

Strategic Planning
February 10, 2007

Notes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00. Present were:

Committee Members

Roy Curless
Ted Kuiper

Bob Gearheart
Dennis Mayo
Mark Wheatley

Dennis Hunter
Rich Trygar

Commission Staff

David Hull

Patti Tyson

The meeting was facilitated by Ted Loring, Jr.

The committee reviewed the schedule for future meetings and changed the date for two. The next four, scheduled meetings will be on July 23, August 7, August 16, September 6 and September 20.

Loring reviewed the work plan for the remainder of the planning committee program.

The group discussed the report from David Hull on proposed management objectives. His report is reproduced below.

Loring gave the committee a homework assignment:

- Review the nineteen page consolidated report on suggestions made during the outreach session.
- Think about the biggest opportunities facing the District in the next five years.
- Think about the biggest threats facing the District in the next five years.
- Come prepared to talk about how the District, the community and the environment have changed in the last five years.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:00 PM.

Here are Hull's report on proposed management objectives.

Proposed Management Objectives

The following represents District Staff's vision of routine, ongoing activities that could be provided by the District to its constituents between 2007 and 2011. The following is not presented in priority order.

Management Objectives are divided into the following categories:

- Ø Woodley Island Marina
- Ø Harbor
- Ø Recreation
- Ø Conservation
- Ø Administration

Management Objective by Category

Woodley Island Marina

1. Improve storm water treatment
2. Rehabilitate oily-bilge water collection system
3. Rehab work dock (broken piling/cross bracing/etc)
4. Improve slips (replace metal work/utilities/ etc as needed)
5. J-Dock and debris deflector
6. Move sewage pump-out to more visible space
7. Complete work dock with 3-5 ton hoist
8. Build mixed-use commercial space on west end of the island
9. Complete interpretive trail on south side of the island
10. Strengthen breakwater
11. Replace H-Dock piling
12. Expand Harbor District maintenance building
13. Improve existing canoe/kayak launch

Harbor

1. Complete Redwood Marine Terminal Feasibility Study in September 2007 and then implement recommendations
2. Work with City of Eureka to activate Foreign Trade Zone
3. Continue to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to keep navigation channels dredged
4. Complete dredge material management study
5. Work with US Army Corps of Engineers and CA Transportation Commission to complete Long Term Sediment Management Study
6. Continue to pursue container barge service
7. Continue to develop north coast port alliance with ports of Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton and Redwood City
8. Improve Fields Landing Marine Terminal (then lease terminal)
9. Improve storm water treatment at District port facilities
10. Develop and implement a port marketing program

11. Develop and implement marketing program for Fields Landing Boat Yard
12. Assist NCRA to restore rail service to Humboldt Bay
13. Initiate or participate in navigation improvements
14. Continue to work with local/state federal agencies to develop funding for transportation enhancement projects
15. Assist CalTrans with road improvements to Humboldt Bay
16. Restore Samoa upland dredge disposal site to a usable condition
17. Continue support for commercial fishing facilities improvement
18. Work with industry on shore side aquaculture facility
19. Continue to pursue cruise ship markets (support legislation, marketing, facility improvements etc.)

Recreation

1. Participate in trail/water-trail planning and implement recommendations
2. Work with Humboldt County on Fields Landing launch ramp upgrade project
3. Improve boating access and opportunities at FW lagoon
4. Improve breakwater at Shelter Cove
5. Continue to work with various museums/historical organizations on promotion of local history
6. Work with agencies and public on development of offshore reef project
7. Work with agencies to develop a small vessel fueling site on Humboldt Bay
8. Continue to promote and implement uniform trail signage around Humboldt Bay

Conservation

1. Standardize various biological monitoring practices (eelgrass, wetland assessment, etc)
2. Oversee, initiate or participate in wetland restoration/enhancement projects Humboldt Bay and the Lower Eel River as recommended in the Final Humboldt Bay and Eel River Integrated Wetlands project (Complete September 2007)
3. Assist in expansion of acoustic fish tag program
4. Maintain and update mapping and natural resource databases
5. Continue interagency coordination
6. Develop mitigation planning
7. Continue to work with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board on priority pollutant assessment and TMDL implementation in the Humboldt Bay region

8. Develop and implement piling mitigation program
9. Continue removing exotics from wildlife areas
10. Continue to assist State Lands Commission in their ballast water exchange program
11. Combine and expand District Wildlife Area ordinances
12. Develop Marine Protected Area planning alternatives
13. Develop master mariculture BMP program based on WRAC and other studies
14. Expand training and readiness of Oil Spill Co-op

Administration

1. Establish Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee
2. Develop shoreline protection guidelines
3. Work with other agencies to streamline project permitting, as appropriate
4. Revise District permit forms and procedures
5. Implement 2007 Staff Reorganization
6. Revise Ordinance 9 (Woodley Island)
7. Assist, where possible, the community of King Salmon to develop a community-wide channel maintenance program
8. Continue and expand Port marketing
9. Strengthen port-wide terminal security
10. Continue public awareness events such as Humboldt Bay Maritime Expo, Humboldt Bay Symposium and Adopt-the Bay program
11. Work with NOAA to make Humboldt Bay a part of the "Tsunami Ready" Program