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MEMORANDUM

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| TO: | Board of Directors |

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| FROM: | Georgia Woods, General Manager |

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| RE: | ***Item 11.*** *Update on Stinson Beach/Bolinas Wastewater Feasibility Study Public Meeting* |

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| DATE: | October 21, 2026 |

**Purpose**

To provide the Board with an update regarding the October 15, 2026 public meeting for the Stinson Beach/Bolinas Wastewater Feasibility Study.

**Meeting Summary**

The first public meeting associated with the feasibility study was held on October 15, 2026 and was well attended, with more than 50 community members participating.

The project team provided an overview of the study objectives, scope, and anticipated timeline and received substantial input from attendees. Discussion covered a broad range of topics, including existing septic system challenges, potential wastewater management alternatives, project costs, governance considerations, environmental issues, and potential funding opportunities.

A recurring theme throughout the discussion was that the study remains in its early, exploratory phase. No decisions have been made regarding future wastewater management approaches and a wide range of alternatives remain under consideration. However, the ultimate objective of the study is not simply to evaluate options, but to identify viable wastewater management solutions for both communities and develop a roadmap for implementation, including:

- Cost estimates and affordability considerations;
- Governance and organizational structures;
- Permitting and regulatory requirements;
- Funding opportunities; and
- Potential implementation pathways.

**Key Points Raised by BCPUD**

During the meeting, BCPUD's General Manager emphasized the following points:

- **The study is not focused on how BCPUD might solve Stinson Beach's wastewater challenges.**

BCPUD has independent wastewater infrastructure needs and regulatory obligations that must be addressed regardless of any future relationship with Stinson Beach. These include ongoing and anticipated improvements to the District's wastewater treatment facility and collection system. While the study will evaluate a range of alternatives, it should not be viewed as a process whereby BCPUD assumes responsibility for solving Stinson Beach's wastewater challenges.

- **Wastewater challenges also exist in Bolinas and should not be overlooked.**

Portions of Bolinas continue to rely on onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), and concerns regarding groundwater quality associated with those systems remain an important issue for the community. Residents currently served by septic systems were encouraged to engage with Marin County regarding updates to the **Local Agency Management Program (LAMP)**, which governs oversight and management of onsite wastewater treatment systems. Staff also highlighted the upcoming Marin County Board of Supervisors discussion regarding the LAMP currently scheduled for November 17, 2026.

**Meeting Materials**

Staff is working with Stinson Beach County Water District to finalize the presentation deck and compiled meeting notes from the meeting. Once finalized, those materials will be posted on the Stinson Beach County Water District website. A link to those materials will also be provided on the BCPUD website so that community members who were unable to attend can easily access them.

The intent is for the presentation materials and meeting notes to provide a comprehensive record of the meeting, including the questions, concerns, and feedback shared by community members.

Staff has also received feedback regarding meeting accessibility, including:

- The weekday afternoon meeting time;
- Lack of Zoom participation; and
- The fact that the meeting was not recorded.

Although the presentation materials and meeting notes are intended to provide a comprehensive summary of the meeting, staff is currently working with Stinson Water to determine whether future meetings associated with the feasibility study can be recorded and/or offered through Zoom or a similar platform. Given community expectations regarding accessibility and transparency, staff believes additional opportunities for remote participation would improve engagement and allow more residents to follow the study as it progresses.

**Community Steering Committee**

As discussed during the meeting, the project team intends to establish a Community Steering Committee consisting of Board and community representatives from both agencies. The

committee will help provide community input as alternatives are developed and evaluated throughout the study process.

**BCPUD is currently seeking a Bolinas community representative to serve on the committee. Community members interested in serving are encouraged to submit their name for consideration by emailing gwoods@bcpud.org.**

The Board will also ultimately need to appoint a BCPUD Board representative to the committee. Staff recommends waiting until after the upcoming election before considering that appointment.

**Recommended Board Action**

Receive update. No action requested.