

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Board of BCPUD Directors
FROM:	Georgia Woods, General Manager
RE:	<i>Item #06: Bike Path Update – Status Letter from County Community Development Agency and BCPUD Response Letter</i>
DATE:	May 20, 2026

Purpose

To provide an update on the BCPUD Pedestrian/Bicycle Path Project, including the County Community Development Agency's Status Letter on BCPUD's Coastal Development Application

Background

The BCPUD Pedestrian/Bicycle Path Project has been under active coordination with Marin County staff and leadership for over five years. The project involves repair and resurfacing of an existing, permitted path originally approved under a 2007 Coastal Development Permit. The path provides a critical off-road connection between the Mesa and downtown Bolinas.

To date, the District has expended approximately \$70,000 in ratepayer-funded resources, including significant staff time dedicated to project management. In addition, \$47,000 has been raised directly from community members and is held in a designated reserve, available for expenditure upon commencement of construction. The project is further supported by approximately \$355,000 in State grant funding, which requires project completion and public access by January 1, 2028.

Based on prior discussions with County staff, the District advanced the project under the understanding that the proposed work would qualify as repair and maintenance under the existing permit, with any environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA) considerations addressed in a targeted manner. In reliance on this guidance, the District proceeded with

engineering and environmental planning and submitted a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application intended to supplement the existing permit and address specific ESHA-related components.

In May 2026, the District received a Status Letter from the Marin County Community Development Agency (CDA) indicating that the application is incomplete and requesting substantial additional information. The scope and tenor of the Status Letter reflect a shift from prior discussions, suggesting that the project is now being evaluated as new development rather than as repair of an existing permitted facility.

Given the 30-day response timeline associated with the Status Letter, BCPUD Staff engaged the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee to provide strategic input. Additionally, BCPUD Staff is actively coordinating with CDA staff, and BCPUD's environmental and engineering consultants to develop a strategy to minimize the risk that expanded requirements do not jeopardize project timelines or feasibility.

Action Requested

Receive update and provide direction as appropriate regarding next steps for the Bike Path Project.