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Subject: Update from DarkSky West Marin
Attachments: DarkSky Map Draft_8_2Update _ DSWM pd revision.jpg

Hi Jennifer,

I understand that you're nearing the end of an inimitable career at BCPUD, but I'm hoping you may have time for a phone call about the recent changes we needed to make to continue our Dark Sky initiative. You may have heard that the DarkSky International organization urged us to separate our DarkSky applications into two; the park will move forward separately & the county villages would potentially move faster.

A few weeks after that, we learned through Dennis Rodoni that the county Community Development Agency doesn't have the resources necessary in this year's budget to work on the required Light Pollution ordinance. We intend to double our efforts and complete as many DarkSky requirements as possible as we wait out this fiscal year. This county needs an ordinance, or we face unfettered light pollution this side of the hill.

Because the county already has a separate governed zone (the TOT Tax Zone), we plan to continue working with those villages to prepare the DarkSky application. Once we complete our part, the only contribution needed from the county is the ordinance and a retrofit of west county streetlights, which will be out of warranty in the next 1-2 years anyway.

To file the DarkSky application, we'd like to work with Bolinas students and volunteers to conduct a lighting inventory and to measure any overly bright lights using citizen scientists as data collectors. We'll be bringing the equipment and a trainer with us.

We'd like to assess Bolinas's support for this initiative, provide a local educational event, or speak at another BCPUD meeting.

Would there be a good time to talk about to accomplish this?

With much gratitude!

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p.s. Attached is a draft map for your reference.