

**MEETING MINUTES – November 20, 2024, 10am**

Call to Order: Martha Diehl called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Roll Call

<b>District/Region</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Highlands Resident	Mark Grandcolas	Present Left at 11:24am
Mid Coast Resident	Martha Diehl, Chair	Present
Big Sur Proper/Valley Resident	Matt Glazer	Present
South Coast Resident	Sarah Harvey	Present via Zoom
Resident At Large	Katie Moon, Vice Chair	Present
Caltrans	Darren Hill, Chad Stoehr, John Olejnik, or Alternative	John Olejnik Present
U.S. Forest Service	Parker Erickson, Jason Field, or Alternative	Jason Field Present
CA State Parks	Marcos Ortega or Alternative	John Hiles Present
Big Sur Chamber	Rick Aldinger or Alternative	Rick Aldinger Present

**Staff Present:** Mary Kelley Crnich, See Monterey, Member Relations Specialist  
Taylor Price, County of Monterey, Associate Planner  
Katie Scariot, County of Monterey, Assistant Planner

**Guests Present:** Mauricio Arias, California State Assembly, Field Representative  
Steve Beck  
Colleen Courtney, County of Monterey, Chief of Staff  
Steffanie Gamecho, Point Lobos Foundation, Executive Director  
Alyssa Rendon, See Monterey, Community Relations Director  
Eric Stevens, California Coastal Commission  
Dan  
Laura  
Patte Kronlund  
Rachel Goldberger  
John Yerace, California Highway Patrol Officer  
Mike Dipple  
Barbara Woyt

- Martha Diehl stated needing to authorize Sarah Harvey to join remotely.

- Taylor Price requested that Ms. Harvey confirm her location, reason for being remote, and to confirm that no one under the age of 18 was present.
- Ms. Harvey responded that her current location was the South Coast, the reason for being remote was the current road conditions, and that no one else was present.
- Ms. Diehl asked Mr. Price to provide instructions for Zoom participation.
- Mr. Price stated for Zoom participants to unmute, to use raise hand function, or to use the chat to make comment. Mr. Price reminded Zoom participants that the chat is monitored and for Zoom mobile participants to dial “\*9” to unmute.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Ms. Diehl called for people not on the committee to speak on non-agenda items.

Agenda, Additions, Deletions, and Corrections

- Ms. Diehl called for agenda additions, deletions, or corrections.
- Mr. Price confirmed no edits to the agenda were received.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2024 (Attachment 1)

- Ms. Diehl called for any discussion of the minutes.
- *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Rick Aldinger, second by Mark Grandcolas. The motion carried unanimously.*
- Ms. Diehl thanked Mary Kelley Crnich, the minute-taker, for the thorough minutes.

Scheduled / Other Matters

- Ms. Diehl asked John Olejnik if he would like to start.
- Mr. Olejnik requested to go out of order as he is waiting for his computer to load his notes.
- Ms. Diehl agreed to go out of order.

3. Receive a verbal update on the Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force.

- Ms. Diehl called for the verbal update on the Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force.
- Mauricio Arias apologized for not being in person at the meeting. He stated that last month [Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force] had a meeting. He stated the meeting was a brainstorm session regarding long term solutions to mitigate congestion. Mr. Arias stated

plans to attend the next BSMAAC (Big Sur Multi Agency Advisory Council) meeting. He stated [Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force] will keep hosting meetings.

- Ms. Diehl expressed her gratitude to Mr. Arias and the assembly member Addis. for their efforts. Ms. Diehl asked Colleen Courtney if she had anything to add.
  - Ms. Courtney stated she has nothing to add.
  - Ms. Diehl asked if the highway patrol or the sheriff had anything to add.
  - John Yerace [California Highway Patrol Officer] noted the volume on weekend in Big Sur. He stated once one vehicle stops, that other vehicles tend to follow. Mr. Yerace stated observing vehicles not knowing where they can park and that he observed vehicles parked the other way.
  - Mr. Aldinger expressed thanks for the boots on the ground: California State Parks, Sheriff's Office, the [Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force.] He stated anecdotally if there is not a member of law enforcement present, it is not as effective to move the needle.
  - Ms. Diehl stated as someone who frequently travels back and forth that it is better. She stated this group has not done the work but has got the ball rolling.
5. Community Association of Big Sur Traffic Count Data for Bixby Bridge and Malpas Creek Bridge.
- Rachel Goldberger provided a CABS (Community Association of Big Sur) update. Ms. Goldberger stated that the update was sent to the Emergency Task Force [Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force.] She noted (CABS) coordinated the volunteer resident data collection efforts and shared some of the findings from the efforts. She stated the collection dates were ten shifts from September 21, 2024, through November 10, 2024. She noted that law enforcement was present for six out of the ten shifts. She stated that there was a remarkable difference in behavior when enforcement was present. She shared that since the k-rail installation, congestion decreased, less delays, and increased safety was observed. She stated that more pedestrian crossings were observed; she noted the eastern side crossing north of Old Coast Road. She shared observations of cars slowing, waiting for pedestrians, and cars parked at the fog line. Ms. Goldberger noted busy weekends and less litter. She stated that the fine for the parking ticket is less than \$40.00. and called for an increase in traffic ticket amount. Ms. Goldberger stated an established law enforcement presence improves visitor behavior. Ms. Goldberger stated overall significant improvement and the presentation of new challenges. She stated hopes of the measures being made permanent. Ms. Goldberger stated a thank you to the task force [Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force] and a thank you to CHP Officer Oscar Loza for consistently being present and balancing helping versus enforcement.
  - Ms. Diehl thanked Ms. Goldberger.
  - Mike Dipple stated that he visits Bixby Bridge four to five times a week and that it is not the same group of people present. He stated in his experience when you are citing people to see results, it's usually repeat people coming back to do the same thing. He stated there are new droves of people there, including people from out of Monterey County and from out of the United States. He suggested potentially having a traffic control non-sworn officer or from Caltrans or some entity that could be out there directing people. He added that the

citations are not as effective if the people receiving them go back to another county or country after receiving the citation.

- Ms. Diehl responded to Mike Dipple and stated that was a great point but wants to focus on the and or, as she thinks it is going to be a combination of all of these things.
- Ms. Diehl noted that she heard the See Monterey advertisement on the radio. She added it says “Come. Enjoy. Don’t park on the Old Coast Road.” She added that she knows that [See Monterey] has a social media presence. She added that she agrees that you cannot educate your way out of a problem if it’s always the new people. Ms. Diehl noted but you can use social media now and the other avenues that we have. Ms. Diehl asked if the [See Monterey staff present] wanted to comment.
- Ms. Crnich stated that Alyssa Rendon is present on the call for comment.
- Alyssa Rendon stated thank you for noticing that, Ms. Diehl. She stated she wanted to comment on a grander campaign of “How to Highway One” that will be inclusive of the Bixby Bridge, but how to travel responsibly. She added noting that businesses are open. Ms. Rendon stated anecdotally, when we get visitor phone calls, they think Big Sur is closed. She stated making sure they realize businesses are open but to travel there safely, respectfully, and to be mindful of these new laws and ordinances. Ms. Rendon stated being a part of the task force [Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force] has been wonderful getting that information so that we can plan accordingly and ahead, like those campaigns locally that you have been hearing, so thank you.
- Mr. Grandcolas mentioned the digital sign at Rio Road. He proposed adding verbiage to the sign to watch for the parking ordinance ahead.
- Mr. Olejnik responded that it is a static sign. He stated that he does not know if they would do that verbiage, that far north. He stated it is something he can note but that it is not protocol as the signage is typically what is happening in that area.
- Ms. Diehl added that new people do not know.
- Laura stated that repetition is good because it just helps register. She noted there is a lot of consensus around something, and that (CABS) has been amazing and that Rachel’s report was spot on. She stated that we support these efforts becoming permanent and more does need to be done. She noted that both the k-rail and the signs are great. She added that she wanted to reiterate the reduction in litter. She commented on preservation versus degradation.
- Mr. Aldinger stated the ticket versus education aspect. He noted social media getting us into this problem. He added to use social media to get us out of it; he added proactive and educational. He added an example if someone receives a ticket and posts about it on social media.
- Mr. Grandcolas stated he has heard people wanting to promote traffic to Big Sur Businesses and he has heard residents not wanting a lot of traffic. He asked for clarification.
- Mr. Aldinger responded to Mr. Grandcolas and stated that we want the right traffic. He added that’s something See Monterey is hugely involved in is encouraging the high value visitor to Monterey County. He stated when specifically talking about Big Sur to discourage people who are simply on the highway to stop at Bixby Bridge, Pfeiffer Beach, McWay Falls to get their selfie and then move on. Mr. Aldinger responded to Mr. Grandcolas and stated

my answer to that is, we're not looking for droves of people, that doesn't help anyone, we want the right visitor.

- Ms. Diehl responded that she has a slightly different take on it. She added in reading the Land Use Plan (Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan) we want as many people as possible to enjoy that driving experience. She added but we want to make sure that we don't have the chokepoints that are going to prevent them from enjoying the driving experience. She added that she has no problem with people that want to come and look at Bixby Bridge, go to Nepenthe, and go to McWay Falls, because we know what their bucket list kind of things are but we must have a way for that to not make the highway impassable. She added a way that is safe and that their impact do not make the experience useless for anybody. She stated to keep that driving experience amazing and undeveloped for all the people who we can possibly get to enjoy that undeveloped experience. She added that the capacity problem is real. She noted it's not necessarily whether they're going to come and spend a lot of money, it's whether they're going to come and be able to even access the experience at all for me.
- Mr. Olejnik stated that he wants to echo what [Ms. Diehl] said. He stated we want to keep the road open; we want to keep it safe, and we want to keep it accessible. He stated it's an equity related matter too. He stated if what they can afford to do for their family is just to bring them down for the drive, we want to make that a good experience for them and accessible. He added maybe it is just to pull over to see a bridge or to go to a pull-out point. He added because everyone has paid their way. He asked they paid at the pump, right. He added that they have the right to access it but added that the challenge we're having is capacity. He stated the choke points and the poor visitor behavior that's created the problem. He stated the Old Coast Road has no parking, has helped take a big step forward in addressing and moving the needle on this poor visitor behavior. He added that with social media, he agrees with Mr. Aldinger. Mr. Olejnik noted that the signs out there are right and appropriate by the county.
- Ms. Diehl stated that it was meant to be a first experiment not the end of the story.
- Dan stated things are better. He added a New York Times article on jurisdictions confronting overtourism. He added overtourism versus sustainable tourism. He stated a sustainable level of tourism in Big Sur. He noted a sustainable number of people, a sustainable number of cars.
- Steffanie Gamecho introduced herself as the Executive Director of Point Lobos Foundation and ParkIT! Project Director. She commented on the progress made at Bixby. She asked what can be done to move it along further.
- Ms. Courtney responded to Ms. Gamecho and stated that the task force [Bixby Bridge Emergency Task Force] is only on Bixby Bridge. She stated there are so many agencies involved and added they are starting to move in that direction. She stated a lot of the ideas you mentioned that the task force has reviewed. She stated the issue with the non-sworn officers is no cell reception combined with the inability to deescalate or receive additional support if needed. She stated all the agencies involved from the Coastal Commission to CHP (California Highway Patrol,) Caltrans in this effort. She added in short, your comments are

valid and added that we need the coalition of these agencies. She stated that she would be changing roles [at the County of Monterey] and that she will not be in this role soon.

- Mr. Glazer stated he wanted to identify something happening. He stated that we must look at commerce, access, and preservation as a Ven diagram and that we must focus on the overlap of the diagram. He stated that equity matters to Mr. Olejnik's point.

8. Any items to bring before BSMAAC.

- Ms. Diehl asked if there were any items to bring before BSMAAC.
- Mr. Olejnik stated sharing findings from Rachel Goldberger at BSMAAC.
- Rachel Goldberger agreed and stated she is happy to provide the report.
- Ms. Diehl confirmed that Mr. Arias and Ms. Courtney received the report.

1. Receive a verbal update from Caltrans on Regents Slide.

- Mr. Olejnik gave a verbal update on Regents Slide. He stated it is a top-down approach and noted instrumentation, new devices, and aerial surveillance. He stated the slide has moved four feet since [Caltrans] first picked it up. He highlighted worker safety, monitoring, instrumentation, and now facing weather. He stated storm-dependent hope is to do early excavation in the coming months. He added if the weather starts, they have to stop. He stated no end date at this time. He stated he would repeat this update at BSMAAC and will provide any new updates he has by the December 13<sup>th</sup> BSMAAC meeting.
- Ms. Diehl asked what can BSBO do to help with this.
- Mr. Olejnik stated that was a great question. He stated working to get everyone involved. He stated that they have the tools they have. He noted that this is a geologically active area. He added that no one is sitting on their hands. He stated that we will see what happens after this storm.
- Ms. Diehl stated to just keep in mind if there was anything that we [BSBO] can help with to let the organization know how [BSBO] can help.
- Mr. Olejnik thanked Ms. Diehl for this. Mr. Olejnik added that the governor of the state of California is involved and wants periodic updates. He stated that they are at the mercy of nature.
- Mr. Grandcolas asked why the governor wants periodic updates.
- Mr. Olejnik responded that the governor sees the value and importance.
- Mr. Grandcolas asked what is important.
- Mr. Olejnik responded about the economic value, the access, and what is our path to opening the road.
- Mr. Aldinger emphasized the economic value of Highway One. He added that it is part of the reason people come to California. He stated that Visit California stated that the economic impact of the closure of Highway One is over half a billion dollars.
- Mr. Aldinger stated the 100 working days model that was necessary to complete. Mr. Aldinger asked if there was a pause or change on that model.
- Mr. Olejnik responded to Mr. Aldinger and stated that once monitoring is done, at that point access, but not yet.

- Steve Beck stated having never seen it, he is trying to get my head around the size of it. He asked if it was the McWay slide size.
  - Mr. Olejnik stated that he does not know in comparison. Mr. Olejnik did confirm the slide is 450 feet tall.
  - Ms. Diehl stated articles mentioning the national tourism impacted as a result.
2. Receive a verbal presentation from Caltrans on Rocky Creek Slip Out Emergency Project Permanent Structure.
- Mr. Olejnik stated that it is going well. He stated the override viaduct and that they are heading towards need of girders. Mr. Olejnik stated a full twenty-four-hour closure on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 10pm to Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. He stated that this is weather dependent and added that depending on weather there is a concern for rescheduling for that Saturday and Sunday instead. He stated that the following week is finals week and once the process starts you can't stop.
  - Ms. Crnich confirmed that her team at See Monterey received that information and have been utilizing it in visitor messaging.
  - Ms. Rendon stated that See Monterey has a travel alerts page displaying that information and has also shared that information with hotel properties. She asked a follow up question regarding if Nacimiento-Fergusson Road is open to manage messaging.
  - Mr. Olejnik responded to Ms. Rendon and stated that the south side of Regents slide would not affect this. He stated that U.S. Forest Service has issued communications regarding the opening of Fergusson Road.
  - Ms. Rendon stated they will use this information to help people plan ahead.
  - Mr. Olejnik stated dealing as it happens and to plan ahead as you can. He stated that he was not present at the last BSBO meeting. He noted that Chad Stoehr, is present at the meeting. He stated a follow up on stamped concrete and stated nothing with that effort would create a delay. He stated the elements of the ST375 metal rail, Natina stain, slightly different but similar to other rail and integral color. He added a stamped concrete texture.
  - Ms. Diehl stated the Caltrans team followed up after the last BSBO meeting. She added that she does not want to stand in the way of progress. She added having answers ready to go [for instances like this in the future.] She added that she is not in favor of stamped concrete. She reiterated in having answers ready to go, they do not have to have conversations that creates delays. She added developing answers ahead of time.
  - Mr. Glazer stated that Mr. Olejnik and Mr. Stoehr's process of integrity. He expressed thanks to Mr. Olejnik and his team.
  - Mr. Beck stated the highway bridge rails are from the 1930s. He added he appreciates the work. He stated he hates things like stamped concrete pretending to be something else and noted the aesthetic of 2024.
  - Mike Dipple asked about being able to get a gurney through.
  - Mr. Olejnik responded that would play it by ear depending on who is onsite and the contracts. He added that they would get someone through on a gurney through, whatever it takes.

- Ms. Diehl stated that Rocky Creek has improved.
- Mr. Glazer stated the flagger is smarter than the light.
- Mr. Olejnik stated that for the appeal they waived the 45-day time requirement.
- Eric Stevens stated he is with the California Coastal Commission. He confirmed that the 45-day time requirement was waived. He added holding off for now, while working on it internally.

#### 5. Community Association of Big Sur Traffic Count Data for Bixby Bridge and Malpas Creek Bridge.

- Patte Kronlund provided a verbal and visual presentation of the Community Association of Big Sur Traffic Count Data for Bixby Bridge and Malpas Creek Bridge. She stated the data shared includes accurate vehicle counts for both daily and monthly information. Patte Kronlund highlighted the visuals of the data and stated that numbers are one thing but events, weather, etc. tells a story. She noted working with a consultant regarding the visual component through the Byways Committee. She stated that the presentation provides different visual examples of directions we may want to go. Patte Kronlund noted that the data reviewed is for the one-way in, one-way out, not the two-way and that the data will change once the highway reopens. Patty mentioned that Ms. Diehl, Mr. Price, and Kelsey are working on a request to Caltrans for once the highway opens north and south, regarding numbers for highway capacity. She noted how many people are commuting on a daily basis. Patty xx noted it is public data and that it would later be presented to CABS (Community Association of Big Sur.)
- Ms. Diehl noted that the data is available to anybody and that you do not have to wait until the (CABS) meeting to receive the information. Ms. Diehl stated to let (CABS) know to keep track of the resources we have.
- Mr. Grandcolas asked about the data before April of 2023.
- Patte Kronlund responded to Mr. Grandcolas that the atmospheric river data was not capture. Patte Kronlund stated this was due to one of the traffic counters was lost and another hit by a tree.
- Rachel Goldberger provided information on Fall 2023 compared to Fall 2024 data. She presented a 17% decrease in the total cars in August 2024 compared to the total cars in August 2023. She presented a 18% decrease in the total cars in September 2024 compared to the total cars in September 2023. She presented a 15% decrease in the total cars in October 2024 compared to the total cars in October 2023.
- Mr. Price stated he would share the information presented to all.
- Mr. Olejnik offered to facilitate a meeting with Caltrans to collaborate on the data request and census information.
- Patte Kronlund responded to Mr. Olejnik that would be fantastic and thanked him for the opportunity.
- Mr. Olejnik stated no promises regarding outcomes but happy to meet if it is helpful.
- Ms. Diehl stated thank you to all and noted it is not something that has an immediate payoff.
- Ms. Harvey stated she is curious about the elephant seal traffic counter, south or north of the elephant seals. Ms. Harvey stated there tourism is drawn for the elephant seals.

- Patte Kronlund responded to Ms. Harvey that north of Arroyo Del Oso, SLO 1-5.833, near the elephant seals lighthouse.
  - Ms. Diehl stated better than guessing and expressed appreciation for all of this.
6. Receive a verbal update on invasive species control activities.
- John Hiles stated that the resource program increased. He stated staff out. He highlighted mustard, fennel, and jubata grass and noted volunteer eradication of these invasive species. He noted an educational component regarding invasive species. He stated from here to Molera there has been decreases in the plant species and stated it is valuable to the group and that he is proud of the work done.
  - Mr. Grandcolas asked Mr. Hiles about volunteer opportunities for invasive species control activities.
  - Mr. Hiles stated that REI posted information about it on their website.
  - Mr. Grandcolas asked Mr. Hiles if this volunteer effort could be accessible to the Rotary Club.
  - Mr. Hiles responded yes to Mr. Grandcolas.
  - Ms. Diehl suggested sharing a flyer with invasive species control activities to share with the (BSBO) group.
  - Dan mentioned observing eggs in the stems of cape ivy at Bixby Canyon. He commented on biological controls.
  - Mr. Hiles responded the cape ivy has decreased. He stated he has no additional information but that they are staying on it.
  - Ms. Diehl stated an update on cape ivy biological control for the next meeting.
  - Barbara Woyt stated the eggs at Garrapata. She mentioned Caltrans and that it was moved to another place.
  - Mr. Price stated there were comments in the Zoom meeting chat.
  - Ms. Crnich asked Ms. Woyt to confirm her name for the minutes.
  - Steve Beck noted the efforts at Big Sur River and El Paso. He added that there are people who believe these things are not possible and that these efforts inspire other people to show them it is possible.
  - Laura mentioned education with tourists regarding jubata grass. She stated that she has observed tourists taking the jubata grass with them. She noted that she has spoken to visitors about the jubata grass and why it should not be removed and that the feedback was positive, understanding, and effective in the conversation.
  - Ms. Crnich stated that she would relay this information to the See Monterey team.
7. Receive a verbal update on potential grant opportunities by Caltrans.
- Mr. Olejnik shared a presentation on a sustainable transportation planning grant through Caltrans. He noted this grant money does not come from traditional funds. He noted the current program that we have and mentioned that a few years ago (FHW) applied for a grant but was not successful. Mr. Olejnik stated he could not take action on this and would have to abstain

when it came time to vote but that he would help where he could. He noted it would involve working with Monterey County to be the applicant.

- Ms. Diehl stated for those of you who were not involved, in the past (BSBO) partnered with Maree Forbes to apply for a grant but was not successful. Ms. Diehl stated that Maree Forbes was paid a modest sum to organize the grant proposals and asked if the group would like to continue doing that. Ms. Diehl stated unless objectionable, to work on this between now and March 5, 2025 [the next BSBO meeting and noted that she does not want to miss deadlines associated with the grant due to waiting until the next meeting to take action on the grant.]
- Mr. Glazer stated an obligation to seek funding opportunities. He stated that Ms. Forbes is focused and has real wisdom regarding grant funding.
- Ms. Diehl asked if there were any objections.
- Mr. Glazer stated the grant deadline is January 22, 2025.
- Mr. Olejnik clarified that this grant could not be used for administrative funding. He noted the Destination Stewardship plan [and the Big Sur Coast Highway Management Plan] and noted utilizing these documents in regards to the grant.
- Ms. Gamecho asked if there would be a better match for a grant through Caltrans.
- Mr. Aldinger stated to connect with Ms. Forbes
- Ms. Gamecho asked if the juice was worth the squeeze.
- Ms. Diehl stated Ms. Forbes has a perspective of the National Scenic Byways.
- Ms. Woyt commented on the broom bashers, Caltrans, Forest Service. Ms. Woyt reflected on this situation in the early 1990s. She highlighted individual efforts such as Jeff Quazizi? She commented on the full amount of the grant. Ms. Woyt shared her pride in bringing the community together.
- Mr. Hiles expressed interest.
- Ms. Woyt stated we have forgotten our history and stated it is better to keep history alive.
- Ms. Diehl asked for any other comments.
- Ms. Courtney stated utilizing the funds for the law enforcement at Bixby Bridge.
- Ms. Harvey asked if it is Caltrans roads only for the grant. She noted the Visitor Use Management Plan.
- Mr. Olejnik stated it does not have to be exclusive to Monterey County and noted TAMC.
- Ms. Diehl asked that Jason Field relay this information to the U.S. Forest Service.
- Rachel Goldberger stated the traffic engineer study for future chokepoints along Highway 1 and asked if that is an option.
- Mr. Olejnik stated a planning level study of consultant services.
- Ms. Diehl stated Mr. Olejnik's insight is useful and if you have ideas to reach out to her. Ms. Diehl noted this will be an item on the March [BSBO] meeting agenda.

#### 8. Any items to bring before BSMAAC.

- Mr. Glazer stated the replacement of the Big Sur Proper BSBO committee seat.
- Ms. Diehl stated that Mr. Glazer is stepping down from his Big Sur Proper Resident seat and that Ms. Moon is stepping down from her Resident At Large seat. Ms. Diehl stated that both seats

are open and that she would let them both speak and say thank you. She noted the application process with the Supervisor's office.

- Ms. Moon stated that she has been involved with (BSBO) for four and a half years. She stated it has been great to be a part of it and expressed gratitude for the opportunity. She stated she wishes the group the best of luck and that she will join as a resident. She stated any suggestions for her replacement should be directed to Mr. Price and Ms. Diehl.
- Mr. Glazer stated that he has been involved with (BSBO) for two years. He stated it has been an honor to serve and that he will be stepping down due to his new role with the Carmel Unified School District. He highlighted the private and public intersection [of BSBO] with thought and focus.
- Mr. Olejnik stated the (BSMAAC) meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and stated there is a potential candidate pool at that meeting.
- Ms. Diehl responded to Mr. Olejnik to note individuals at the (BSMAAC) meeting who are passionate as potential candidates. Ms. Diehl thanked Ms. Moon and Mr. Glazer.

Member comments, Requests, and Referrals (written reports preferred)

- Mr. Olejnik commented on the coastal wall and stated a bridge rail is needed. He mentioned help from Patte Kronlund and help from the county. He stated the Coastal Development Application is under review with Monterey County. He stated the project design is near completion and noted that it is an emergency project. He noted the winter storms leaving landslides. He stated a slide in the middle of two slides. He noted for people to have propane stocked and engaging with the community for this potential. He stated he attended the National Weather Service Meeting and that anything can happen at any time where we worked and noted future problems.
- Ms. Diehl stated more vulnerable to slides. She noted awareness around needing to be okay when cutoff. She expressed thanks to Caltrans for working with their community to improve messaging for focused and pertinent information. She also highlighted the Big Sur Chamber communications as well as Senator Laird's efforts in the situation.
- Patte Kronlund stated giving Ms. Gamecho a chance to speak on ParkIT!
- Ms. Diehl responded that instead at the next meeting to receive a real presentation on ParkIT!
- Ms. Gamecho stated that the permit was submitted. She noted a Let's Go Outdoors Demonstration Public Tour happening on Saturday.
- Ms. Harvey asked for an update from Caltrans on the Villa Creek Project. She asked about timing and where the rocks were coming from.
- Mr. Olejnik stated the rocks come from multiple sources including Shell Creek, a quarry from Cambria, San Luis Obispo's Bishop Peak and the Madonna family. He said regarding timing that he would follow up.
- Mr. Glazer stated the Big Sur community in the Big Sur Valley observed the Caltrans subcontractors' littering.
- Mr. Price stated the next (BSBO) meeting is March 5, 2025.

**BIG SUR BYWAY ORGANIZATION (BSBO) – SPECIAL MEETING**

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Wednesday, November 20, 2024  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Ms. Diehl stated a quorum in person is required and thanked all present for coming to the meeting and for their time.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment – Ms. Diehl adjourned the meeting at 11:57am

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: March 5, 2025

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