

**Tomales Bay Watershed Council – Agenda**  
**Annual Meeting – Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 3:30-5:00pm**  
**Inverness Yacht Club**

**3:30pm – Open the Tomales Bay Watershed Council Annual Meeting:**

Welcome, Statement of common interests and Council ground rules.	3:30
Introductions & Council Member Roll Call	
Operating Procedures	3:35
Election of Council Chair and Executive Committee	3:44
Election of the TBWC Foundation Board	3:50
<u>Committee Reports:</u>	
• Water Quality	3:55
• Science	4:00
• Chicken Ranch Beach	4:05
• Education and Outreach	4:15
• Governance	4:25
New Initiatives	4:30
• Marin Community Foundation Endowment Funding (see attached)	
○ Discussion of opportunities and direction	
Requests	4:40
• Council Representation on Gulf of Farallones Advisory Working Group (see attached)	
Future Council Meeting Dates ( <i>Proposed</i> )	4:50
• Friday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	
• Friday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Adjourn	5:00

## **SLATE FOR ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL CHAIR**

Per the 4/11/08 Operating Procedures, the following slate is proposed:

### **Council Chair:**

Rob Carson (Marin County MCSTOPPP rep to the Council; current acting Council chair)

### **Executive Committee (4 members plus the Council Chair):**

Ben Becker, NPS rep to the Council, Council Science Committee Chair

Erik Young, former Foundation Board member and former Science Committee Chair

Dominique Richard, former GFMNS Advisory Committee Chair; Council Water Committee member

Gordon Bennett, former Foundation Board member and Council Governance Committee Chair

### **Committee Chairs:**

Science Committee: Ben Becker, NPS rep to the Council

Chicken Ranch Committee: Tom Gaman, current Committee Chair

Water Committee: Rob Carson, current Committee chair

Outreach Committee: Victoria Hanson, current Committee Co-Chair

Governance Committee: Gordon Bennett, current Committee Chair

*If there is no consensus to elect the slate of Council and Committee chairs proposed, then per Section 3.10 of the 4/11/08 Operating Procedures, the Council will move to majority vote*

## **SLATE FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE TOMALES BAY WATERSHED FOUNDATION BOARD:**

Tom Gaman:	continuing Foundation Board member
Terry Sawyer:	continuing Foundation Board member
Ed Nute:	continuing Foundation Board member
Victoria Hansen:	continuing Foundation Board member
Richard Plant:	continuing Foundation Board member
Dallas Smith	Blue Waters Kayaks, new Board member



July 30, 2018

Mr. W. Edward Nute  
Board Director/Secretary  
Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation  
P.O. Box 447  
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Dear Mr. Nute:

It's my pleasure to inform you that your organization is receiving a grant in the amount of \$4,500 to allow the TBWC to support university-level studies of Tomales Bay and/or its watershed. This could include the development of a program of such studies or stipend to graduate students as the Board of Directors of the TBWCF determine appropriate.

This grant is from the TBWCF Fund of the Marin Community Foundation (MCF). Any public listing of this contribution should read: Anonymous Fund of MCF.

Notes of appreciation may be sent to the TBWCF Fund, c/o MCF, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949. Please do not provide a tax receipt for this grant as one was issued by MCF when the gift was received into the fund.

Should you have any questions about this grant, please contact Alexandra Derby Salkin, MCF Vice President for Philanthropic Partnerships, at [aderby@marincf.org](mailto:aderby@marincf.org).

On behalf of all of us at MCF, thank you for everything that you do to improve the world in which we live.

Sincerely,

Thomas Peters, Ph.D.  
President & Chief Executive Officer

Please note that, in order for this grant to be in compliance with IRS regulations regarding charitable contributions, no more than incidental benefits may be given to the donors or their family members. Examples of ineligible benefits include tickets to events, dinners and raffles. Additionally, this grant cannot be used to satisfy an irrevocable pledge or to pay a tuition.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE**

**Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary**

991 Marine Dr., The Presidio  
San Francisco, CA 94129

Mr. Tom Gaman  
Tomales Bay Watershed Council

November 7, 2018

Dear Mr. Gaman,

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council) would like to invite you, or a designee from your organization, to participate as a member of the Native Oyster Restoration Working Group. The Native Oyster Restoration Working Group will evaluate key information available for Olympia Oysters in Tomales Bay to optimize the selection of oyster enhancement sites and create recommendations for increasing the native Olympia Oyster population in Tomales Bay and exploring co-benefits such as living shorelines for coastal protection.

To accomplish these objectives, the Council is convening the Native Oyster Restoration Working Group to assemble the current knowledge of Tomales Bay physical and biotic factors, Olympia Oyster habitat requirements, and the use of oysters as living shorelines, as well as to identify knowledge gaps and data needs. The working group will ultimately develop recommendations on ideal restoration sites to increase the native oyster population which may act as living shoreline strategies in Tomales Bay. These recommendations will be presented to the Council in May 2019 for discussion and approval before being forwarded to the Sanctuary for consideration and inclusion in a final Native Oyster Restoration Plan. The Native Oyster Restoration Working Group will be co-chaired by Bibit Traut, the Education Alternate Member of the Council and biology professor at City College of San Francisco, and Alex Westhoff, a planner with the County of Marin, and staffed by Sara Hutto of the Greater Farallones Association and Julia Royster of the NOAA Restoration Center. Membership will include regional scientists representing government agencies and universities, commercial users, and non-governmental representatives.

The working group will meet in person in January and March of 2019 (possible dates included below), with an additional half-day webinar planned for the last week of April.

*Meeting 1: January 25, 28, Feb 1*

*Meeting 2: March 15, 18, 22*

Please confirm your participation on the working group and your availability for the two meetings by November 21 to Sara Hutto at [sara.hutto@noaa.gov](mailto:sara.hutto@noaa.gov). She will contact you with additional details about the first meeting in January. Thank you in advance for considering this request, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Maria Brown, Superintendent