by the approval of Cypress Point without conditions.

Kimberly Williams, MCC Asked if Seton had all permits needed to undergo the remodel?

Answer that Seton hospital expects the permits to be obtained by the construction company.

Scott Bollinger, MCC Asked what he is supposed to do if he has an emergency, call the fire company?

Answer: Yes and patients will be diverted to area hospitals over the hill as they are most of the time now.

Claire Toutant, MCC How will the repairs and remodel of the hospital be paid for?

Answer: Insurance Company due to storm damage

Gregg Dieguez, MCC asked for contact information

Dan Haggerty, MCC asked if licensing for urgent care is different from an ER?

Answer ER is different from Urgent Care in licensing

Public Comment:

Cid Young, Moss Beach

Stated that she had good care at the ER. Is in favor of it's reopening. She said that nothing has gone through planning yet. With Cypress Point being built she believes there will be more accidents and potential for fatalities. The ER with expanded services will be needed to deal with additional trauma care needed.

Susan Goodman MD, Seton Hospital Coastside Supports renovation and improvements to the hospital. Dr. Goodman expressed concern from doctors and nurses about transparency of the ER closure. Concerned that the ER will close permanently. The coastside needs an ER and Urgent Care.

#### **4b. Rancho Corral de Tierra**

Dave Smith, GGNRA park superintendent

The park system is engaging with the public now to have a formal plan for the Rancho Corral park area. He said that equestrians have always and will be in the future part of the park system. There is a commitment to keep as many boarding facilities maintained as possible. The environmental impact of equestrian centers on the local waterways will continue to be studied and modifications implemented as needed.

Kirsten Holder, architect and planner for the park discussed the need for ongoing water quality assessment. She also said the protection of threatened and endangered species in the park such as red legged frogs, puma, montara manzanitas and many others. She stated that E.coli was found in San Vicente creek that flows into Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. Identifying where the pollutants are coming from and mitigation measures will be studied.

Jason Tralup, parks works with equestrian centers he mentioned the many uses of the park for hikers, bikers and equestrian use. Expanded usage such as camping and picnic area is being explored. All of these human uses need to be balanced with nature preservation.

info; [www.nps.gov/goga/rancho.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/rancho.htm)  
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Questions:

Supervisor Mueller stated that he and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo would be meeting to discuss the equine boarding leases with park officials.

Gregg Dieguez said there may need to be a future agenda item to discuss fire danger that could come from allowing camping.

Scott Bollinger would like to see better signage and designation of who is the owner of the land, county, state or federal.

Claire Toutant asked about the radio tower on lease at the top of Montara Mountain.

Answer: GGNRA is not the owner of the land on top of Montara Mountain

Kimberly Williams said she has run or hiked on this land for 18 years and does not often see staff. She wants to see visitor services and outreach at places like the post office. She wants to see protection of biodiversity and wildlife in the area such as birds, foxes, owls, coyotes and plant species.

Dan Haggerty would like to see exploration of the use of underpasses for people and animals.

Public Comment:

Cid Young is concerned about San Vicente creek runoff polluting Fitzgerald Marine reserve and would like to see where all of the sources of pollutants are coming from.

Deborah L, wanted to know how to reach someone to address issues at Rancho.

Answer: 8am -5pm secretary Dept of Interior is reachable at (415)561-4720.

Holly Prohaska concerned about the equestrian plan for the park.

Allison Carlisle wants to make sure equine leases do not go from 210 to 40 as previously suggested. She wants to keep equestrian boarding.

Larry De Young expressed his desire to keep horse boarding at current levels. He wants to see this reflected in the draft plan.

Rob was concerned that the proposed parking facility would negatively impact the scenic beauty. Please put parking next to the highway.

Carl May please restore the watershed area. Maintain ecological integrity of Montara mountain and parks while paying attention to pollinators as well as wildlife and plant species.

#### **4c. Montara Mountain letter**

Review of the proposed letter ended with a continuance of voting until the next meeting

Public Comment:

Carl May helped Kimberly with phrasing of the letter.

#### **5. Council Member Activity**

Kimberly Sam Plant study

#### **6. Future Agendas**

Continuance of Montara Mountain letter

Draft letter with public input regarding Rancho Corral de Tierra

#### **7. Adjournment -10:52pm**