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SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND THE MARIN COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 IN THE BOS CHAMBERS, ROOM 330, CIVIC CENTER

The joint meeting was convened by Director Arnold at 1:06 p.m.

Present: Director Arnold; Director Kinsey; Director McGlashan; Director Adams;
Director Brown (present at 1:12 p.m.)

Present: Commissioners Barath, Baumann, Catts, Colbert, Justis, Long, Schoonover, Scremin,
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1. REVIEW TRAIL-RELATED WORK PLAN, INCLUDING PHASING OF THE ROAD AND TRAILS
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND POSSIBLE SHORT-TERM PROJECTS; REVIEW POSSIBLE
TRAIL USE AND CONFLICT REDUCTION STRATEGIES.

Director Arnold gave a brief outline of the meeting format and procedures.

County Administrator Matthew Hymel thanked staff for creating today's presentation and briefly reviewed how the County has been adapting to declining resources, and the impact it has had on the management of our open space resources.

Director Brown present 1:12 p.m.

Parks and Open Space Deputy Director Ronald Miska gave a visual presentation about the Open Space District's purpose, mission, policies and guiding principals, approaches to addressing trail access and safety issues, trail work plans for 2010-2012 relating to the Trails Management Plan, construction of the 680 Trail, and potential shared-use trail projects. Mr. Miska reviewed possible trail use and conflict reduction strategies, and explained staff's recommended Board actions.

Director Adams clarified that the proposed Stafford Lake Bike Park has not yet been approved and noted that staff will be proceeding with a feasibility study, and that plans go through a standard review process before they can be approved and implemented.

Parks and Open Space Deputy Director Ronald Paolini gave a brief report on open space enforcement issues, noting that the District's enforcement policy has historically favored education over the issuing of citations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Members of the public offered comments and suggestions, expressed concerns, and offered support for staff recommendations.

Commissioner Justis absent 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Justis present 1:48 p.m.
Director Brown absent 1:50 p.m. Director Brown present 2:00 p.m.

Seeing no one else coming forward to speak, public comment time was closed.

Deputy Director Miska offered comments in response to questions raised by members of the public.

Parks and Open Space Commissioners commented on resource limitations, concerns about funding and maintenance issues, responsibilities, budget and staff cutbacks, the need for increased enforcement, concern about illegal trail builders/users, support for a proposed bike park at Stafford Lake Park, concern about proceeding too quickly with certain projects, support for today's staff recommendations, and suggested eliminating use of the word "develop" by substituting the words "investigate" and "explore".

Directors thanked staff for their presentation and directed staff to proceed with Phase 1 of the Road and Trail Management Plan, with a feasibility study for a mountain bike skills park at Stafford Lake Park, continue with development of policy related to "bicycle priority trails" and "conflict reduction zones" in collaboration with the Parks and Open Space Commission, and pursue development of the 680 trail.

Directors confirmed that land preservation is the Open Space District's highest priority. Directors offered comments about the need for increased enforcement on open space lands along with the need to educate and enforce rules for all user groups, trail safety, the Vegetation Management Plan, development of a bike park at Stafford Lake Park, and support for the approach that staff has embarked upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Judy Arnold, President
Marin County Open Space District

ATTEST:

Clarissa Daniel, Acting Secretary
Marin County Open Space District