



Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

July 17, 2025 05:30 PM

Del Mar Recreation Center

40600 Leeward Rd, Sea Ranch, CA 95497

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/sccmac>

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Chair - Timber Cove Representative: Scott Foster • Vice Chair - Bodega / Valley Ford Representative: Beth Bruzzone • Fort Ross / West Cazadero Representative: Caroline Madden • Jenner Representative: Jill Lippitt • The Sea Ranch / Annapolis Representative: Scott Nevin • The Sea Ranch / Annapolis Representative: George Calys • Bodega Bay Representative: Ginny Nichols • Bodega Bay Representative: John Loughlin

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1. Call to Order

- A. Announcement from Spanish Interpreter
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

☒ Discussion ☒ Possible Action

3. Consent Agenda

☒ Discussion ☒ Possible Action

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Sonoma Coast MAC will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Representatives, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

- A. Minutes: May 15, 2025

4. Statement(s) of conflict of interest: if any, from Council members

☒ Discussion

5. Councilmember comment on matters not listed on the agenda

☒ Discussion

Comments are restricted to matters within the Council's jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to one minute. Due to Brown Act regulations, this is not a time for discussion of any item, however a brief dialogue about considering an item for a future agenda is permitted.

6. County Report from Supervisor Lynda Hopkins / Staff

☒ Discussion

7. Public Comments

☒ Discussion

Comments from the public regarding matters of general interest not on the agenda, but related to the Sonoma Coast MAC business. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Sonoma Coast MAC cannot consider issues or take action on any requests during this comment period. Due to time constraints, comments will be limited at the discretion of the Chair.

8. Letter to Sonoma County Adult and Aging Division

☒ Discussion ☒ Possible Action

Discuss a letter and possible action around the Division's no longer funding Coastal Seniors' Meals on Wheels Program

9. Presentation from Sonoma County Tourism

☒ Discussion

Presentation of Sonoma County Tourism actions and role in the Coastal Zone, current initiatives and possible areas of collaboration.

10. Sonoma County General Plan Update

☒ Discussion

A presentation by Permit Sonoma on the General Plan Update

11. Adjournment

Sonoma County Coast Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – May 15, 2025 | 5:30 PM

Location: Bodega Bay Grange Hall, 1370 Bodega Ave, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Zoom Link: [Sonoma County Zoom Meeting](#)

1. Call to Order

A. Announcement from Spanish Interpreter

A Spanish-language interpreter welcomed attendees and announced services available for the meeting.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by **John Loughlin**.

C. Roll Call

Present:

- Scott Foster (Chair – Timber Cove)
 - Beth Bruzzone (Vice Chair – Bodega/Valley Ford)
 - Caroline Madden (Fort Ross/West Cazadero)
 - George Calys (The Sea Ranch/Annapolis)
 - Ginny Nichols (Bodega Bay)
 - John Loughlin (Bodega Bay)
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2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion & Action:

Chair Scott Foster requested changes to the agenda order:

- Move the Appointment of Vice Chair to follow the Service Agency Presentations (Item 9).
 - Schedule a recess preceding Item 10 (Engagement Strategies).
Motion to approve agenda with changes Beth Bruzzone moved, Ginny Nichols 2nds, Passed unanimously.
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3. Consent Agenda

Discussion & Action:

A. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2025

Public comment by Norma Jellison suggested clarifying that AT&T requested a landline phase-out,

rather than having already implemented it.

John Loughlin moved, Beth Bruzzone 2nds, Amended minutes approved unanimously.

4. Statement(s) of Conflict of Interest

Discussion:

No conflicts of interest were reported by council members.

5. Councilmember Comments (Not on Agenda)

Discussion:

No off-agenda comments were made by councilmembers at this time.

6. County Report – Supervisor Lynda Hopkins / Staff

Discussion:

Presented by Che Casulon behalf of Supervisor Hopkins.

Updates included:

- **Coastal Commission Map Delay:** Concerns raised about local agricultural impact.
 - **Bodega Marine Lab:** Discussion about potential loss of funding.
 - **Crab & Salmon Fishing Restrictions:** Noted for their economic impact.
 - **Emergency Expo** planned for Fort Ross.
 - **Fiber Wi-Fi installation** in Timber Cove expected to affect local demographics and economy.
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7. Public Comments

Discussion:

- Scott Farmer expressed concern about trail maintenance at Salt Point State Park, the continued closer of Fisk Mill Cove, the lack of fuels work in the State Parks, and what the Timber Cove men's group is doing to help with community.
 - Annie Couruba requested road access and safety improvements in Bodega Bay along Bay Hill rd.
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8. Bodega Bay Service Agency Presentations

A. Bodega Bay Grange Hall – Jim Moore

- Welcomed everyone to the hall.
- Hosts food pantries, youth classes, Senior activities, and provides a shelter during disasters.

B. Bodega Bay Community Center – Diana Bundy

- Hosts major community events such as the **Easter Egg Hunt, farmers market, and community garden.**
- Expressed concern about **rising maintenance and permit costs.**
- Emphasized the need for **volunteers and donations** to sustain programs.

C. Bodega Bay Church – Pastor Patrick Parks (Che)

- Celebrated **88 years of service** in 2024.
- Provides **free weddings, funerals, and crisis support.**
- Coordinates **disaster response** and **safety trainings** in partnership with local law enforcement.
- Funds a **school in East Africa** and promotes **interfaith dialogue.**

D. Waves of Compassion – Patty Ginochio & Dick Ogg

- Runs a **food pantry** serving ~450 people twice monthly.
- Also manages:
 - **Pre-K subsidies**
 - **Emergency grant program**
 - **“Feed it Forward”** restaurant-based meal initiative
 - **Diaper and ESL programs**
 - **Children’s swim program**
- Concern about **potential funding cuts** from Redwood Empire Food Bank.
- **Fisherman's Marketing Association Building:**
 - Received **\$9,600** for a generator.
 - Raised **\$115,000 of \$275,000** for a commercial kitchen.
 - Serves as a **disaster response hub** for the community.

A brief recess followed this item.

9. Appointment of Vice Chair

Discussion & Action:

As adjusted in the agenda, the Council proceeded with the Vice Chair appointment following the service agency presentations.

John Loughlin was nominated and confirmed as Vice Chair of the Sonoma County Coast MAC. Beth Bruzzone motioned, Ginny Nichols 2nds, motion passed unanimously.

10. Coast MAC Representative Engagement Strategies and Tools

Discussion led by Chair Foster:

- Encouraged **representatives to advocate directly** with County staff.
- Proposed creating a **one-page MAC overview** to clarify its role and purpose.
- Suggested **retreats** to enhance internal collaboration.
- Recommended **town halls** to improve public access.
- Stressed the importance of **volunteerism** and understanding **County systems**.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after completing all agenda items.

Date: July 17, 2025

From: Coast Municipal Advisory Council

To: Paul Dunaway, Aging Services Director, Sonoma County Human Services
Department of Adult and Aging

Subj: SCHSD WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING FOR THE NORTH SONOMA COAST MEALS ON
WHEELS PROGRAM

Cc: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins

By this letter, the Coast MAC urgently requests the Sonoma County Human Services promptly reverse the cancellation of financial support to the nutritional needs of scores of seniors on the North Sonoma Coast, including the populations of Annapolis, The Sea Ranch, Stewarts Point, Ocean Cove, Timber Cove, Fort Ross, the Gualala Ranches, and other small coastal and inland populations. *Coastal Seniors, which manages the Meals on Wheels program, has received zero funding for both last fiscal year and the current fiscal year.*

Your decision to cancel funding to this critical need has now put the Meals on Wheels at the edge of collapse, putting the welfare of our seniors at risk. The beneficiaries of this program—taxpayers all—are often unable to fend for themselves preparing food, much less travel to a grocery store or food bank. Most of the North Coast MOW clients are quite aged, remotely housed, and unable to drive themselves. They do not have the means to re-locate to town, where support programs are numerous. Virtually none—regardless of their perceived financial and social standing—have the means to hire home care staff to shop and prepare meals.

As Coastal Seniors is the only provider of MOW on the North Coast, they receive much-needed funding from the County of Mendocino, but to provide services on this side of the county line they are in desperate need of support from the County of Sonoma. To maintain MOW, Coastal Seniors has taken from their fund to replace their Gualala facility destroyed by arson. This is unsustainable. And now, Coastal Seniors is in dire financial straits: they have already had to short meal deliveries to many.

These beneficiaries—and future beneficiaries—of the Coastal Seniors Meals on Wheels program are human beings and should be granted the same support and dignity as those near population centers. We call on the Sonoma County Human Services Adult and Aging Division to fulfill its mission and treat them equally. Please restore funding now.

Scott Foster, Chair

Sonoma Coast MAC