

## Reports Given by Jeff Loomans

### Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee Report

Special meeting of the BLAC was held in December. BLAC itself did not send its own letter, but a letter of support for College of Marin restoring and reopening the Bolinas marine lab on Wharf Road for research and other uses was signed individually by all members of the BLAC, including our Stinson area representatives

### Seadrift Association Report

At a recent board meeting it was agreed that the Association would send its President to SBVA meetings when possible, and when s/he is out of town will try to have another member attend to provide updates.

The Boat Ramp is reopened, and yes there is a new code-required safety lip at the bottom.

The Transitory Occupancy Tax and related proposed administrative measures were discussed. At a meeting Jeff attended our Supervisor expressed a desire to pursue more comprehensive collection and enforcement of current TOT and other short term rental regulations. The Association is not taking an official position on the proposed TOT increases at this time, but are generally supportive of more funds being made available to local emergency services and affordable housing, and will be notifying all members that both administrative and tax measures may be imminent and they should keep themselves informed on upcoming County Board actions.

### LCP/Sea Level Rise Report

The CCC released a draft Residential Sea Level Rise Guidance document late last year; the Seadrift HOA, local realtors, and several local attorneys submitted comments in opposition to proposals it contain that replicate the most objectionable sections of the proposed and since-dropped Environmental Hazards section of Marin's LCP amendments. A final form was slated to be released over the holidays but was delayed until Jan-Feb. When it is released we will have 30 days to submit final comments. Many of our initial comments, as well as those from cities up and down the California coast challenged the use of this "guidance" document as a de facto creation of policies, which would be in our eyes a violation of State law governing policy making. We recommend that when released, Jeff coordinate a set of final comments from Seadrift, SBVA, and local attorneys and realtors.

At this time the EH section of the LCP itself remains in limbo. The new regional director is on maternity leave until just prior to the deadline for CCC certified and County Board-approved non-EH amendments to be finalized by the CCC in May. It does not appear that this will allow time to revise the EH to an acceptable form, and CCC staff has taken a position that the Residential SLR Guidance document should instead govern its final form (see "illegal policy making" above). We recommend that as May approaches we make this a topic of concern at upcoming SBVA meetings, and petition our Supervisor to submit final non-EH sections and not accept CCC staff changes to EH as part of that submission,

dropping EH entirely.

There is a new \$20,000 grant obtained by the County and the GFA/NOAA to study dune replenishment along Upton Beach. An additional private donor challenge grant of \$50,000 was also obtained last week by GFA to supplement that study with an examination of possible Living Shoreline remediation sites along the interior of the Bolinas Lagoon, possibly helping to prevent flooding in low-lying areas of the Calles/Patios/Seadrift and improve habitat. The Professor studying dune replenishment has agreed to do an initial examination of Living Shoreline sites under this grant.