



REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
C. V. Starr Community Center
300 South Lincoln Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Thursday, December 19, 2019
1:30 p.m.

Minutes

1.0. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 1:31 p.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

- None

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 acting on matters not on the agenda but may briefly respond or ask a question for clarification (Government Code 54954.2).

- None

4.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

4.1 Access Review: PG&E Utility Easement

- Dan Keyes presented the agenda item summary.
- John Huff asked the PG&E rep. what he knew about the project.
- Kevin Ventura a PG&E Senior Land Consultant explained the on-going communications between various components of PG&E in regard to the utility access within the boundaries of the District's highway 20 property and the idea of rehabilitating the existing access route with a formal recognition of an alternative access route.
- John Huff discussed importance of Newman Gulch and described scrutiny by local environmental groups in regard to the concept of developing an OHV park. He went onto provide details about the physical attributes of the existing road and access.
- Kevin Ventura asked how the alternate access get their crews past Newman Gulch?
- John Huff pulled out a map depicting the highway 20 property and showed the PG&E rep how the alternate access works.
- Jennifer Garrison a Senior Environmental Planner with the State of CA. Department of Fish and Wildlife discussed Newman Gulch and described the significant erosion that has been occurring for quite some time.
- Sarah Huff agreed with Jennifer Garrisons assessment in regard to the degree of erosion that has taken place.
- Jennifer Garrison discussed the permit process related to erosion control.
- Kevin Ventura asked how much money would the District be willing to put into a rehabilitation project?
- John Huff responded by clearly indicating that there were not any funds available for such a project.
- Bob Bushansky perceives the commitment by both the District and PG&E as a long-term need.

- Kevin Ventura indicated that he understands the implication and benefits of a long-term approach.
- John Huff identified potential benefits from a long-term maintenance strategy, as he referred to PG&E's utility crews and contractors when they come out to inspect, maintain and repair the lines and the right-of-way in the future.
- Jennifer Garrison explained her role with Fish and Wildlife and described what the limitations are.
- John Huff told of problems with trespassing on the property.
- Sarah Huff described the on-going efforts by the California Recreation Alliance to patrol and manage the property.
- Kevin Ventura identified potential barriers to deny access onto the property.
- John Huff responded by describing in detail what improvement have been made to help minimize the trespassing issue.
- Sarah Huff discussed attempts by locals to bypass barriers.
- Jennifer Garrison discussed effective barriers and camera systems.
- Kevin Ventura discussed the utility easement and right to access by PG&E.
- Dan Keyes described how PG&E developed the alternate access route without permission or having any communication with the District.
- John Huff discussed the recent pole replacement project by PG&E and the possible development of further access control by using the old poles as material for the construction of access control barriers.
- Jennifer Garrison discussed the revegetation project and brought up related items for future consideration.
- Dan Keyes asked Kevin what is the motivation for PG&E to revegetate the original access road when the utility company can simply use the alternate access route without an agreement or consent by the property owner?
- Kevin Ventura responded to the question by stating, "Because it is the right thing to do" and went onto say that having a declared easement was in everyone's best interest.
- Jennifer Garrison discussed easement rights.
- John Huff discussed erosion control issues.
- Jennifer Garrison discussed preferred access by PG&E crews.
- Sarah Huff discussed right of way ownership and post use repairs.
- A general discussion was held in regard the best route for PG&E crews to access the property.
- John Huff discussed bark dump and impact to the right of way.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- M: Huff/S: Bushansky/C: All ayes
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.
- Following adjournment, an onsite visit to the utility easement was made by John Huff, Sarah Huff, Jennifer Garrison, Dan Keyes and Kevin Ventura. The site visit was completed at 3:45 pm.

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