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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Board of Directors

FROM:	Georgia Woods, General Manager

RE:	***Item 12.*** *Update on Surfer's Overlook Meetings with Save Terrace Avenue Committee*

DATE:	October 21, 2026

Purpose

To provide the Board with an update regarding recent communications with the Save Terrace Avenue community group and ongoing discussions with Marin County regarding repairs to the Surfer's Overlook seawall below Terrace Avenue.

Background

In recent months, members of the Save Terrace Avenue community group contacted BCPUD with renewed concerns regarding the deteriorating seawall below Terrace Avenue and the lack of visible progress toward repairs. Community concerns have been heightened by forecasts of a potentially significant El Niño winter and the importance of Terrace Avenue as both a transportation corridor and the location of critical District sewer infrastructure.

In response, staff re-engaged Marin County Department of Public Works (DPW) to obtain updated information regarding the County's plans and has resumed regular communication with community representatives regarding project status.

County Update

Since renewing discussions with Marin County staff, BCPUD has received additional information regarding the County's plans for repair of the deteriorated seawall below Terrace Avenue.

Based on discussions with County staff, Marin County sought Coastal Commission authorization to replace all 24 timber piles comprising the seawall. The Coastal Commission ultimately authorized replacement of 12 deteriorated piles, along with associated lagging and related repair work.

County staff further advised that Valentine Construction, which is already mobilized nearby for other improvements, is tentatively scheduled to install two pilot piles as a constructability test. According to County staff, the purpose of the pilot installation is to verify the feasibility of the proposed repair approach and confirm the methodology that would be used for the authorized repair work. Staff understands that this initial testing effort does not involve removal or replacement of any of the existing seawall piles, which are creosote-treated and present additional handling and disposal requirements.

Based on information provided by County staff, BCPUD's current understanding is that the Coastal Commission has authorized replacement of twelve deteriorated piles within the most damaged portion of the seawall and that the pilot pile installation is intended to provide information necessary to advance that larger repair effort.

While staff has not received a formal explanation regarding why replacement of the entire seawall was not authorized, it appears that the more limited repair effort was deemed appropriate for approval under the waiver process, while a more extensive reconstruction effort would require additional permitting and regulatory review.

County staff has also indicated that if the repair project cannot ultimately proceed as anticipated, temporary stabilization measures may be considered to reduce the risk of significant storm damage during the upcoming winter season.



Update from October 20 Save Terrace Avenue Committee Meeting

Georgia Woods met with members of the Save Terrace Avenue Committee, Rudi Ferris, Ralph Camiccia and Ken Masterton, and Chief George Krakauer to provide a project status update.

The group expressed appreciation to BCPUD and Marin County for the progress made to date, while emphasizing the importance of addressing the remaining 12 pilings and other areas of deterioration. The group will document existing damage and continue monitoring the seawall project and roadway conditions along Terrace Avenue.

Georgia will follow up with DPW regarding the project timeline and discuss progress with Supervisor Dennis Rodoni in November. She will maintain communication with the County as the project advances and, if necessary, coordinate with Chief Krakauer to underscore the project's importance to emergency access and infrastructure.

Staff Update

Staff is encouraged that the County appears to be actively advancing the project and evaluating both near-term and longer-term repair options. Staff will continue coordinating with both County staff and community representatives and will provide additional updates as information becomes available.

Recommended Board Action

Receive update. No action requested.