



SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Remote Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2021
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:30pm
- Board members present: Leslie Bates, Angela Dominguez, John Huff, Barbara Burkey,
- Bob Bushansky arrived at 5:34pm

2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- The agenda was adopted with no changes.

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- None.

4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEM

4.1 Receive informational proposal from Solid Waste of Willits regarding the possible use of the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park Districts' Hwy 20 property as a proposed waste transfer station.

- Ali Ward of Solid Waste of Willits shared her screen with the presentation. The presentation will be available after the meeting to anyone who would like it.
- Emmett Jones gave an overview of the history of the transfer station development. Currently there is a transfer station in Caspar that became a transfer station after the landfill closed. The Hwy 20 site is the preferred location of the second one. They believe they can offer some resources in exchange for long term use of the property.
- Ali Ward added that many aspects will be considered such as noise, appearance, and ease of access. The facility would work toward a more indigenous design. The parcel size of the transfer station will only need approx. 5 acres. The City of Fort Bragg will need to be jointly vested in the project. With MCRPD interest and support, SWOW can then work towards collaborating with the COFB.
- Emmett Jones asked if the Board would consider setting up an Ad Hoc committee to pursue further planning of the project.
- Huff agreed that setting up an Ad Hoc would be a good first step and that representation from the City and County be included.
- Bates asked how SWOW thought they would get an EIR through with the habitat being so sensitive. Emmet responded that it is not a big footprint and it would be a location closest to the highway.

- Carly Wells read the written public comment that was submitted before the meeting. One from Keith Stiver and one joint letter from the California Native Plant Society both in opposition to the proposal.
- Emmett Jones suggested starting with an Ad Hoc with the District Board and getting their questions answered before adding in other representatives of interest.
- Burkey asked who would be interested in joining the Ad Hoc Solid Waste Transfer System Committee. Huff and Dominguez volunteered to be on the committee.
- Emmet said thank you to the board and it will be a long process and appreciated starting that and taking the proper steps.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.