



Matt Beard

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Civic Club Room, Trinidad Town Hall

Present: Name & Affiliation

Roland Johnson	Westhaven Resident
Jonas Savage	Trinidad Rancheria
Don Allan	Westhaven Resident
Richard Swisher	Westhaven Community Services District
Becky Price-Hall	Watershed Coordinator, City of Trinidad

Review November 2016 meeting notes and set agenda: The meeting was held informally because there wasn't a quorum of voting members.

TBWC Business

- **Review proposed revisions to the TBWC Organizational Documents for approval by voting members:** Meeting participants discussed how to move forward with revisions to the organizational documents if there is no quorum. Becky agreed to facilitate an email vote to approve the revised Organizational Documents by the end of January.
- **TBWC New Member Recruitment:** Recruitment of new members was discussed. Several important partners in the watersheds are not represented, including the Marine Lab and Green Diamond. Becky will contact Brian Tissot and Jeremy Wright to request a representative. She will also contact Salty's to invite one of the owners to be a representative of the recreational interests. Longtime participants Steen Trump, Danny O'Shea and Sungnome Madrone will also be invited to become voting members. Becky will update the voting member application.
- **Newsletter:** Development of a newsletter was discussed, and it was suggested that Becky solicit a feature article, with additional news included as appropriate, including the acceptance of the Trinidad Head in an expansion of the California Coastal National Monument. Becky will also solicit speakers for the quarterly TBWC meetings. Ideas included: Brian Tissot about the sea star wasting disease; Leisyka about the CCNM expansion; Ocean Acidification; Mike Furniss or Aldaron Laird about Climate Change/Sea Level Rise; Joe Tyburczy may have suggestions.
- **Special Meeting for Ocean Friendly Gardening Guide:** Becky reported that the Citywide LID Planning and Construction project has funding for developing an Ocean Friendly Gardening Guide. This guide will provide information and resources for gardeners and landscapers about practices to minimize use of garden chemicals & fertilizers and reduce irrigation, in part through use of native plants. Becky explained that TBWC is included in many grant projects as appropriate to assist with watershed and Area of Special Biological Significance education and outreach, but also because these small amounts of funding can help support TBWC implementation of the Trinidad Westhaven Watershed Plan.

Brief Trinidad Bay Watershed & Partner Updates

City of Trinidad: Becky reported that the Citywide Low Impact Development Planning and Construction Project should go to construction this year, including a raingarden on Hector Street, and bioswales on East and West Streets. These were designed and went through CEQA as part of the previous storm water project. The City's Prop 1 SWGP application was recommended for funding, and Grant program staff came up for a site visit. The project includes elimination the City and Marine Lab storm water outfalls into the ASBS. Don requested the City provide an update about the Van Wycke trail project at the next meeting. Becky provided an update about the Clean Beaches Initiative OWTS Project, and asked for suggestions for increasing participation. Ideas included expanding the priority area to include Old Wagon Rd, 1st Ave – 8th Ave, sending postcards to Westhaven residents in the priority areas and having a public meeting.

Trinidad Rancheria: Jonas reported that the Rancheria Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program application was recommended for funding for eliminating the harbor parking lot discharge into the ASBS. This was proposed as a 3 year project, which has 60% designs completed. The grant will bring it to 100% design and go through CEQA before construction, scheduled for 2018. Rancheria staff had a site visit with Storm Water Grant staff and found out that the City and Rancheria were the only applicants for the ASBS funding, and have been practically trying to give it away. The Rancheria is working with Caltrans on the 101 interchange project, which is inching along.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust: Don reported that TCLT has an agreement with Green Diamond to work towards the acquisition of an easement to Strawberry Rock, trail and 28 acres of old second growth. The easement will cost ~ 1 million. Developing funding is somewhat hampered by the small size of the parcel and GD wants to keep the carbon credits. TCLT is gearing up for a major donor/fundraising campaign to establish an endowment. ED Ben Morehead will be going to HCAOG to lobby for the Little River Trail project. If there is a rural set-aside in the future, this project may have better luck with funding. Ben's work to promote the CCNM additions in Humboldt County, and especially the BLM Trinidad Head Lighthouse property met with success with the recent approval of the additions.

Westhaven Community Services District: Richard reported that a WCSD customer thinks dog poop is responsible for the fecal coliform pollution in the watersheds. He asked Richard to work with the City to dispose of the poop. He has 200 lbs of dog poop collected from his property in 5 gallon buckets.

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting will be held in April, however the date was not scheduled.

Future meeting topics: Van Wycke Trail; County leachfield setbacks; CBI Onsite Wastewater Treatment System project; Residential LID and rainwater collection; Sea Star Wasting; Ocean Acidification; CCNM expansion; Climate Change and Sea Level Rise; Trinidad Trail projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p. m. Notes prepared and submitted by Becky Price-Hall