

Marin County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 22, 2017, 1:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order by Chair John Eller at 1:00 P.M.

Present at Roll Call: Margot Biehle; Margaret Curran; Don Dickenson; John Eller;
Peter Theran.

Absent at Roll Call: Christina L. Desser; David Paoli.

Staff present: Assistant Director Tom Lai; Current Planning Manager Jeremy Tejirian;
Environmental Planning Manager Rachel Reid; and Planning Commission Secretary
Ana Hilda Mosher.

County Counsel Staff: Deputy County Counsel Tarisha Bal.

Stillwater Sciences Consultants: Senior Scientist, and Water Quality Specialist Maya
Singer, and Senior Aquatic Ecologist A.J. Keith.

1. INITIAL TRANSACTIONS

a. Minutes - February 27, 2017

M/s Don Dickenson - Margot Biehle to approve the minutes of the meeting of February
27, 2017, as submitted.

Vote: Motion carried 3-0-2

AYES: Margot Biehle; Don Dickenson; John Eller.

ABSTAIN: Margaret Curran; Peter Theran.

ABSENT: Christina L. Desser; David Paoli.

b. Communications

None.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Preliminary Agenda Discussion Items

Current Planning Manager Jeremy Tejirian provided an update on future Planning Commission agenda items.

Assistant Director Tom Lai delivered a draft of the Updated Performance Plan for the Community Development Agency (CDA) for Fiscal Year 2017-18. He reviewed highlights of the Performance Plan, and answered questions from the Commission.

3. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION (LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

No one addressed the Commission.

4. 2007 MARIN COUNTYWIDE PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL EIR WITH A FOCUS ON POTENTIAL CUMULATIVE IMPACTS TO SALMONIDS IN SAN GERONIMO VALLEY

CDA Environmental Planning Mgr. Rachel Reid introduced County Counsel Tarisha Bal and the Environmental Consultants from Stillwater Sciences who prepared the draft SEIR: Senior Scientist and Water Quality Specialist Maya Singer, and Senior Aquatic Ecologist A.J. Keith.

Ms. Reid first stated that the purpose of the hearing was to receive comments from the public and the Commission on the adequacy of the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (dSEIR). Stillwater Sciences firm will respond to these comments in the final SEIR, which will be circulated later this summer.

Ms. Reid explained that the project was a SEIR to the Final EIR for the 2007 Marin Countywide Plan (CWP). She further explained that following a legal challenge to the Final EIR, a Court directed the County to set aside its approval of the CWP and certification of the FEIR with respect to San Geronimo Valley pending preparation of a SEIR. The SEIR was to (a) analyze potential cumulative impacts to salmonids in San Geronimo Valley resulting from future build-out in the watershed, and (b) describe mitigation measures relevant to salmonids. She also described the general requirements and function of the SEIR and future environmental review. The SEIR process and the next steps were also explained.

Commissioner Desser arrived at 1:22 P.M.

Consultant Singer presented the project description for the draft SEIR. She explained that her team reviewed the 2007 CWP policies and identified six goals, 44 associated policies, and 34 implementing programs most relevant to salmonid health.

Consultant Keith gave a presentation on the environmental setting and the cumulative impacts analysis in the dSEIR. He also presented the criteria for significant impacts and mitigation measures:

Ms. Reid concluded the presentation noting that the dSEIR identifies no significant and unavoidable impacts to salmonids in the San Geronimo Valley, and that all impacts identified can be reduced to a level of less than significant. She added that with the additional cumulative impact analysis and the identified mitigation measures the dSEIR now contains the information necessary to make the CWP EIR adequate and complete.

Public testimony was opened and the following people spoke:

Representing organizations: Ann Seramin, San Geronimo Valley Stewards; Andrew Ogden, Turtle Island Restoration Network; Nona Dennis, Marin Conservation League.

Representing the public: Rick Seramin; Dennis Poggio.

Public testimony was closed.

CDA staff, County Counsel staff, and consultants answered questions from the Commission and provided additional clarification.

The Commissioners discussed and commented on the adequacy of the dSEIR.

Commissioners Curran, Eller, and Theran thanked the staff and the consultants for a job well done and for their presentation.

M/s Don Dickenson - Margot Biehle to instruct staff and EIR consultants to prepare the Final SEIR for the Commission's consideration based on all the testimony that has been received and will be received between now and the June deadline review period.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

AYES: Margot Biehle; Margaret Curran; Christina L. Desser; Don Dickenson; John Eller; Peter Theran.

ABSENT: David Paoli.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 P.M. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2017, at 1:00 P.M.

Webcast Timestamps

00:00:05- Initial Transactions

00:01:22 - Director's Report

00:11:38 - Open Time for Public Expression

00:12:02 - Staff Report

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00:59:02 - Public Testimony
01:17:38 - Commissioners' Questions and Comments
02:04:00 - Motion and vote
02:04:42 - Adjourn