



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

May 3, 2018

7:00 PM

Fifth Floor Conference Room, Rm 520, 701 Ocean Street

PLEASE NOTE: Outside doors will be open 6:45-7:30 and then locked for security.

Please arrive during this time.

Staff can be contacted at 831-277-7404, but may not be available to answer the call during the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Jon Jankovitz, CDFW: Low Flow Fishing Closures (20 minutes)
 - B. Ben Harris, Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project (15 minutes)
6. BUSINESS MATTERS
 - A. Discuss and consider letter in support of the Scotts Creek Life Cycle Monitoring Station (15 minutes)
 - B. Update on Strategic Vision and letter sent to Board re: prioritize riparian protection (10 minutes)
 - C. County of Santa Cruz Strategic Vision – discuss and consider letter to prioritize Water Resources (10 minutes)
 - D. Update on Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance (15 minutes)
7. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS (15 minutes)
8. STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 minutes)
9. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. CalTIP grant report
 - B. Resource Conservation District grant project
 - C. Notice of Proposed Emergency Action re: increasing daily bag limit for subtidal purple sea urchin
 - D. Notice of proposed regulatory action re: upland game birds
 - E. Notice of Final Considerations of petitions for tricolored blackbird, costal yellow leptosiphon and Lassics lupine.
10. ADJOURNMENT

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Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission

MINUTES

Santa Cruz County Governmental Center
Fifth Floor Conference Room, Room 510
Santa Cruz, California

March 1, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
2. ROLL CALL.

Present: Commissioners Berry, Johnson, Baron, Lee, Cooley, Freeman,
Parmenter
Excused: Robin, Frediani, Wise
Absent: none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Commissioner Baron made a motion to approve the December minutes; Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. All aye, the motion passed.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. David Kossack made a comment about wildfire preparedness; the commission referred him to the Fire Safe Council.
5. PRESENTATIONS.
 - A. Elyse Destout gave a report on the Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day. This event was started with support from Commissioner Johnson and ex-commissioner Maridon. The event has grown to 2 days to allow school visits and includes almost 50 vendors. The Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission provides substantial funding for the event. The 8th annual event has been scheduled for October 5 and 6, 2018. Contact Elyse if you're interested in volunteering!
 - B. Loretta Moreno, Cannabis Licensing Office. Loretta gave an update on the current status of the County's Cannabis Cultivation and Manufacturing Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors most recently considered cannabis cultivation on February 5, 2018. Since then, the Cannabis Licensing Office completed the Best Management and Operational Practices (BMOP), which gives details on environmental stewardship. The draft ordinance will go to the Planning Commission on April 9, 2018.
6. BUSINESS MATTERS
 - A. Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to send a letter to the Planning Commission that references our earlier letter on the Draft Environmental Impact Report; Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All aye; the motion passed.

- B. County of Santa Cruz Strategic Vision. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to create a subcommittee to work on a letter to adjust the letter on the DEIR to focus on riparian areas as wildlife corridors and resiliency for climate change and source for stream wood; Commission Parmenter seconded the motion. All aye; the motion passed.
7. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS. Commissioner Lee said that UCSC will be holding public meetings on higher enrollment and student housing. There will be a State Parks proposition on the June ballot.
8. STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT – 9:07 PM.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2018

Submitted by K. Kittleson; Water Resources/Fish and Wildlife/2018 FWAC Meetings



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

March 26, 2018

County of Santa Cruz
Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Vision Santa Cruz County and Riparian Conservation

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

We applaud your strategic planning process “Vision Santa Cruz County.” We are at a unique time in our County’s history where we are faced with many challenges but also presented with new opportunities, and your desire to develop an inclusive strategy to help the County navigate these issues is commendable.

We are writing to recommend riparian conservation as a priority environmental issue for the County. Riparian corridors provide numerous benefits to people and the environment, including protecting drinking water quality, reducing bank erosion, contributing to stream habitat for listed species including steelhead and coho salmon, and providing wildlife habitat and wildlife migration areas. While the County’s Riparian Corridor and Wetlands Protection Ordinance has been effective for reducing the impacts from new development, residential development that occurred prior to the 1977 ordinance has resulted in declining riparian health over the past 40 years.

Over the past six years, several efforts were initiated to address community concerns that riparian corridors have been inadequately protected:

- In 2012, our commission recommended specific County actions to improve riparian corridor protection. In response, staff in the Health Services Agency (Water Resources Division) and the Planning Department have worked with partners to evaluate and quantify the condition of riparian corridors throughout the County and to develop an enhancement

strategy for residential neighborhoods based on cooperative stewardship.

- In 2015, your Board approved the Steelhead and Coho Conservation Strategy that included a priority action to develop a riparian conservation program. Staff in the Health Services Agency (Water Resources Division) and the Planning Department have worked to develop an enhancement strategy for residential neighborhoods based on cooperative stewardship.
- Over the same period, a number of partners, including the County of Santa Cruz, the City of Santa Cruz, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District and the Coastal Watershed Council have prioritized riparian conservation within the San Lorenzo River Watershed as part of the San Lorenzo 2025 effort.

Given the opportunity of the Vision Santa Cruz County process and the importance and complexity of riparian conservation, we recommend that the Board ask the County Administrative Officer and staff to include in the strategic planning process consideration of riparian conservation for all Santa Cruz County watersheds. Furthermore, we ask that this process be inclusive of input from the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission, the Commission on the Environment and the Water Advisory Commission as it evolves.

Thank you for considering the inclusion of riparian corridor conservation into the County's Strategic Vision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Berry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Berry, Chair

Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission

cc: COE, WAC



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March 5, 2018

Dear Planning Commission,

Thank you for considering the many comments that you have received on the cannabis cultivation ordinances. We would like you to consider our comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report that we submitted to the Board of Supervisors in October 2017. Our comments are attached. While some of the comments have already been addressed through the development of the ordinances, most of them are still relevant for shaping the final ordinances and the Best Management and Operational Practices (BMOP).

Sincerely,


Digitally signed by Chris Berry
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Chris Berry

Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission Chair



Carol Hamilton-Monkerud

Water Advisory Commission Chair

cc: COE, Kristen Kittleson



To: Santa Cruz County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission
Ref: Report of the 2017 grant fund use for the CalTIP program
Date: 3/21/18
From: John Robinson
CalTIP Rewards Committee

The CalTIP Reward Committee has been able to continue its mission through the generous support of yourself and others. The grant funds that were provided to the CalTIP Rewards Committee were used exclusively for reward payments throughout the state. Rewards were paid to those individuals whose report led to the apprehension of poachers and polluters.

The CalTIP Rewards Committee received the 2017 grant fund in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Santa Cruz County Commission in mid March of 2017. The Rewards Committee has met four times since receiving these funds, reviewed nine cases and allocated \$1,650.00 in rewards, using the entire grant fund amount of \$1,000.00. Reward amounts are determined by noting the circumstances and the assistance rendered by the caller. Cases reviewed and awarded involved--- unlawful take of deer with fetus, unlawful take of a bear cub, black sea bass, halibut, multiple deer cases, dove, unlawful discharge of a firearm, unlawful camping and campfire. It's not unusual for a CalTIP case to result in a variety of code violations, from Fish and Game, California penal, Health and safety, California code of regulations.

Calls received for 2017 increased approximately 5.5 percent for a total of 5,089, compared with 4,820 received in 2016. 809 of the tips received this year were sent in via the Department's Tip411 text-a-tip system. This resulted in 1,450 hours of citizen directed enforcement patrols, 1,841 citizen contacts, 97 citations and 116 warnings were issued. CalTIPs were received from all 58 counties in California and represented a wide variety of natural resource violations as well as requests for service for more traditional law enforcement.

To date, CalTIP has received 700 CalTIPs compared to this time last year's 536. This is over a 30% increase. With a steady flow of public engagement throughout the year we should have another record on our hands.

The CalTIP Rewards Committee is very grateful for its supporters and is dedicated to insuring that all funding resources are used effectively to benefit the CalTIP program. Given the nature of the program and the variety of the violations brought to the Committee for review, it is realized that a single reward at any given time of up to \$1,000.00 is not out of the question. The CalTIP Rewards Committee has been honored to have had the support of the Santa Cruz County Commission since 1995 . The Commissions contributions of support have had a significant impact on the capabilities and outreach of the CalTIP program.

GET READY FOR WINTER WORKSHOP SUMMARY

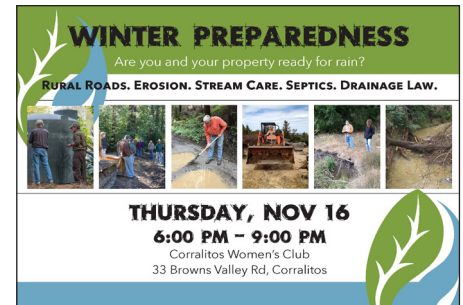
Date: November 16, 2017

Location: Corralitos Women's Club, Corralitos, CA

Attendees: 20 participants

Funding Provided By: Fish & Game Advisory Commission, City of Watsonville, Regional Water Quality Control Board and the County of Santa Cruz

Sponsors: Resource Conservation District, County of Santa Cruz, City of Watsonville, and Natural Resources Conservation Service



The Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCD), in partnership with the County of Santa Cruz and City of Watsonville facilitated a three hour evening workshop titled Winter Preparedness that targeted landowners in the Aptos Creek, Pinto Lake and Pajaro River Watersheds. The workshop focused on how residents can prepare for winter storms in a manner that protects their properties and the environment. The speakers focused on drainage, road management, stream and riparian protection, well and septic maintenance and local assistance programs and resources available landowners. Related publications were handed out to participants along with a winter preparedness checklist.

The goal of the event was 1) to educate rural property owners about the potential environmental impacts that winter storms can have on their property and the surrounding environment 2) highlight various management practices that can improve water quality and protect natural resources, and 3) to recruit potential qualified landowners to get onsite technical assistance for erosion and drainage issues on their properties.

The RCD solicited workshop attendance via social media and with a postcard mailed to over 4,500 residents in Aptos, Corralitos, and the Pinto Lake area inviting them to the workshop. The postcard also included general winter preparedness tips and a link to a full list of resources in the RCD website. The RCD received **three request for additional assistance** from workshop attendees. Two of those request resulted in site visits to offer recommendations on erosion and drainage issues.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP
Are you ready for winter rains?

NOVEMBER 16, 2017
6:00 - 9:00 PM
CORRALITOS WOMEN'S CLUB, CORRALITOS, CA

AGENDA

5:30 - 6:00 PM Check-In

6:00 - 6:10 PM **The Value of our Local Natural Resources**
Speaker: Robert Ketley, Resource Conservation District, BOD

6:10 - 6:50 PM **Erosion Prevention on Hills and Streams**
Speaker: John Ricker, County of Santa Cruz

6:50 - 7:15 PM **Managing Rural Roads**
Speaker: Tim Best, Coast Geo

7:15 - 7:30 PM **Well and Septic System Maintenance**
Speaker: John Ricker, County of Santa Cruz

7:30 - 7:40 PM **BREAK**

7:40 - 8:05 PM **Stream Care**
Speaker: Kristen Kittleson, County of Santa Cruz

8:05 - 8:30 PM **Drainage Law and Working with Neighbors**
Speaker: Vince Hurley, Law Offices of Vincent P. Hurley

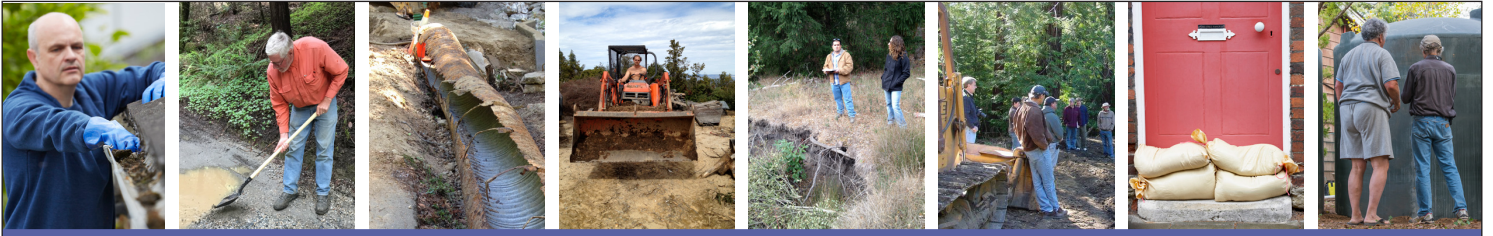
8:30 - 8:45 PM **Permits, Technical Assistance, and Local Resources**
Speakers: Angie Gruys, Resource Conservation District and Mark Moehling, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

8:45 - 9:00 PM **Questions and Adjourn**







WINTER PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

WORRIED ABOUT WINTER STORMS? PRINT THIS LIST TO HELP PREPARE.

- Register your cell phone for emergency notifications (www.scr911.org) and download the Code Red app from iTunes or Google Play.
- Know alternate escape routes in case of road closures.
- Make sure your house numbers are clear and visible to emergency personnel.

AROUND YOUR PROPERTY:

- Check your roof for leaks, especially around flashing where many leaks occur.
- Clear your gutters and downspouts.
- Clear culverts and maintain proper drainage around your property. If you have changed to drought-tolerant landscaping, your drainage patterns may have changed.
- Check your property for proper grading and surfacing, including making sure water runs away from walls.
- Have shovels, sandbags, plastic sheeting and other emergency equipment on hand. Store in a dry, accessible location.
- Sandbags aren't the only things that divert water. Straw-waddle landscaping tubing and even bags of dirt can direct water away from structures. Make sure you have them on hand.
- Check stressed trees by calling in an arborist if you have concerns. The drought stricken trees, are likely more likely to fall. For trees in the right-of-way, contact the appropriate agency.
- Secure yard furniture, especially items that might blow away and cause damage during a storm.
- Check window glazing for leaks, and reglaze if needed.
- Repaint the wood trim on your home. Paint is a barrier against water intrusion.
- If you have a well, ensure that the well head area is clean, clear and sealed. Remove dirt and leaf litter from the well pad and around the well head.
- If you have a septic system, divert drainage away from the system. If you don't already have them, consider riser pipes to monitor water levels.
- If your property is prone to power outages, consider a small generator.
- If you have below-ground areas such as basements or garages, consider a sump pump. If you already have one, make sure it is working.
- If you use an automatic watering system, turn it off during the rainy season.
- Consider a large rain catchment to catch and hold water during large storms.
- Wrap pipes if freezing temperatures are predicted.
- Know the proper use of plastic sheeting to cover slides www.rcdsantacruz.org/publications.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

- Scan important documents and put on a flash drive or in the cloud. Store drive in a safe location.
- Secure important family items, such as photographs, jewelry, mementos, etc.
- Prepare a family disaster plan and family disaster kit. For more information, go to www.santacruzcounty.us/el_nino.
- Consider flood insurance, even if you're not in a high-risk area.
- Check your car tires for wear. Purchase new tires if needed.
- Buy new windshield wipers if needed.
- Make sure your automobile's lights are working.
- Make sure your vehicle's brakes are in good, working order.

Call the Resource Conservation District if you would like a no-cost assessment of erosion, drainage and/or storm damage issues on your property. **831-464-2950.**



**List partly derived from L.A. Times, "28 Things to do to prepare for El Nino rains this season" 2015.*