



**County of Marin
Regulatory Improvements Advisory Committee
Meeting 7**

Meeting Date/Time: April 10, 2013, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Location: Friends of Marin Room, Exhibit Hall Bldg., Marin Center

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jan Alff Wiegel, Charles Ballinger, Bob Brown, Nona Dennis, Elida Doldan-Schujman, Wade Holland, Richard Kalish, Klif Knoles,

Guests: Corwin Bell, David Holscher, Graham Irwin, Dan MacDonald, Jim Schalich, Warren Simmonds

Other: Brian Crawford (CDA, Director), Bill Kelley (CDA, Building & Safety), Jeremy Tejirian (CDA, Planning Manager), Debra Stratton (CDA, Sr. Secretary), Eric Steger (DPW, Assistant Director), Berenice Davidson (DPW, Sr. Civil Engineer), Jason Weber (Fire Chief, Marin County Fire Department), Rebecca Ng (CDA, Environmental Health Services), Lisa Wise (Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc.)

Meeting Summary:

Logistics

1. Reviewed of notes from March 21, 2013, meeting. No comments.
2. Next meeting: TBD

Discussion Items/Staff Presentation

Several applicants were invited to the meeting to discuss recent experiences with the County's planning and building review process (see list of guest speakers above). The applicants provided insight on their understanding of how the process has changed over time, working with different departments and outside agencies, and the issues they have encountered getting permits. The RIAC members asked the invited guests questions to get a better understanding of specific issues and a discussion ensued on potential improvements to the entitlement process. Some of the topics addressed included:

- Difficulties with design review
- Increasing express permitting
- Working with outside agencies
- Need for better flow charts and communication
- Potential improvements to building inspections
- Reviewing/reducing permit application requirements (e.g. small projects require layout of entire house)
- Need for more predictability in terms of application requirements and the amount of time needed to get a permit
- Conflicts between landscaping requirements and Fire Department regulations
- Need for better collaboration between the community and the CDA.