



**CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT**  
**BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
*January 31, 2024, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.*

**Via teleconference and in-person**

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**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL:**

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

**Present:** President Ken White  
Director Mike Rachel

*\*Signifies Virtual Attendance*

**Other Attendees:**

Barbara Buikema, General Manager  
Patrick Treanor, District Engineer  
Greg D'Ambrosio-Friends of Mission Trail & Designated Representative  
Sam Farr, Retired Representative  
Dave Potter, Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea  
Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail  
Doug Schmitz, Friends of Mission Trail & Designated Representative  
Paul Bartow- Citizen Representative

**Absent:**

**Appearances/Public Comments: None**

**Agenda Changes: None**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

The Committee agreed to appoint Ken White as President of the Bridge To Everywhere standing committee.

First up the committee was reminded that the CAWD Board of Directors approved \$100K for this project at their last regular meeting in December 2023. All expenses must be approved by the committee prior to CAWD processing payment.

**A. Setting standing meeting date**

The committee agreed to set a standing meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Next meeting will be March 20, 2024.

**B. Authorize letter to be sent to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea asking that its 2024-25 Budget include an appropriation for the cleanup of the Rio Park property**

The committee felt the timing was wrong on this one. The lease option must be negotiated first, and then a letter to the City asking for an allocation in 2024-25 budget. Consensus was to delay this item for until the lease negotiations are completed.

**C. Discussion of preliminary landscape design**

Greg D'Ambrosio brought up that the City has a design for Rio Park roughly 30 years ago that included a recreational component. His recommendation was that the committee use this plan as the baseline for development, minus the recreational component to save time and because it has considerable potential. The committee agreed and Greg D'Ambrosio volunteered to follow up.

**D. Update on Coastal Conservancy grant**

The application was returned to the Coastal Conservancy with changes. The original proposal was cut back and all contingencies were eliminated. Sam Farr offered to follow up on the progress of application with the Coastal Conservancy.

**E. Update on Mission Ranch easement**

The document for easement was delivered to Mission Ranch and is currently with their attorney in Los Angeles for review. Doug Schmitz is following up on this.

**F. Additional Items**

Preparation of Rio Park cleanup and lease letter for City Council prepared by Doug Schmitz

Sam Farr asked Mark Randazzo for an estimate on site cleanup and will return with information. Greg D'Ambrosio commented that they could save half the chips for Rio Park.

Barbara Buikema notified the committee that Carmel was holding its 2024 Carmel Earth & Arbor Day on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Devendorf Park between 10 am – 2 pm. Barbara Buikema, Patrick Treanor, and Paul Bartow volunteered to work at the booth. Greg D'Ambrosio and Laura Bowling indicated they would be close by in the Mission Trails booth.

The committee agreed that a copy of all meeting minutes should be forwarded to Trish Chapman, Central Coast Program Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.*

2. **ADJOURNMENT:** *The next Bridge to Everywhere committee meeting will occur on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 2 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024, in person or with a teleconference webinar link. 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:**

  
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**Barbara Buikema, General Manager**

**APPROVED:**

  
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**Ken White, President of the Board**