



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes— May 3, 2011

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on May 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Eyerly, Grigg, Knapp, alternate Scott and Director Van Bueren presiding.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with directors Eyerly, Grigg, Scott, Knapp, and Van Bueren present. Director Vidaver was not present.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: Item 6a on the minutes was changed to reflect that Director Van Bueren, not Director Knapp had announced that there would be an information update on the Coastal Trail.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Knapp, seconded by Director Scott, the minutes of the March 1, 2011 were approved with the change in item 6a.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved.

3) Public Expression – (Discussion Only) – No public expression.

4) New Business – Discussion and possible action

a.) Broadband Grant – Knapp - Willits on Line was applying for a grant that would provide funds to bring high speed internet to Westport. WMAC wrote a letter in support of the grant. The deadline for submission of the grant was May 3. At the time of our meeting it was not known if the grant application will be completed in time to submit. This is a repetitive grant and if not submitted now, the grant could be applied for again in the future. Director Knapp and others will continue to look for other possible grants that could be used to bring high speed internet to Westport.

b.) Usal Road Seasonal Closure – Van Bueren – Director Van Bueren reported that Usal Road would be closed between November 15 and April 15. The closure would start past the Usal Campground at mile marker 6.26 and be closed up to mile marker 24.30. Public comments are due to the county by May 14. No action was taken by WMAC.

5) Old Business – Discussion and possible actions

a) Update on herbicide use in timber harvest plan – Van Bueren – The application of herbicides will be included in the June timber harvest plan. The MRC presentation that was done at the April WMAC meeting noted that they are required to give proper notification, use licensed applicators, and do water testing as required. No further action by WMAC.

b.) National Ocean Policy – Vidaver – No update at this meeting. Director Grigg will write a letter to request a copy of the preliminary findings and recommendations of the committee reviewing the policy. When that is received, WMAC will review and decide if they should make inputs.

c) Highway One Safety Issues – Directors Knapp, Van Bueren, and Scott will meet with Caltrans and MCOG at noon on Thursday May 5. The meeting is scheduled for two hours and will include discussions of Westport safety/walkability, a tour, and discussion of areas of concern south of Westport such as the slide area on the north side of Chadbourne.

6) Other business/announcements – Discussion Only

Director Van Bueren noted that an internal draft regarding the coastal trail will be turned in to MCOG and Caltrans on May 5. The draft is expected to be available to the public in June and a meeting is scheduled for July 9 to gather input from the public on it.

7) Set Preliminary Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2011. The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Highway 1 safety
- 2) National Ocean Policy
- 3) Update on Broadband

8) Adjournment

Chairman Van Bueren adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Thad Van Bueren, Chair

ATTEST:

Chuck Eyerly, Secretary