



## CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

*BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE (BTE)  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES*

**January 15, 2025, Wednesday 2:00 p.m.**

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### CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

*\*Signifies virtual attendance*

Present: President Ken White,

### Other Attendees:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager  
Patrick Treanor, District Engineer  
Greg D'Ambrosio, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve  
Doug Schmitz, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve  
Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve  
Sam Farr, Retired Representative U.S. Congress

### Absent:

Katherine Wallace, Associate Planner, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea  
Megan Dobyms, River School Parent Teacher Organization  
Paul Bartow, Citizen Representative

### Other In Person Attendees:

Bob Siegfried, Board Member - Carmel Valley Association Representative  
Anne Kelly-Mission Fields Neighborhood

### CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

*(During the opening of the meeting there were both audio and visual issues from 9:00 a.m. to 9:04 a.m., which were resolved and the meeting continued.)*

*White\_\_\_\_\_*

*Director White requested that the group wanted to organize the objectives and would like to discuss the Park District. Director White made a motion to accomplish those objectives and asked for a second. Laura Bowling seconded the motion. All members stated Ayes.*

- 1. Appearances/Public Comments:** *Anyone wishing to address the Committee on a matter not appearing on the agenda may do so now. Public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes per person per topic. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.*

*Anne Kelly lives on Lausen, across from the Mission, and is concerned about the danger in the area regarding this project. She is concerned about parking in the area and it will create a safety issue.*

*Doug Schmitz asked if District Supervisor, Kate Daniels, should be contacted to get the County to initiate something for all interested parties. Mr. Farr suggested that a traffic Engineer should be involved to figure this out.*

- 2. Agenda Changes:** Any requests to move an item on the agenda will be considered at this time.

*None*

### **General Discussion Items:**

- 3. Report On Meeting With Chip Rerig & Representatives:**

*General Manager, Barbara Buikema, report out the response from the BTE walking tour and presentation to Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council that occurred on December 3, 2024*

- 4. Scheduling Continuation of Rio Park Property Negotiations & Partnerships**

*General Manager, Barbara Buikema to report out*

- *Tentative Date for the next negotiation meeting in the first week of January.*

### **Schedule of organizations to meet with:**

- **Carmel Valley Association Designated Appointee:** *(Barbara Buikema, Patrick Treanor, Greg D'Ambrosio, Laura Bowling)*

- ❖ *Confirmed presentation date will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Mid Valley Fire Station, Carmel, CA*

*The equipment at the Mid Valley Fire Station was tested and the meeting is moving forward. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the Association about the project and is seeking support for the project.*

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- **Carmel Mission-** Designated Appointee: *(Patrick Treanor, Doug Schmitz, Laura Bowling, Paul Bartow)*

- ❖ Discussion about Mission and future deliverables

- **Carmel Rotary-** Designated Appointee: *(Greg D'Ambrosio)*

- ❖ Presentation date confirmed for January 22, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. at the Carmel Foundation located at the Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln.

*Greg D'Ambrosio stated the meeting is moving forward to discuss the BTE project. Laura Bowling will go in advance to check the equipment.*

*Bob Siegfried (CVA representative) asked if the County Service area was ever agendized. Mr. Siegfried requested that it be agendized and that County Service Area receive a presentation.*

*Greg D'Ambrosio wanted to ask which organizations should be reached out too regarding the BTE project.*

*Barbara Buikema, General Manager, stated that CSA 50 could be scheduled for the Mission Fields area. CSA 1 would be another group that be contacted.*

*Gary Tate suggested that Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club should be reached out to regarding this project. They meet at Laureles Lodge. Mr. D'Ambrosio requested a contact name.*

## **5. Site Clean Up Progress Report:**

- Discussion regarding site cleanup progress

*Greg D'Ambrosio stated the materials and the wood chips are pretty much gone other than what is left for the Rio Park, and they use them all in Mission Trails.*

*Laura Bowling asked for a status update on the Rio Park Lease. A meeting will occur next week with the City. Mr. Farr asked if after the meeting a timeline will be established. Greg D'Ambrosio stated that he could not promise anything. Mr. Farr will contact the Mayor.*

*Doug Schmitz made a motion that the committee authorize a letter to be sent by the President of the Sanitary District to the Mayor and City Council, asking that the lease agreement be placed on the February Council agenda. Second by Sam Far. All in favor Say, Aye. All committee members responded with Aye.*

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*Bob Siegfried asked to compile support to present to City Council. Laura Bowling stated that over two dozen groups are in support of the project. The Committee was in agreement over obtaining this support to bring to the Council meeting in February.*

## **6. BTE Outreach:**

- Paul Bartow to provide an update:
  - Complete general informational flyer (attached)

*Laura Bowling and Paul Bartow designed a one page double sided information flyer letter and it was presented during the meeting.*

*Anne Kelly suggested that you might try and consolidate a single document with signatures of support to present.*

## **7. Projected Preliminary and Future Expenditures :**

- *Discuss upcoming potential expenditures*
  - **Log debris & Wood Spoils**
  - **Marketing**
  - **Pine Cone Publications**
  - **Radio Announcements**
  - **Public Outreach And General Informational Flyer**
  - **Topes Tree Service**
  - **Logo Copyright**
  - **Title/Easements**
  - **Dusky-footed Woodrat Nesting Site**

*Patrick Treanor requested some effort be spent contacting the Conservancy about the grant application. Sam Farr requested the grant application number so he can place a call to the agency.*

*Doug Schmitz requested that Patrick Treanor contact the City attorney for an opinion on the easement.*

## **8. Communication Received - Mission Fields**

*Greg D'Ambrosio will reach out to Mission Fields regarding the communication received.*

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**9. Earth & Arbor Day, April 26, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Devendorf Park  
6th Mission Street Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93923**

*President White requested that two people work on the agenda and to be more specific and bring more formalization to the agenda.*

*Sam Farr requested that Gary Tate be a liaison with Patrick Treanor on the connectivity of the trail alignments.*

*Doug Schmitz stated to agendize for formal action the officers, and that Gary Tate will be working with Patrick Treanor, and a go to team to work between the BTE meetings. The "Go to Team" can go out and make the connections and work on the project in between the monthly BTE meetings.*

*President White asked if the group wants to accelerate connections with the Regional Parks Department.*

*Monta Potter, Ward 5 of Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District – Gary Tate is to follow up meeting with her.*

*President White requested that Sam Farr request that when he contacts the City that he request the Mayor appoint a representative in addition to getting the Rio Park lease on the City agenda.*

*President White also requested that Gary Tate join our group and he agreed.*

**The Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.**

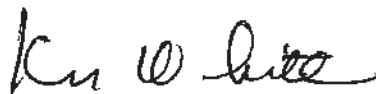
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** *The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting is typically scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting will occur on February 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2025, in person and via teleconference webinar. The teleconference webinar is hosted through Zoom and you may receive access by visiting our website homepage, [www.cawd.org](http://www.cawd.org), calling the District office at 831-624-1248 or via email at [downstream@cawd.org](mailto:downstream@cawd.org).*

**As Reported To:**



**Barbara Buikema, General Manager**

**APPROVED:**



**Ken White, President of the Board**

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