

<p>Midcoast Community Council An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar PO Box 248, Moss Beach, CA 94038 http://www.MidcoastCommunityCouncil.org Email: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</p>	<p>Gregg Dieguez, Chair Claire Toutant, Vice Chair Dan Haggerty, Treasurer Scott Bollinger, Secretary Gus Mattammal Kimberly Williams Ann Rothman</p>
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Minutes for Meeting of October 11, 2023

(7:00pm) Call to Order

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid teleconference meeting. The physical location for the in-person portion was held at the Granada Community Services District office, 510 Avenue Alhambra, 3rd floor, El Granada, CA.

Council members present:

- Gregg Dieguez, Chair,
- Claire Toutant, Vice Chair
- Dan Haggerty, Treasurer
- Scott Bollinger, Secretary
- Gus Mattammal Present 9:15
- Ann Rothman, Remote, Not Voting
- Kimberly Williams

1. (7:10pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials

A. **Mike O’Neill, Community Liaison to Supervisor Mueller**, reported on the following items:

Flu Clinics and COVID-19 Vaccination

- [San Mateo County Health](#) recommends everyone who is eligible get the seasonal flu vaccine and the updated COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are available from health care providers and local pharmacies. You can find a location near you at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). Residents without health coverage who need flu or COVID-19 vaccines can contact County Health at (650) 573-2877 or SMCHHealth_IZ@smcgov.org for more information.

Secured Property Tax Bills Available to View and Pay Online

- Secured Annual Property Tax Bills can now be viewed and paid on the Tax Collector’s website at <https://www.smcgov.org/tax>. The first installment of secured taxes is due Nov. 1. E-bills and physical bills are being sent. A ten percent penalty will be added to payments received after December 11, 2023. The Tax Collector’s Office is open to the public from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

West Nile Virus Cases on the Rise

- Reported cases of West Nile virus are on the rise in California (no human cases have been reported in San Mateo County). While the risk of serious illness is low for most people, older adults and immunocompromised people are at higher risk for severe disease. San Mateo County residents can report biting mosquitoes by calling Vector Control at 650-344-8592 or submitting a service request. Report dead birds to the state hotline at 877- 968-2473 or submit a report.

Members Sought for Commission on Disabilities

- The [Commission on Disabilities](#) works to promote the independence and full participation of people with disabilities in San Mateo County. New members are needed to advise the Board of Supervisors on disabilities-related issues, create opportunities for people with disabilities and much more. Learn about duties, meeting information and [how to apply](#).

Celebrate Latinx Heritage Month

- Latinx Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th to embrace the history, culture and contributions of Latin American countries and individuals. [San Mateo County Libraries](#) will have an array of music, dance and cultural events as well as a curated selection of books. The Board of Supervisors proclaimed Latinx Heritage Month at their meeting on October 3, 2023.

Job Opportunities for 2024 Primary Election

- Election staff are needed for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. Explore open positions and see detailed job descriptions and application instructions at the [County's website](#). Interviews are being scheduled via Zoom and no previous experience is necessary

8th Annual Veterans Luncheon

- The San Mateo County Veterans Commission's [8th Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon](#) is on Nov. 9, 2023. Awards will be presented to the Veteran of the Year, Patriot of the Year, and Enterprise Support Partner of the Year.

B. **Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay City Council**, reported the following:

- The Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival is October 14th and 15th. The City encourages biking and walking to the festival.
- The Board of Supervisors has given City of Half Moon Bay and City of Pacifica each a \$20,000 grant for support of the HMB Review and the Pescadero Pebble, to support local news.
- Public meetings conducted over Zoom have been disrupted by hateful and offensive speech across the state recently and are being investigated.
- Green Foothills is accepting applications for its [2024 Leadership Program](#) series that begins in January. Participants learn how to lead effective environmental advocacy campaigns.

2. (7:15) Council Questions/Comments:

- Gregg Dieguez asked about potential County guidelines for dealing with hate speech at public meetings.
- Claire Toutant asked who is supporting the newspaper, the City or County? The response was that it is a pass through grant from the County.
- Kimberly Williams asked whether the pass through grant to local media represents a conflict of interest. The response was that while there is a risk of conflict of interest, the need to support local news outweighs the risk.
- Dan Haggerty also expressed concerns about possible conflict of interest related to funding particular news organizations and he asked who owns the HMB Review. The response was that the Coastside News Group owns the HMB Review.

Public Comment:

- Carlisle Ann Young
 - Not in support of newspaper funding.
 - Hate speech comments and procedures
 - MSWD lawsuit: Judge will decide in 90 days.

3. (7:25) Consent Agenda

- a. The MCC meeting minutes of September 13, 2023 were approved by a majority vote of four with one abstention.

4. Regular Agenda

a. Moss Beach SR-1 Congestion & Safety Improvement Project

Chanda Singh of SMC Planning, delivered a presentation on the Phase 1 project scope, alternatives and recent public open house. (Williams)

Council Comment:

Gregg Dieguez:

- Concerns were expressed that the HW1 and other roads associated with the project to increase connectivity within the midcoast (from Pacifica through the Tom Lantos tunnel) and the Moss Beach project will need to be repaved twice. Both projects would benefit with synchronization.
- The project should be extended to Montara.
- Stormwater management will need to be addressed.
- Roundabouts should be tested with simulation.
- Side road issues.
- Concerns over fire response from Montara.
- Concerns over light pollution.

Dan Haggerty:

- Underpasses should be considered.

- Wants professionals to weigh in on roundabouts.
- Traffic signals need to be more efficient.
- Traffic backup issues due to roundabouts.
- Paths vs sidewalks.

Kimberly Williams:

- Historical perspective
- “No Project” could not be an option due to politics.
- Lowering the speed limit.
 - *Response from presenter-difficult legislatively*
- Is the Caltrans evaluation process for speed reduction open to the public?
- Preservation of the historic and rural scenic character of the highway.

Claire Toutant:

- Found ironic that its speed vs traffic lights and roundabouts

Ann Rothman:

- All or nothing?

Public Comment:

Burnett Silveria:

- Supports roundabouts.
- Concerns regarding pollution from stopped cars.

Carlyle Ann Young

- Traffic control is needed in Moss Beach.
- Will crash test data be included in the planning for the project?
- Remove Virginia crosswalk.
- Will all crosswalks have flashing lights?
- Fire response could have problems with raised medians.
- Possible center lane turning conflicts.

Finish Cypress point housing project after Moss Beach SR-1 Congestion & Safety Improvements.

Fran Pollard:

- Supports the residents of Moss Beach.
- Can the sink hole at the Harbour be fixed?

Ask Mike O’Neil regarding the sink hole at the Harbour.

Dan Haggerty:

- Dan expressed concerns regarding the number of signs associated with the roundabouts.

Kimberly Williams:

- HAWK signals? Will the project take into consideration the Dark Skies Initiative?

Catherine Clark:

- The project group will address lighting and runoff issues with the environmental report.

Claire Toutant:

- Asked for assistance to have the construction signs on south bound Rt 1 removed.

Gregg Dieguez:

- How do we get consideration for an underpass in the project?

Council action item:

Draft a letter of concerns for the Moss Beach SR-1 Congestion & Safety Improvements project.

b. Quarry Park Off-Leash Dog Walking. (Toutant)

The Council reconsidered and re-voted on the letter to SMC Planning and SMC Parks from the prior meeting because the County Counsel's guidance was that for a vote to pass it must have at least four votes to constitute a majority of the Council.

Public Comment:

Chris Johnson:

- Concerns regarding voting regulations.
- Finds the process irregular.
- Ok with signs in the meadow above the TOT lot. Asked for no other signs regarding leash requirements.

Fran Pollard:

- Clarify Meadow and TOT lot.

Burnett Silveria:

- Confirm sign locations.
- Asked for increased enforcement in on leash areas.

Amy Tezza:

- Asked about the input/complaints regarding dogs in the TOT lot.

Chris Tyler:

- Want's the original letter sent.

- Wants more off leash areas in the county.

Council Action:

Claire Toutant moved to remove “TOT lot” from the letter. The amendment passed by 5/0 vote.

A vote to send the amended letter passed 5/0.

6. Future Agenda:

- Herbicide use in SMCP
- Montara Mountain/California State Parks presentation
- Kimberly Williams:
 - Want to know how to handle hate speech in the future.
 - Veterans day speaker

7. Adjournment (10:00pm)