

DBNG Board Meeting October 16, 2024 5:00 pm on Zoom

Call to order: 5:02pm

Present: Board Members Melinda Bell, MaryKay Patton, David Brown, John Bird, Mike Goebel, Jackie Cato, Brian Maggi and Hilary Avalon. Board Member Nichole Vogler was traveling and not present.

I. Wastewater Committee Report

No updates since the last. Last year, NMWD had changed the water treatment from chloramines (a combination of low levels of chlorine and ammonia) to free chlorine, and added granular-activated carbon filtration, but unfortunately by-products from the free chlorine disinfectant were still forming. So, in an effort to eliminate by-products of the treatment process, NMWD switched back to chloramination. They flushed the systems earlier in October. It is not believed that the chlorine odor will reduce over time.

II. Short Term Rental Committee Report

No updates since the last. Marin County said they updated their website for STRs on October 7, but the updates are not evident on the site.

III. Membership Committee Report

With respect to the verbiage to clarify who can be a member and how many votes a member will have based on the number of parcels they own, Hilary will send a blurb via email and we can discuss updating the Bylaws.

With respect to new owners being invited to join DBNG, a process will be established in order to let people know about DBNG and encourage them to join, new and old owners alike. We need to collect the contact info of new owners. Perhaps creating flyers or door hangers is also a reasonable way to contact people. This is something that can be addressed by the Membership Committee at their next meeting.

Hilary will send out email invites for the three committees to get the ball rolling on the three committee meetings.

IV. Internet/Communication

- A. Website - is up to date
- B. MailChimp - will be in use after we approve the logo

V. Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2024 Board Meeting

Hilary moved to approve the minutes from the September 18 meeting and MaryKay 2nd. Approved.

VI. Approval of Logo

With Nichole traveling, we do not have a new logo to approve so this was postponed until Nichole returns.

VII. Marin County Planners Meeting on Environmental Hazards - November 12 on Zoom

The Alliance of Marin Coastal Villages has some complaints with respect to environmental hazards omitted from the updated Coastal Plan and has sent communication to the County outlining these issues. The County will be meeting with the Alliance on November 5 (Leslie Lacko and Kristin Drumm of the County set up this special meeting for the Alliance.) The California Coastal Commission is pressuring all the coastal villages to update with respect to environmental hazards and the CCC wants to require a Coastal Development Permit for any and all construction in the coastal zone, including repairs and maintenance to existing development. The Alliance objects, as the permit process and cost will be prohibitive to many coastal residents. DBNG believes these CCC requirements will collide with the County's plans for community sewerage for wastewater in Dillon Beach, among other things. There will be an open meeting on Zoom on November 12 on this topic. The invitation has not yet been sent, but will be circulated to DBNG Board members via email, once received.

VIII. North Marin Water District Election

There is an election coming up. Discussion. Ken Eichstaedt is highly qualified, has decades of experience, and has been very transparent and accessible to DBNG and other customers of NMWD. See his candidate statement online.

IX. Other Business/Comments

Future DBNG Board Meeting Zoom invites will be sent by Hilary directly from the Zoom account to facilitate the use of electronic calendaring.

Exit interviews for former Board members will be initiated. John sent some possible questions. Hilary will send some questions/verbiage to Board members for discussion/approval.

X. Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 5pm on Zoom.

Adjourn. Motion to adjourn David, 2nd Jackie. Approved. Adjourn 5:34pm