

**MINUTES
HUMBOLDT BAY MANAGEMENT PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

December 10, 2008

PRESENT:

Eric Nelson, Lisa Shikany, Jon Mooney, Kirsten Ramey, David Fuller, Tim Klassen, Ken Bates, Julie Neander, Todd VanHerpe, David Nakamura, David Bigger, Susan Schlosser, Bob Gearheart, Stephen Pepper, Ted Romo, Pete Oringer, Rich Trygar, Mark Wheatley, Commissioner Mike Wilson and Commissioner Ronnie Pellegrini; Harbor District Staff: CEO David Hull, Director of Conservation Adam Wagschal and Director of Administrative Services Patti Tyson.

ABSENT:

Susan Penn

The meeting was called to order by Adam Wagschal at 6:05 p.m.

1. Introductions.

The group introduced themselves and their affiliation.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Harbor District Presentation.

a. Overview of Humboldt Bay.

Adam Wagschal made a powerpoint presentation which will be available online at the Harbor District's website at www.humboldtby.org.

b. Overview of the Harbor District's purpose, structure and current activities.

Included in the same powerpoint presentation. Q&A followed the presentation regarding spartina eradication, Harbor District Strategic Plan/Humboldt Bay Management Plan and licensing bar pilots.

Mr. Wagschal also spoke about a spatial decision support system with which he has worked previously, and suggested that a similar system could be developed to support the committee's work.

c. Description of the Advisory Committee's role and process for developing recommendations to the Harbor District Commissioners.

CEO Hull spoke to the committee about their role.

4. Distribution and description of the Humboldt Bay Management Plan (HBMP) and Strategic Plan (SP).

Each committee member was given a copy of the two documents and CEO Hull gave a brief description of each.

The next steps for the committee are: 1) become familiar with the HBMP and SP; 2) select alternates to attend meetings in the committee member's absence and 3) give staff ideas for the next committee meeting.

5. Opportunity for Advisory Committee Members to make announcements.

6. Group Discussion

The committee was asked to state what is their current “hot” topic.

David Hull – Annual review of the Strategic Plan at the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 12th.

Commissioner Pellegrini – crab season is now.

Rich Trygar – Current shoaling information.

Pete Oringer – Advisory Committee’s role in future Harbor District projects.

Stephen Pepper – Short sea shipping and how it fits in today’s transportation needs.

Bob Gearheart – Dioxin work group meeting to be held on December 18th.

Susan Schlosser – An Eco-Based Management System workshop will be held for four days in January and funding was received from the Packard Foundation; Humboldt Bay watershed salmon and steelhead issues.

David Bigger – It has been a smooth transition from Pacific Lumber Company to Humboldt Redwoods Company.

David Nakamura – Currently involved in the permitting and decision process for the floating dock for the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center.

Todd Van Herpe – It has been a dry fall and winter and is good for their juvenile oysters.

Julie Neander – Working on McDaniel Slough project and the small dock project at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Center.

Tim Klassen – Working on the MLPA initiative, siting of marine reserves and wave generation.

David Fuller – Eradication of European Beach Grass on the South Spit and expanding the Snowy Plover restoration area.

Kirsten Ramey – Eradication of non-native eelgrass in the bay and development of herring fishery management plan.

Jon Mooney – Clean up at the Tuluwat site and the arduous process of finding a place for the disposal of toxic waste. A site was found in Utah.

Lisa Shikany – Permitting the Tuluwat project and the time-consuming process to remove the waste; and the Coastal Development Permit for the ice facility.

Eric Nelson – The 15-year blueprint for the Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge will be available for public review in January and their large tidegate project was recently completed.

7. Adjourn: Next Meeting January 14, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Since the next meeting is the same week as the Humboldt Bay Ecosystem Program Strategic Planning Workshop, the committee was asked if there were any conflicts. One member said they would be unable to attend the next Advisory Committee meeting; but it was decided to keep the meeting date as January 14th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.