

# STRAWBERRY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

118 E. Strawberry Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941

## Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 17, 2023, 7:00 pm

### Strawberry Rec Center Meeting Room – First Floor

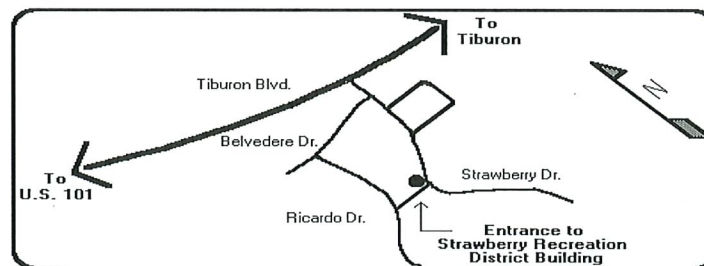
7:00 PM: CALL TO ORDER

1. Open time for public comments.
2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings.
3. Communications and Future Agenda Items.
4. **Review and Consider Approval of Draft Letter to Board of Supervisors Regarding Community Plans.**

### SDRB IN PERSON + ZOOM

#### Strawberry Recreation Center Meeting Room – First Floor

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#### Strawberry Design Review Board (SDRB)

also via ZOOM direct link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85608061105?pwd=SUFmWkVSSGxlbHZBWTNBUnlyaVRPZz09>

---see webpage for more ZOOM and other accommodation information---

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/boards-commissions-and-public-hearings/drb/strawberry-drb>

**NOTICE** The **Strawberry Design Review Board** meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM in the Strawberry Rec Center building first floor. The Board reviews and makes recommendations to the County on projects covered by the Strawberry Community Plan. Recommendations are advisory only. Public notices, email notifications are online at: <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/boards-commissions-and-public-hearings/drb/strawberry-drb>

Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 329  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear President Moulton-Peters and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Strawberry Community Plan was brought about by years of careful study and dialogue within the community, both its original form and subsequent revisions. The County of Marin and the Strawberry Design Review Board have long upheld the SCP and other community plans as representing the vision and will of the residents in their respective areas. The recent text amendments made to the Countywide Plan raise concerns that the changes may have significantly weakened the community plans, and thus undermined the land use policies that have been embraced through extensive public review.

It is of deep concern to our board that these amendments were incorporated by staff despite repeated objections from the Planning Commission and significant public comment urging caution. The combined understanding of the Planning commissioners carries years of understanding of the character of our county and the unincorporated areas impacted by this change; It should not be so lightly regarded. Further, the rush to implement these changes without thorough review of the consequences as urged by the commissioners, will likely produce effects neither discussed nor fully understood by the Supervisors themselves. In doing so, the amendments elevated staff policy preferences rather than state requirements, resulting in what we anticipate is an unnecessary erosion of carefully enacted local protections.

The SDRB strongly believes that the specific provisions of the 24 community plans have produced better projects by guiding the planning process, protecting sensitive areas from haphazard development and engendering meaningful community engagement. That engagement is the cornerstone of trust and good governance. The decades-long efforts of dedicated citizens to guide development that continue to serve the entire community should not be so carelessly set aside. We urge you to reconsider and bring a vote to roll back the unnecessary language and arrive at an outcome that can be supported by the community at large.

Respectfully,

Strawberry Design Review Board