



**REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**C. V. Starr Community Center**  
**300 South Lincoln Street**  
**Fort Bragg, CA 95437**  
**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**1.0. CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.
- Committee members present: Bob Bushansky, Sarah Huff, John Huff
- Committee members absent: None

**2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Items to be removed from or changes to the agenda should be done at this time

- Agenda was adopted with no changes
- M/S/C: Bushansky/Huff/Unanimous

**3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS**

A maximum of 3 minutes is reserved for members of the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda and a total time for public input on a particular issue is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54954.3). The Board is prohibited from discussion or taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may briefly respond or ask a question for clarification (Government Code 54954.2).

- Chuck Tourtillott, Executive Director of the Mendocino Humane Shelter had questions about existing site map and location of the proposed OHV Park. He believes the message from MCRPD about the proposed project needs improvement. He also had questions about the deadlines for the 2017 Planning Grant reports.
- Bob Bushansky responded by providing the anticipated project timelines for both the EIR and EFS.

**4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION**

4.1 State of California, OHV Planning and Restoration Grant Program & Projects

A. 2018 OHV Planning Grant Application

- Development of Stakeholders Committee
  - Sarah Huff provided an update for the development of stakeholder guidelines and is in the process of obtaining more sample templates to consider. She went on to say that property owners adjacent and across and roadway of the Regional Park property will have the opportunity to provide one representative. Sarah also informed the committee that she is preparing a map of the adjacent properties and will begin to mark the properties in favor of or opposed to the project. She believes most adjacent property owners support the project.
  - John Huff responded to comments describing the property as pristine from those living out of the community and went to say reiterate how much garbage and debris has been removed. He went to discuss the process for determining who would be a possible candidate for selection and participation onto the Stakeholders Group.
  - Sarah Huff explained why it was necessary to apply for another OHV Planning Grant and how funding will be contingent on the completion of the current planning grant.

## B. 2017 OHV Planning Grant

- Work Funded by Sign
  - No specs available at this time.
- Economic Feasibility Study
  - Dan Keyes provided an update and said the project is on track.
- CEQA Compliance Project
  - Sarah Huff said if all goes well the EIR should be completed early than originally anticipated. She went on to talk about the current discrepancy between MIG finding for the number of existing trail miles to what CRA has recorded. As such, CRA is planning to re-inventory the existing trail system and include trails within sensitive areas for the purpose of demonstrating to the public our desire to restore these existing trails to their natural state.
  - Bob Bushanksy reiterated no plans to develop trails in sensitive areas.
  - Sarah Huff stated that 75% of the dumping of garbage has been occurring in the Pygmy which has resulted in some sterilization of the grounds. She went to explain how CRA blocked off a trail through Newman Gulch to help prevent further use and damage.
- Grant Reallocation Request
  - A response from the State has not yet been received for the approval of the request
  - Jill Rexrode provided a verbal report regarding current grant expenses.
  - Dan Keyes expressed concerns related to cash flow.
  - Sarah Huff suggested that when expenses reach \$50,000 is when additional funding requests should be made.
  - Bob Bushansky would like a financial report added to the agenda.

## C. 2017 OHV Restoration Grant

- Funding
  - Sarah Huff State funding has not yet been received.
  - Dan Keyes gave an update in regards to the State's request for the filing of Chapter 9.
  - Sarah Huff discussed the property as it relates to Chapter 9 and said there are no liens against the property and can provide copies of documents for distribution. She also made it clear that the State was well aware of the Districts filing for Chapter 9 and joint staff meeting minutes will reflect these past discussions.
  - Bob Bushanksy recited a variety of instances where the issue of bankruptcy came up during joint staff meetings with the State.
- Regional Park Access Control Project
  - Dan Keyes relayed a question received from the public regarding the gold course EIR and the information that was used to determine the construction of the fence.
  - Sarah Huff responded by saying she would provide that information for public distribution.
  - John Huff provided an update on the fence and on the brush cutting.
  - Dan Keyes made it clear that that the planned swath around the perimeter of the property was not going to be clear cut.
  - Bob Bushanksy provided an update on the recent public meeting in Albion on March 24, 2018 and explained some of the concerns. He also said that a messaging lesson was learned in that a decision to move forward with the project would not be made until after the receipt of both the economic feasibility study and the environmental impact report and MCRPD would also be willing to consider alternative financial plans but has not yet received any ideas. He also

stated that the financial position of the District is of prime importance and the Board has fiduciary responsibilities.

- Sarah Huff stated that the proposed OHV Park would be trail based and not an open riding area.
- John Huff discussed off trail use mitigation and measures and operational process is often a challenge when trying to educate the public. He also said that the funding for future OHV grants is now in perpetuity.
- Bob Bushanksy discussed red and green tags and how funding will impact future operations.

#### 4.2 State of California, 2017 Cal Recycle Grant Program & Projects

- Notice of Award
  - Sarah Huff reported State funding has yet been received.

### 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

\*Minutes recorded and submitted by Danny L. Keyes, District Administrator MCRPD/CV Starr Community Center.

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