

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT



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BCPUD Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Bolinas Fire Dept Meeting Room
100 Mesa Rd, Bolinas CA 94924
5:00PM

Link to Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AmTv30CWdk>

Call meeting to order **(0:16)**

Roll (present: K. Walker, K. McElroy, J. Siedman, A. Alexander Green, G. Godino)

Oaths of Office for Elected Directors (K.Walker and K.McElroy) **(0:42)** The oath of office was administered to the newly elected directors, Kirsten Walker and Kevin McElroy.

Community Expression **(2:42)** None

Consider amending agenda item order **(2:49)** Decision to move up presentation by Leo Kostelnick and the parking committee update.

Support for Immigrant Families presented by Superintendent Leo Kostelnick (5:10)

- AB 699: In 2018, the state of CA codified AB 699 preventing schools from cooperating with immigration customs and enforcement (ICE) activities. This bill makes schools effectually sanctuaries for students.
- Next Tuesday, the school board will review policy 5143.13, “Response to Immigration Enforcement,” which reviews the schools’ legal requirements for non-cooperation as well as administrative regulations. Sup. Kostelnick has been working with other superintendents in the county to create a coordinated response and will present that response to school boards across the county for approval in January.
- The District English Learners Advisory Committee is providing information about legal rights to anyone interested. Also making sure that families have “red cards”, English/Spanish declarations of individuals’ fourth and fifth amendment rights.
- “Know your rights” training will be scheduled through the Public Defender’s Office and Canal Alliance for Friday, January 17th at 6 pm on the Bolinas campus, there will be food and childcare; everyone is invited. The training will include Know Your Rights training as well as templates for preparing important documents in the event of deportation proceedings impacting any adults.
- BSUSD staff participated in a legal training for school employees to review all of this information. BSUSD staff are available to speak with families and support emotional health related to these issues.
- Canal Alliance/Public Defenders Office is launching a WhatsApp channel for real-time alert of ICE enforcement actions in the county.
- Canal Alliance also provides a free legal consultation as well as a legal referral list

Discussion followed concerning what else can be done and how BCPUD can show support to immigrant families, possibly in the form of a resolution. Suggestion to add Spanish version of meeting info to signage at town entrance, etc. Proposal to add item to next BCPUD meeting agenda: a resolution to support the school district's efforts to comply with AB 699 as well as any other efforts to insulate families in need (Leo to provide draft language).

Discussion of putting up a BCPUD information sign **(29:37)**

Wharf Road/Manager Update (32:22) Concerns regarding weight of PGE trucks on Wharf Rd, Wharf Rd repair project update: FEMA funding for sea wall repair fell through, thus a new county project aims to fill the single sinkhole. Manager Woods had a quarterly meeting with Rodoni, no updates regarding this project. Engineering plans have not been solidified, work cannot be scheduled until engineering plans are solidified, and the project goes out to bid. Project can begin roughly 4 weeks after bid is awarded.

Additional updates from meeting with Rodoni **(39:38)** Manager Woods hopes to have a contact at DPW in the next few weeks.

Question from G. Godino **(41:39)** What communication has taken place between College of Marin (re: construction on Wharf Rd) and the county? Need for contact person, possibly Kent Khetikian, to provide updates to the community. BCPUD has been aware of the work that College of Marin has been doing but only when it impacts infrastructure.

Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee (47:16) Traffic concerns relating to Wharf Rd/seawall. Traffic resolution expected to go to the Board of Supervisors in January, including traffic layout map showing locations for permit and vehicle length restrictions for Brighton Ave and part of Wharf Rd. [\(Link\)](#) After Board votes on it, permits can be issued.

Community member comment on seawall **(53:36)** Wharf Rd is slanting towards the lagoon, concern voiced that the county may view Wharf Rd improvement as too expensive to pursue, community members need to continue to express concerns to the county or risk losing end of Wharf Rd.

LCP Proposed Amendments to Environmental Hazards (55:39) BCPUD attended a meeting led by county CDA discussing the county's commitment to maintaining these roads. Conversation needs to be had with county and DPW rather than CDA.

MANAGERS REPORT (58:17)

STATUS OF BCPUD's WATER SUPPLIES

Going forward, Manager Woods will be sharing video of the creek flow and an abridged water supply memo during the board meeting to save time; the full memo will be shared on the BCPUD website. In response to creek flow video **(1:03:24)**, a Board member expressed concern regarding an open area presenting a hazard to animals or children and asked if it can be covered. Photos of the reservoirs **(1:04:08)** show that Azolla is returning to Woodrat 1, planning to have removal crew come in January – hopefully more regular removal will keep costs down. November water usage **(1:05:16)**

followed expected downward trend in consumption since September; as compared to the past two years **(1:06:59)** consumption per connection has increased. Large leaks in November undoubtedly contributed to increased consumption numbers **(1:09:57)**.

Meetings Attended (1:10:56) Quarterly meeting with Sup. Rodoni – discussed need for point of contact with County at DPW, beach closure, garbage cans at the end of Wharf Rd. Cans were removed by the tide.

OPERATIONS UPDATES (1:11:49) Leaks: There was a leak on Brighton Ave (similar to November's leak on Wharf Rd). The Brighton leak was caused by a disintegrated saddle, raising the same concerns (as Wharf leak) about downtown infrastructure needing more proactive management. There was also a leak on Birch Rd. Paving costs for these leaks will be consolidated to save money. Leaks at the plant continue **(1:14:15)**, it may be time to consider redesigning the circuitous wall of piping where leaks are reoccurring. Additionally, we need to install a pressure reducing valve (PRV) to decrease the stress put on the pipes at the plant.

Well Project Update (1:16:03) The district's requested extension to September 30, 2025 has been approved; request to move funds from Task 3 (Construction) to Task 2 (Permitting/Engineering) has also been approved. BCPUD will be requesting additional funding (~100K) to cover construction costs.

Tank Site Pipeline Replacement Project (1:17:04) Project has experienced delays due to weather, holidays, and leaks. Work will resume on Monday and should be complete in early January.

Solar Inverters (1:18:05) Inverter number 2 is back online. Monitoring systems are very old, possibly need to be updated/replaced in order to access data.

Radial Gate Repair (1:19:37) Met with National Park Service and submitted Special Use Permit, expecting to have the permit within the next couple of weeks so that assessment can be completed while flows are still low.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Stinson's Ocean Protection Grant (1:21:25) BCPUD has been working with Stinson and the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to coordinate efforts on the Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program. Will resubmit grant proposal in March to request maximum funding amount of \$1.5 million and ensure the needs of both districts are being met. Funds will be used to address water quality issues, infrastructure, expanding sanitary sewer system, public outreach, and more. This grant supports a feasibility study, looking at potential solutions with further funding to support projects/construction etc.

Groin Repair Project (1:28:22) Proving difficult to schedule this work with Gannett Fleming, amount of money approved for proposal might need to be revised due to increased labor costs. Money is already earmarked for this project but there may need to be a new request for approval.

Wharf Rd Repair Project (1:30:31) Already covered earlier in the meeting.

Seawall Repair (1:30:37) BCPUD Operators dug up piles at the base of Surfer's Overlook and shared info with County engineers.

Beach Closure (1:32:03) County is holding a virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, December 18th at 5 pm. Discussion of possibility for county to reimburse local businesses that have been negatively impacted by beach closure.

Discussion of Earthquake (1:43:56) Earthquake on December 5, no impact to BCPUD operations or infrastructure.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, RECEIPTS & NOTICES None

SPECIAL REPORTS OR UPDATES None

COMMITTEE UPDATES

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE UPDATES

Resource Recovery Project Committee – Nothing to report

Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee – Addressed earlier

Land Stewardship Committee – Nothing to report

AD-HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Recology Detailed Rate Review Committee **(1:45:47)** BCPUD sent response letter, hopefully will receive full approval in January and new rate structure can be implemented on April 1

Bike-path Committee – Nothing to report

Building Committee **(1:47:37)** Mr. Raccoon hired to eradicate bats in lab building

Canyon Road Committee **(1:48:29)** Trying to determine if grants or loans are available to address cost, other options need to be explored re: permitting, possibility of expanding sewer system in the most cost-effective manner. BCPUD is hoping to approach this project cooperatively with the County and there does seem to be general receptivity from the County to at least help BCPUD understand what resources are available. Residents are frustrated and feeling a sense of urgency to move forward; however, BCPUD needs to take time to thoroughly research and determine the best path forward. Homeowners feeling impatient are able to apply for septic permit to repair their system. Pressure from the county is inconsequential as they have yet to enforce red tags from 2018. There is no factual connection between Canyon Rd septic systems and beach closure.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

Personnel Committee – Nothing to report

Finance Committee - Nothing to report

Operations Committee – Nothing to report

Legal Committee – Nothing to report

Mesa Septic, Flood Control and Roads Committee **(2:01:53)** Trying to coordinate a committee meeting; suggestion to revise committee memberships at January meeting as current members do not live on gridded Mesa

SPECIAL REPORTS OR UPDATES—Action Requested

BUDGETARY/FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS & APPROVALS

None

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS & APPROVALS

LCP Proposed Amendments for Environmental Hazards – formation of Ad Hoc Committee **(2:03:25)**
BCPUD staff needs to revise Local Coastal Plan proposed amendments for environmental hazards by the end of December, determine any revisions concerning how amendments would impact BCPUD operations, draft a letter in response, convene a committee of one Board member plus President Siedman to approve the letter before it is submitted. G. Godino volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee but deferred to A. Alexander Green.

OPERATIONAL RESOLUTIONS & APPROVALS

CONTRACTED WORK, RELATED RESOLUTIONS & APPROVALS

Resolution 733 for providing water data to the Directors of the Board **(2:18:57)** Discussion of proposed resolution, amendments before voting to approve

Resolution 733 for providing water data to the Directors of the Board **(2:45:12)**

*K. Walker/K. McElroy Four in favor to approve Resolution No. 733, subject to edits;
one opposed*

EMPLOYMENT & RELATED APPROVALS

Resolution 734 for Hiring Committee Make-up **(2:45:51)**

G. Godino/A. Alexander Green All in favor to approve Resolution No. 734

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2:47:40)

October 16—Regular Board Meeting

A. Alexander Green/K. McElroy All in favor to approve the minutes.

November 20—Regular Board Meeting **(2:48:48)**

K. McElroy/A. Alexander Green All in favor to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS (2:50:55)

November 16-December 6—Warrants

K. McElroy/A. Alexander Green All in favor to approve the warrants.

MEETING CLOSING (1:24:46)

- Materials to be signed by Board Members
- Future Agenda Items – Resolution to support immigrant families
- Next meeting date – 1/15/25
- Adjournment – 7:53