



# CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

*BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE(BTE)  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING*

**Teleconference & In Person**

**At 3945 Rio Road  
Carmel, CA 93923**

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## NOTICE & AGENDA

**2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

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*Board Members will be attending this committee meeting In-Person (or otherwise virtually via applicable teleconferencing provisions set forth in the Brown Act). The public may attend this meeting under either option of a hybrid format: In-person, as noted above, or virtually. Please note that the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The District will try and resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible.*

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*If you would like to comment on any item on our Agenda or an item not on the Agenda, please submit those in writing to our office at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel CA 93922 or via email at [downstream@cawd.org](mailto:downstream@cawd.org), at least 24 hours before the meeting. You may also submit comments via the "Chat" function available during the teleconference webinar online. All participants have access during the meeting to be recognized and utilize the platform to speak. Please use the virtual "raised hand" to be acknowledged or if in person comment during public comment section and wait to be recognized by the Chair.*

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### CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

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

### 3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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#### **Presentation & Discussion:**

- Alberto Ramirez, Principal, Carmel River Elementary School
- BTE Presentation

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#### **Discussion Of Benefits To The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea & The Public:**

- This project will engage and bring together participants locally, regionally, and globally to the natural beauty of the Carmel Area by experiencing the extended walking and hiking trails, stimulating economic opportunity across our tourism and local economy ecosystem. Parts of the trail will be accessible to people with disabilities
- Creates a major trail connection for residents and visitors walking or biking from Carmel south and north over the Carmel River
- Will improve the well-being and health of our residents, including by drawing in other local communities from across Monterey County and adjacent counties to participate in healthy outdoor activities and to learn about/appreciate the beauty of our natural resources.
- Elevates Carmel-by-the Sea's marketing and publicity opportunities, which will drive tourism, particularly as a marketing resource for the Carmel Hotel Owners Associations and other local businesses.
- Will motivate more people to access BTE's connection spaces without needing to create new parking areas.
- Opening Rio Park creates a new 6.5-acre passive-use park for safe walking and biking with a modest city investment. This is the first new park in 34 years.
- Rio Park area will maintain a modest, restricted Public Works/Forestry materials storage compound.
- Addition of Rio Park to the City's public open spaces with active/passive recreational opportunities.
- Rio Park's design will be a dual-purpose infrastructure concept for the retention and processing of stormwater.
- Rio Park's design will provide some seasonal flooding relief.
- A new crosswalk at Mission Trail Nature Preserve Rio Road will create a dual-purpose safe pathway for children and other walkers to circumvent busy Rio Road in order to access the youth baseball field and the Carmel Mission Basilica.
- Future opportunities to expand and improve "Flows to the Bay".

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**General Discussion Items:**

**4. Future Protocols:**

- This committee has recurring meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- Items that are to be placed on the agenda for next month must be received eight days prior to each meeting.
- All communication response turnaround time is within 24 hours or less (e.g. phone calls, emails, invitation request, information request).
- Next assigned target goals will require your focus in order to meet targeted deadlines.

**5. Initial Report On Rio Park- Protected Species Survey Results: 38**

- See initial field study of the Dusky footed woodrat nesting sites-recommendation is for a second field study in late fall.
- Storage Site or Alternate Option

**6. Topics of discussion: 39**

- Where are we on the easement? Do we have a definitive answer or do we need to solicit a professional to make a final determination.
- Rio Park Zone Designation- Currently this is under county jurisdiction until annexation by the City is completed. Requesting the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea start the annexation process to take control.
  - Discuss zoning designation

**7. Requesting Status Update on the Logo Trademark:**

- What is the time line to securing the trademark?
- Are there any additional requirements?

**8. Designated Negotiating Team: (Doug, Greg, Barbara, and Patrick)**

- Requesting general discussion on negotiation issues.

**9. Schedule BTE Presentation to the City Council.**

- Suggested date and time

**10. Budget Expenditures Guidelines:**

- What are the staff's established expenditure limitation for the BTE?
- When do we need to submit approvals to the District board?

**11. Future identifiable Project Expenditures:**

- Pending protected species field survey report and map
- Trimming & general cleanup
- Cost of hauling log debris and spoils
- Clear debris and make site safe
- Identify costs as necessary

**12. BTE Outreach:**

- Who will manage the outreach and scheduling for our target audiences(s)

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- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** *The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting will occur on June 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2024, 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@kawd.org](mailto:downstream@kawd.org).*

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