



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary of 2011 WMAC Activity

March 19, 2012

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Supervisor Kendall Smith
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Dear Board of Supervisors:

The WMAC would like to briefly summarize our activities and accomplishments over the past calendar year for you and other members of the Board of Supervisors. This summary is drawn from the complete record of our activities posted on our web site (<http://www.westportmac.org/>).

1. Monthly Meetings—The WMAC convened the first Tuesday of each month, excepting January and November when no agenda items were identified to warrant meetings.
2. Highway 1 Safety—MCOG responded to concerns about traffic safety raised by WMAC in 2010. A meeting was held May 5, 2011 among MCOG, Caltrans, and WMAC to determine possible corrective measures. Caltrans reported to MCOG in September on this matter.
3. Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant—WMAC contributed in-kind match of \$13k during 2010 and 2011 to assist MCOG and the Coastal Land Trust with the preparation of a plan for 21 miles of coastal multi-use trail surrounding Westport. The plan was accepted by MCOG in September. It will facilitate efforts to fund future projects.
4. Redistricting—WMAC commented on redistricting and supported the plan that was adopted.
5. Timber Harvests—WMAC commented to Calfire on two local plans (THP 1-10139MEN and 1-11-101MEN) that drew public concerns about herbicide use, erosion, traffic, and other issues. Mendocino Redwood Company made a presentation and later revised their plan. Calfire put the WMAC on their regular notification list to facilitate future reviews.
6. Broadband—WMAC worked with Willits On Line on an unsuccessful application for a USDA Community Connect grant. Our community remains concerned about the lack of broadband options for rural areas and hopes to pursue other grant sources in the future.
7. Planning Permits—WMAC commented on two local Coastal Development Permits, asking the County to require dedication of a coastal trail easement for CDB 25-2011.
8. Caltrans Signs—WMAC requested that Caltrans change signs to indicate no services are available at Rockport. Caltrans responded that it will alter signs by May 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thad M. Van Bueren".

Thad M. Van Bueren, Chairman