

## **Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting – May 15, 2025 | 5:30 PM**

**Location:** Bodega Bay Grange Hall, 1370 Bodega Ave, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

**Zoom Link:** [Sonoma County Zoom Meeting](#)

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### **1. Call to Order**

#### **A. Announcement from Spanish Interpreter**

A Spanish-language interpreter welcomed attendees and announced services available for the meeting.

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by **John Loughlin**.

#### **C. Roll Call**

Present:

- Scott Foster (Chair – Timber Cove)
  - Beth Bruzzone (Vice Chair – Bodega/Valley Ford)
  - Caroline Madden (Fort Ross/West Cazadero)
  - George Calys (The Sea Ranch/Annapolis)
  - Ginny Nichols (Bodega Bay)
  - John Loughlin (Bodega Bay)
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### **2. Approval of Agenda**

#### **Discussion & Action:**

Chair Scott Foster requested changes to the agenda order:

- Move the Appointment of Vice Chair to follow the Service Agency Presentations (Item 9).
  - Schedule a recess preceding Item 10 (Engagement Strategies).  
Motion to approve agenda with changes Beth Bruzzone moved, Ginny Nichols 2nds, Passed unanimously.
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### **3. Consent Agenda**

#### **Discussion & Action:**

##### **A. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2025**

Public comment by Norma Jellison suggested clarifying that AT&T requested a landline phase-out,

rather than having already implemented it.

John Loughlin moved, Beth Bruzzone 2nds, Amended minutes approved unanimously.

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#### **4. Statement(s) of Conflict of Interest**

**Discussion:**

No conflicts of interest were reported by council members.

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#### **5. Councilmember Comments (Not on Agenda)**

**Discussion:**

No off-agenda comments were made by councilmembers at this time.

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#### **6. County Report – Supervisor Lynda Hopkins / Staff**

**Discussion:**

Presented by Che Casulon behalf of Supervisor Hopkins.

Updates included:

- **Coastal Commission Map Delay:** Concerns raised about local agricultural impact.
  - **Bodega Marine Lab:** Discussion about potential loss of funding.
  - **Crab & Salmon Fishing Restrictions:** Noted for their economic impact.
  - **Emergency Expo** planned for Fort Ross.
  - **Fiber Wi-Fi installation** in Timber Cove expected to affect local demographics and economy.
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#### **7. Public Comments**

**Discussion:**

- Norma Jellison Spoke to the proposed Sheephouse Creek logging plan (Nonindustrial Timber Harvest Plan). Sheephouse Creek, as I noted, is a tributary to the Russian River, the watershed is in the coastal zone and among other issues mentioned was the stream is part of Russian River Coho Broodstock Recovery Program.
- Scott Farmer expressed concern about trail maintenance at Salt Point State Park, the continued closure of Fisk Mill Cove, the lack of fuels work in the State Parks, and what the Timber Cove men's group is doing to help with community.

- Annie Couruba requested road access and safety improvements in Bodega Bay along Bay Hill rd.

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## 8. Bodega Bay Service Agency Presentations

### A. Bodega Bay Grange Hall – Jim Moore

- Welcomed everyone to the hall.
- Hosts food pantries, youth classes and senior activities.
- Current construction activities:
  - Received **\$9,600** for a generator.
  - Raised **\$115,000 of \$275,000** for a commercial kitchen.
- Serves as a **disaster response hub** for the community.

### B. Bodega Bay Community Center – Diana Bundy

- Hosts major community events such as the **Easter Egg Hunt, farmers market, and community garden.**
- Expressed concern about **rising maintenance and permit costs.**
- Emphasized the need for **volunteers and donations** to sustain programs.

### C. Bodega Bay Church – Pastor Patrick Parks (Che)

- Celebrated **88 years of service** in 2024.
- Provides **free weddings, funerals, and crisis support.**
- Coordinates **disaster response** and **safety trainings** in partnership with local law enforcement.
- Funds a **school in East Africa** and promotes **interfaith dialogue.**

### D. Waves of Compassion – Patty Ginochio & Dick Ogg

- Runs a **food pantry** serving ~450 people twice monthly.
- Also manages:
  - **Pre-K subsidies**
  - **Emergency grant program**
  - **“Feed it Forward”** restaurant-based meal initiative
  - **Diaper and ESL programs**

- **Children's swim program**
- Concern about **potential funding cuts** from Redwood Empire Food Bank.

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**A brief recess followed this item.**

## **9. Appointment of Vice Chair**

### **Discussion & Action:**

As adjusted in the agenda, the Council proceeded with the Vice Chair appointment following the service agency presentations.

John Loughlin was nominated and confirmed as Vice Chair of the Sonoma County Coast MAC. Beth Bruzzone motioned, Ginny Nichols 2nds, motion passed unanimously.

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## **10. Coast MAC Representative Engagement Strategies and Tools**

### **Discussion led by Chair Foster:**

- Encouraged **representatives to advocate directly** with County staff.
- Proposed creating a **one-page MAC overview** to clarify its role and purpose.
- Suggested **retreats** to enhance internal collaboration.
- Recommended **town halls** to improve public access.
- Stressed the importance of **volunteerism** and understanding **County systems**.

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## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned after completing all agenda items.