

**Tomales Bay Watershed Council
Meeting Summary
Nov. 17, 2009**

Attendees: Jerry Abbott, Mark Bartolini, Tom Baty, Bob Bell, Melinda Bell, Tressa Bronner, Rob Carson, Catherine Caufield, Luc Chamberland, George Clyde, Stan Gillmar, Jeff Harriman, Dale Hopkins, Margaret Johnston, John Kelly, Brannon Ketcham, Neysa King, David Lewis, Laurie Manarik, Michael Mery, Julie Monson, Mairi Pileggi, Carlos Porrata, Dominique Richard, Dennis Rodoni, Terry Sawyer, Nancy Scolari, Don Smith, Fred Smith, representatives from KWMR and the West Marin Citizen, and Pat Kuleto, Michele O'Hara, and Will Dunbar representing Nick's Cove and Cottages

Jerry Abbot opened the meeting at 3:30 pm.

I. Announcements

- A. Marin Resource Conservation District has received a \$200,000 grant to study mercury in Walker Creek.
- B. TBWC welcomed Margaret Johnston, new Assistant Watershed Coordinator formerly with the San Francisco Bay Estuary Institute.
- C. Rob Carson has been upgrading the Tomales Bay Watershed Council website. He has added a page for Water Quality with extensive information and links. He has also added the ability to join the email mailing list.
- D. Dave Lewis reminded members of the December 1 water quality workshop on grazing lands.

II. Presentation by Nick's Cove and Cottages

Michele O'Hara presented their proposal to Marin County Community Development Agency for limited live music, upgraded waste management treatment, catering on the public deck and pier, use of the boat shack for gatherings and meetings, boat charters and rides for their customers. They have purchased a 42' boat, a 22' transfer boat and a 38' trawler. They propose to provide 18' to 22' boats for customers who are experienced boaters and facilitate kayak rentals through a local kayak business. They have agreed to build a pump-out station at their location. Michele, Pat Kuleto and Will Dunbar answered questions from the TBWC members present.

III. Tomales Bay Watershed Council Water Quality Monitoring Program Update

Rob Carson gave an update of the water quality Monitoring program, detailing the results of the long term water quality trend, source area and Giacomini restoration project monitoring. Full results of the two years of monitoring for 2007/08 and 2008/09 water years will be on the TBWC website, in the December email newsletter, and in the second Annual Water Quality Report by the end of the year.

IV. Committee Reports

- **Chicken Ranch Beach**
TBWC has secured the \$76,300 California Coastal Conservancy and the \$25,000 Marin County grants for the Chicken Ranch Beach project.
- **Outreach**
The committee will be working on the State of the Bay conference, the website and the new email newsletter with the assistance of Margaret Johnston the new Assistant Watershed Coordinator.
- **Agriculture**
85% of those eligible have submitted the grazing waiver notice of intent. There is a high level of interest among the ranchers; they all have their maps.
- **Executive Committee**
The December TBWC meeting will feature a report on the Vessel Management Plan and Dale Hopkins with a Regional Water Quality Control Board update.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.