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**Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council Meeting**  
Friday, May 2, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
Big Sur Lodge, 47225 Highway One, Big Sur, CA 93920  
*Congressman Jimmy Panetta and Supervisor Kate Daniels, Co-Chairs*

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call and Introductions**
  - a. Big Sur Resident, North Coast – Martha Karstens
  - b. Big Sur Resident, South Coast - Vacant
  - c. Big Sur Chamber of Commerce - Kirk Gafill
  - d. Community Association of Big Sur – Ryne Leuzinger
  - e. County of Monterey Planning Department – Melanie Beretti
  - f. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District – Caine Camarillo
  - g. California Coastal Commission – Breylen Ammen
  - h. Caltrans – Aaron Henkel
  - i. California State Parks and Recreation – Dan Shaw
  - j. NOAA Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary – Karen Grimmer
  - k. United States Forest Service – John “Fin” Eifert
  - l. 5th District, Monterey County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Kate Daniels
  - m. 30th District, California State Assembly – Mauricio Arias
  - n. 17th District, California State Senate – John Laird
  - o. 19th District, United States Congress – Emmanuel Garcia
- III. Approval of the February 28, 2025 Draft Minutes**
- IV. Recognition of Karen Grimmer’s Work with the BSMAAC**
- V. Appointment of South Coast Representative**
- VI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – limited to 3 minutes**
  - a. Bruce Merchant – Commented
  - b. Rayner Marx – Commented
  - c. Michael Caplin – Commented
  - d. Marcus Foster – Commented
  - e. Supervisor Kate Daniels – Responded to Marcus Foster
  - f. Matt Glazer – Commented
  - g. Martha Diehl – Commented
- VII. New Business – None**
- VIII. Old Business**
  - a. Update on CA Coastal Trail – Sen. Laird
    - Senator John Laird introduced the topic.
    - Senator John Laird is determined that we will get this moving in time as he only has 4 years left. This effort is in tandem with the Coastal Conservatory. Thanked Fin Eifert's for his help and support. This will be an open and extensive process for the community to provide input. He expressed gratitude for the support that has been received so far. They then move to funding and then to implementation.

- Fin Eifert commented - it has been a long-standing effort to get the coastal trail establishment. They are moving forward aggressively but consciously. They would like to establish at least a segment of the trail before Sen Laird finishes his term
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels - there was a lot of concern about creating another attraction on the coast. They were wondering how they could move the trail more inland and get a segment established.
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels opened public comment
  - Martha Diehl - Commented
  - Michael Caplin – Commented
  - Senator John Laird - Responded
- b. Mud Creek Coastal Development Permit ~ Process, Lessons Learned and Future Plans – California Coastal Commission
- Supervisor Kate Daniels introduced the project
  - Breylen Ammen (CCC) provided overview on the project and the approval process. Mud Creek was a large slide that closed Highway 1 which permitted Caltrans to do the work necessary through a series of emergency CDP's. They can approve permits quickly then they have to get CDP after. They had a timing constraint through the Caltrans funding issues. So it did not get to go to the Big Sur LUAC. They modified the staff recommendation to better include community input. There was a larger armoring structure because they are associated with public access resources. A minor addition to the public access piece. Shell way allows some minor public access amenities.
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels commented and said she didn't remember hearing this item at BSMAAC.
  - Breylen Ammen – Responded
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels – Responded
  - HCD Planning - CCC has been trying to bring those projects to LUAC. Planning is looking at some efficiencies associated with LUAC's. We want to work on administrative timelines and how community input is integrated. They will be coordinating with CCC.
  - Martha Karstens – commented
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels commented and asked for public comment to provide insight
  - Martha Diehl – Commented
  - Marcus Foster – Commented
  - Member of the public – Commented
  - Michael Caplin – Commented
  - Dan Perlstein – Commented
  - Connie McCoy – Commented
  - Steve Beck – Commented
  - Lucas Handy – Commented
  - Kate brought it back to the members
  - Martha Karstens – Commented

- CCC Staff – responded and said now Caltrans and CCC will embark on the planning area for what makes sense to build and what does not make sense. Public access components; they need to get the public's input in the process. The commission's original jurisdiction - they have maintained jurisdiction that is seaward of the mean high tide line? One approach that can be taken is that one permit can be approved by the CCC and the County. They usually do the consolidated permitting process and the CCC takes over the entire project. Public access and mitigation - the commission has a standard approach and that was applied in this case but a little more public access was required for this project. Visual access is extremely important in BS. Visual access is not the only access and physical access is important. Mitigation on biological resource impacts are applied to every project.
  - Kevin from CCC: Lessons were learned. Caltrans projects are unique. Early coordination with the community is important.
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels - asked about what kind of public access mitigations are tied to emergency CDPs and why they are appropriate.
- c. Update on Restrooms at Garrapata – California State Parks/State Coastal Conservancy
- State parks provided an update: Starting today state parks has begun to assess the installation of restrooms at Soberanes and Garrapata State Park. They are also doing an initial visual study. Public engagement and feedback are critical to them. They will be bringing the design teams down. They will be conducting community outreach and participation. He will provide the digital version of the documents to share out. They will have an item on the July agenda ([information.monterey@parks.ca.gov](mailto:information.monterey@parks.ca.gov))
  - Martha Diehl comment: she asked that they bring the consultant down on a holiday weekend to see the impact. Let's keep use traffic and pedestrian safety at the top of our concerns.
  - Marcus Foster – Commented
  - State Parks - that is the feedback we want to hear.
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels – Commented

## IX. Reports from Member Agencies

- a. Big Sur Resident, North Coast
- Grange:
    1. The furnace has been repaired. Softball has started.
    2. We had 451 people attend "Nightlife" a community art exhibition for the week it was at the grange.
    3. Please visit us as [www.bigsurgrange.org](http://www.bigsurgrange.org).
  - Historical Society:
    1. May 23rd Robbie Warcken, "Reminiscing with Robbie" 5:30
    2. June 28 Stanley Harlan new book reading, Grange 2:30
    3. Will be a docent training
    4. We have done all the proof reading and ordered 4 cookbooks to review.

5. Please visit us at [www.bigsurhistory.org](http://www.bigsurhistory.org).
- Big Sur CERT:
    1. 8 people worked the marathon. Basic evacuation training on April 30th with more to follow. Refresher dates for the year are set
    2. Please visit us at [www.bigsurcert.org](http://www.bigsurcert.org)
  - River Run
    1. Questions/comments from residents:
      - a. Post at Garrapata?
      - b. X at the intersection?
- b. Big Sur Resident, South Coast
    - Vacant
  - c. Big Sur Chamber of Commerce
    - As stated at last BSMAAC: Traffic and general business levels continue to be significantly depressed due to the closure of Highway 1 at Regent's slide. The further negative impacts of the Rocky Creek slip out last spring and on-going work at that location continue to represent additional challenges to recovery of business levels. It continues to remain important to emphasize that Highway 1 has now been closed continuously in one or more locations since the first week of January in 2023, and the re-opening time frame at the last closure location, Regent's Slide, continues to be uncertain. While the long-term prospects for the Big Sur business community are very positive, the accumulated and ongoing negative impacts of reduced traffic levels due to the Highway 1 closure to the south continue to pose enormous financial challenges to owners and their employees. And in new news, the Big Sur Chamber of Commerce has launched a new web site, that is mobile friendly, with updated imagery and provides much greater flexibility to update member information, Highway 1 access information, and developments relevant to guest visitation to the Big Sur Coast.
  - d. Community Association of Big Sur
    - The Big Sur Chipping Program (began chipping on February 24) is running well, employing locals. Chipping will be conducted year-round. With burn season expired, we anticipate an uptick in chipping activity. We have capacity to deliver ~ 100 chipping days per year. Visit [chipbigsur.org](http://chipbigsur.org) for real-time program status, including chipping appointments completed and acres treated. CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant Award \$1,163,250. FABS is collaborating with the Big Sur Fire Ground Division Defensible Space Program. The chipping program website has been enhanced to including logistical support for the Defensible Space Program. Launch of the upgraded website is awaiting approval from Big Sur Fire. Chipping for Defensible Space customers will be provided by the Big Sur Chipping Program (Big Sur Fire and Perez Services are chipping contractors). FABS continues to provide Home Ignition Zone (wildfire preparedness) assessments for Big Sur residents. FABS participated in a Town Hall event with Big Sur Fire

and will participate in Big Sur Fire's Open House this weekend. Two new neighborhoods have begun the Firewise USA® application process.

- Martha Karstens - commented
- e. County of Monterey Planning Department
- When remodeling a home, there is an assessment that must be done which is done by the Assessor's Office. It is to her understanding that the assessment only reassesses a portion of the new work and construction. In terms of alternative construction types, materials, tiny homes; that is related to building services. Chief of Building and the HCD Director have been discussing ways to update local building code and regulations that could accommodate tiny homes, as the conversations move forward HCD Planning will bring the topic back to BSMAAC. Regarding Wind and Sea, the County identifies this as an ongoing challenge and we have issued a notice of violation. The County is in progress with restoration permit and building permits to address the illegal construction and the violations associated. In terms of the overnight stays and event permits, they are intertwined violations so there is a notice of violation regarding the use as overnight stays wedding event. There is currently an estoppel letter that says the County is temporarily unable to enforce unpermitted vacation rental or short term rental pending our new regulations. The new regulations are supposed to go to the Coastal Commission hearing in July. While the regulations are pending in the Coastal Zone, enforcement has begun for the Inland Zone and new staff is being brought on to help with enforcement. During the April 30 Planning Commission, a PC Referral was presented on how the County can incorporate state mandated general plan elements into local regulations. Conversations on fire fuel vegetation, mitigation, management, and defensible space are all active. The County is engaging actively in those conversations as they relate to the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan (BSLUP) update; working with the Big Sur Ad Hoc Committee and the CCC staff to into incorporation into the BSLUP. County Staff is also working with Big Sur Fire with their program that is underway for defensible space.
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels – Allowed for questions
  - Mike Caplin – Asked a question
  - Melanie Beretti – Replied
  - Mike Caplin – Asked a question
  - Melanie Beretti – Replied
  - Marcus Foster – Made a comment
  - Supervisor Kate Daniels – Replied
  - Melanie Beretti – Replied
- f. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
- Floodplain restoration project at Palo Corona Regional Park will break ground in June and start with contractor mobilization. Tiger construction was awarded the contract. The construction is scheduled to span over the next three construction seasons. The Park District has been working on

repairing roads in the back country to accommodate access for emergency vehicles and trailside brushing. The recruitment process for a new General Manager continues with hopes of introducing the next GM at the next meeting. Big Sur Land Trusts Race for Open Space will be on May 10 at Palo Corona.

g. California Coastal Commission

- The Commission's May meeting will be held in Half Moon Bay from May 7th through May 9th. Central coast items will be heard Thursday the 8th, with the only item in Monterey being a coastal development permit waiver for improvements to the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute's docking facilities in Moss Landing Harbor to accommodate their new research vessel, David Packard.

That said, three Caltrans projects may be going to hearing in the coming months. The first is a culvert replacement project for four culverts along Highway 1 through the Big Sur area, the second is a follow-up permit for emergency work conducted in 2021 to reopen the highway after a washout in the Big Creek Reserve. These two projects will go to the LUAC on May 13th. The final Caltrans project is the construction of a series of retaining walls at a problematic location of highway near Big Creek Bridge, this project will go to the LUAC on May 28th.

We still intend to bring the County's vacation rental ordinance to hearing in July, but there is always the possibility of a change in plans. For instance, while we thought the July hearing would be held in Monterey, the location has been changed to Pismo Beach instead.

As always, Commission staff continue to coordinate with Caltrans, Monterey County, State Parks, and other partners on forthcoming projects in Big Sur. If I didn't cover something you are interested in or if you have any questions feel free to come up to me and Kevin after the meeting to talk.

- Melanie Beretti – Commented
- Supervisor Kate Daniels – Commented
- Breylen Ammen – Replied

h. Caltrans

- During the last BSMAAC, Caltrans explained the remote control equipment supporting with the removal of Regents Slide. Remote equipment was chosen because it is precarious to put people in the equipment on the edge of the slide. \*Caltrans staff played a video showing a recent video of Regents Slide\*
- Supervisor Kate Daniels – Asked a question
- Caltrans – Replied
- John Handy – Asked two questions
- Caltrans – Replied
- John Handy – Commented

- Caltrans – Replied
- Supervisor Kate Daniels – Commented
- Steve Beck – Asked a question
- Caltrans – Replied
- Caltrans introduced a new staff member and explained that she is their new Deputy of Planning; she will be working on updating the Coast Highway Management Plan (CHMP).
- Supervisor Kate Daniels – Commented
- Caltrans is working with FHWA on protect funding to do an update to the CHMP. The CHMP is 20 years old, and they want to update the CHMP through a community and interagency effort which would be the same approach as before. The update will include coastal resiliency, emergency guidelines, permitting, community engagement, coastal access, etc.
- Martha Diehl – Commented
- Caltrans – Replied
- Member of the public – Commented
- Caltrans – Replied
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- Caltrans – Replied
- NOAA – Commented
- Matt Glazer – Commented
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i. California State Parks and Recreation

- State Parks has begun a planning process to assess potential options and feasibility for installation of restrooms at Soberanes Creek and Garrapata Creek in Garrapata State Park. We have porta potties in the vicinity of both potential locations. State Parks put visual mock-ups of what the restrooms could potentially look like in the back of the room.

This planning effort is funded by our partners at the Coastal Conservancy. Tim Duff is here with us today.

We have engaged with Denise Duffy and Associates to conduct an environmental review, conduct field surveys, and initiate a cultural records search and coordinate with Parks and our tribal partners on consultation. DD&A has also provided an initial Visual Assessment and mock up that are hot off the press. I think visuals can really be helpful to get an idea of what we are introducing.

BKF Engineers has been brought in to prepare an options analysis, and to conduct all analyses to prepare design plans.

Public engagement, feedback, and discussion are absolutely critical for us in understanding how this might work. We are proposing to bring the

design and compliance teams and State Parks project manager, along with the Coastal Conservancy down to the next BSMAAC in 2 months to give a detailed presentation on steps in the process, the design concepts, and all the ways the public can engage and participate in the process. We will be conducting community outreach then, as well as during each milestone of the design planning process- 30%, 50%, during CEQA and the Coastal Permitting process, and during ongoing communication at BSMAAC and the Byways and other meetings.

Again, please take a look at the initial visuals that we have here, I'll make sure Katie (County Staff) has the digital version to share, and we'll provide an email for general correspondence on this as well. State Parks will provide a presentation on the restroom project in July at the next BSMAAC.

j. NOAA Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

- In May, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is conducting a research cruise aboard the RV Fulmar in the southern region of the sanctuary. The cruise will explore La Cruz Canyon, and collect data with a Remotely Operated Vehicle with Marine Applied Research and Exploration, and characterize the habitat, fish and invertebrates in that area. La Cruz Canyon is within a SESA ([Sanctuary Ecologically Significant Areas](#)) and adjacent to Pt. Piedras Blancas.
- Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has lost a significant portion of their workforce in 2025, and is looking at how to best restructure duties and priorities. For example, emergency response will be regionalized across Greater Farallones, Monterey Bay and Chumash Heritage NMSs, and we will rely on our response partners to respond if sanctuary personnel are not available.
- MBNMS continues to coordinate with Caltrans and other agencies such as US Army Corp, CA Coastal Commission, NOAA Fisheries, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife on permitting and mitigations for Big Sur Hwy One on road repair activities at the Regent's slide location. The goals are get the road open to all again, while minimizing impacts to endangered black abalone, and other resources. Caltrans are coordinating monthly meetings to update on Regent's slide, which remains closed until the sediment can be moved down the hillside and off the road. The agencies are working on a joint mitigation program document together.
- MBNMS Team OCEAN (Ocean Conservation Education Action Network) volunteer naturalists are headed out on kayaks to recreational areas in Elkhorn Slough, Moss Landing and Cannery Row, Monterey starting on Memorial weekend to educate the public about the sanctuary, it's incredible wildlife and how to responsibly interact with other animals (e.g. sea otters, harbor seals, sea lions, seabirds). Team OCEAN volunteers help keep an eye on the sanctuary and contribute to

documenting and preventing wildlife disturbances during the high tourist season in MBNMS.

k. United States Forest Service

- Willow/Dolan (DRSA) project:
  1. DRSA Dolan post-fire trail recovery project, about 13 miles of trail have been brushed, logged out and had the tread re-established within the fire footprints since last September.
  2. ACE, SCA and CCC crews this Spring have continued work on the Kirk Creek Trail, Vicente Flat Trail, Cone Peak Trail and Arroyo Seco trail.
  3. By mid-May the Kirk creek/Vicente Flat trail from highway 1 to Cone Peak Rd. should be in great condition all the way through.
  4. There were 5 successful pack trips of 7-14 mules from Nacimiento Summit to Cone Peak trailhead
  5. As a district it is our intention to restore our backcountry trails to pack and saddle standards. This will support continued work with PSCOE and aid us in reviving our own MRD pack stock program again. With these efforts, we will be able to maintain our trails deep in the Wilderness to a level that was historically possible when mules and horses were regularly utilized or maintenance.
  6. Opening our trail corridors is not only important from a recreational perspective, but every mile of trail that is maintained establishes a defensible space for fire crews and important access on the ground if and when a fire does break out.
- Visitor Use Management
  1. Designated Dispersed Pilot Project Plaskett Ridge Road- As you know we are embarking upon, with support of the VUM implementation committee and the Enterprise team a Designated Dispersed Pilot project on Plaskett Ridge Road. Starting on Tuesday the 6th the Enterprise team will be on site on the Southcoast Monday Evening thru Friday AM. We will be conducting multiple site visits over the course of next week and gathering the necessary baseline data required to continue thorough planning, assessment, and analysis over the coming weeks and months. This is an effort to generate sustainable and responsible recreation opportunities on this heavily visited road of the South Coast.
  2. Coastal Trail- As Senator John Laird mentioned earlier today, we are working closely together with our partners on progressing toward a feasibility study and conceptual plan endeavoring to find out what is possible for this segment of the Coastal trail. I look forward to our continued good work together on this.
- Fire Program update:
  1. Our FMO Pete Harris retired last month, and I wanted to acknowledge his over 15 years of dedicated service to the MRD and 30 years of federal service.

2. We have hired his replacement:
  - a. Harold Cook, also known as Magoo has been hired as the new FMO for the MRD.
  - b. Harold is anticipating starting May 18th, and he comes to us with over 25 years of federal service and his last 16 years as the Ventana Hot Shot crew member and superintendent. His wealth of knowledge and experience fire will be a strong foundation for MRD fire program to build and grow.
  - c. Right now, we are onboarding many new fire personnel across all modules on the district and going through pre-season training. We will be holding a fire school for two weeks at Camp Roberts beginning May 12.
- Other mentions at your discretion
  1. In these times of uncertainty, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the questions many of you may have about the future of public lands and the work of the U.S. Forest Service. Like so many organizations, we are navigating evolving challenges—budgetary constraints, naturally shifting system pressures, and everchanging priorities. But what remains constant is our commitment to serving you and stewarding the landscapes we all depend on. We know that trust is built not only through the work we do, but in how we show up—in how we listen, collaborate, and adapt. Whether it’s maintaining access to your favorite trail, managing fire-prone landscapes, or supporting this community, our focus is on people and place. We remain grounded in the values of service, integrity, and care, and we will continue to engage transparently as we work through what comes next. Thank you for standing with us—for your partnership, your friendship, your advocacy, and your belief in the power of public lands to connect, sustain, and inspire.
1. 5<sup>th</sup> District, Monterey County Board of Supervisors
  - Thanked Jesus from the Monterey Business Council for his work on live streaming the meeting and thanked County staff. Thanked the public for their comments. She will look into Wind & Sea, and what the County can do. Since the last BSMAAC, District 5 office put in a referral regarding the Bixby Bridge prohibition on parking and there will be an update during a Board of Supervisors hearing. Another referral they are considering putting forward is raising the parking ticket fee. Supervisor Daniels sits on many boards. She attended her first Central Coast Community Energy and explained that it is the green energy provider. Attended a conference earlier that week. She will be adding a new team member to the District 5 team. The first budget hearing will be at the end of May; there is a deficit that the County is working to overcome. Many funding streams are at risk.
- m. 30<sup>th</sup> District, California State Assembly

- As Chair of the Assembly Subcommittee on Budget 1 (Health), Assemblymember Addis is focused on expanding access to quality health care across California. Medi-Cal, which supports millions of Californians, is partially federally funded. Potential federal funding cuts could jeopardize the program. Budget updates expected later in May will help guide decisions on how to preserve this vital resource.
  - 2025 Legislative Session Priorities
    1. Assemblymember Addis has introduced 18 bills centered on health care, environmental protection, and education. Some bills include AB 510 – The Patient Act: Streamlines the appeals process for health care authorization denials. AB 1288 – Retain and Train Act: Extends the employment period for environmental health trainees in local departments. AB 405 – Fashion Environmental Accountability Act: Holds fashion brands accountable for environmental harm. AB 560 – Special Educator Support Act: Sets limits on special education caseloads and class sizes to improve support for educators and students. You can learn more about the full legislative package on the Assemblymember’s website: [a30.asmdc.org](http://a30.asmdc.org).
  - Lastly, a reminder: May 7 is the federal deadline for obtaining a Real ID. After this date, travelers will no longer be able to fly domestically using only a standard driver’s license or state-issued ID.
- n. 17<sup>th</sup> District, California State Senate
- Regularly checks in with Caltrans regional director. Wants to see change occur related to expediting information sharing. The Senator will be participating in a round table discussion in San Luis Obispo and the meeting will focus on impacts to Highway 1. He is consistently checking in on progress, timelines, etc. on reopening Highway 1. They have appropriated money to empower the attorney general to sue if there is accountability. They are working to ensure what is done is legal and appropriate. The Senator is happy that the project at Garrapata State Park is moving forward.
- o. 19<sup>th</sup> District, United States Congress
- Emmanuel Garcia reported on behalf of Jimmy Panetta. He will be checking in with his team regarding questions raised during the meeting. balances must flex its muscles. He (Panetta) remains focused on delivering legislation and Federal investment victories for Big Sur and California's 19th Congressional district, while also providing responsive casework to constituents who may be experiencing issues with the Federal Government. Our office is in the midst of the appropriations process for fiscal year 2026. During this period Representative Panetta continues to advocate for funding investment and programs that are vital to life here in Big Sur that includes his annual push for full funding for the United States Forest Service, which recently has come under threat of workforce and budget cuts. Representative Panetta strongly believes in the Forest Services Service to Big Sur on Wild Wildfire Prevention

and environmental conservation work, and he will continue to work to protect funding, to protect our forest public lands and communities. Additionally, the majority party in Congress has begun to work in earnest on its budget reconciliation legislation. This week the House began marking up proposals that will be included in the reconciliation package. The proposals marked up this week would increase, spending on defense by 100 billion dollars, reduce spending on higher education by 330 billion, mostly restricting access to higher education, assistance, ending Biden Era, loan repayment plans and eliminating greenhouse funding. Representative Panetta is deeply concerned. That the financial proposals could cut Medicaid because the reconciliation instructs instructions require 880 billion dollars in cuts from the Energy and Commerce Committee, whose jurisdiction is mostly Medicare and Medicaid. Representative Panetta serves in the Wage Committee, the Chief Tax Writing body in the House of Representatives. That committee's markup may be scheduled as early as next Thursday, and will encompass a significant portion of this Reconciliation Bill. As the majority party works to overhaul the nation's tax code. Congressman Panetta will continue pushing his colleagues on the other side of the aisle to protect the core programs for the people of the 19th Congressional district to ensure fairness and safeguard clean energy, innovation, tax credits, and not irresponsibly add trillions to our nation's debt and deficits. With regards to our fix, our Forest Act as representative Panetta previously reported. This year the House voted to pass the fix. Our Forest Act. A bipartisan common sense approach to improving forest health and protecting our communities from catastrophic wildfires. This bill would help expedite forest management projects reduce unnecessary legal delays and bolster Federal, State, tribal and local collaboration on wildfire mitigation. It has now moved on to the Senate, where Senator Padilla and Western Senators have introduced their versions of this compromise legislation. This bipartisan bicameral push will be a positive sign for legislation's prospects of passing both chambers and ultimately becoming law with California averaging 7,500 wildfires a year, and fire becoming a larger and larger and deadlier Panetta believes that it's the it is the time for action. The time for action is now. He will continue working with his colleagues across both chambers. To get this bill passed in regards to disaster, approval concerns, and monitoring Congressman Panetta continues to monitor the actions of the Administration when it comes to disaster, assistance, and recovery. The President's recent rejection of our Kansas request for a major disaster declaration, for on multiple rounds of severe weather is a concerning development. Our community and big sur understands how disasters can disrupt lives and livelihoods, and how critical it is to have partners at the local state and Federal levels working together to get families and communities back on their feet. Congressman Panetta will continue to work on his colleagues to provide robust oversight of this

agency to ensure help is getting to the people and places where it's needed most. He will continue to coordinate with State and Federal and local officials to bring weather transmitter, representative continues to work with federal, State and local officials to bring the NOAA weather transmitter to fix Representative Panetta recently met with NOAA, and the National Weather Service has told us they can fund the filtration equipment that the Coast Guard needs to allow weather transmitter to be installed on their tower at Post Ranch. The National Weather Service is currently working to resubmit a request relocation request for the Coast Guard. Thank you for all your continued partnership, Congress of Panetta believes in the collective power of the American people and our community here in Big Sur to get things done. We've proven that time after time. Congress of Panetta is proud to serve you in Congress, and looks forward to the work ahead and continue improving this place. We all call home.

**X. Report from Non-Member Agencies on Issues Pertinent to Big Sur**

- a. United States Forest Service, Law Enforcement Officer
  - Quick update on Nacimiento Ferguson . People are revisiting those areas, We discovering that Cal Poly students have discovered the area and having parties. Campfires are occurring there. We're not in fire season yet, and once we are that will not be permitted. Silver Peak has not burned in a while. Working with local partners and they take them to Bixby Bridge to see the ongoing parking issue.
- b. California State Parks, Law Enforcement Officer
  - Hired a new ranger here. And they started on Tuesday. He'll be in training for the next couple of months and be out on patrol. Ranger Wilkins is the new ranger. So when you see him say, Hi, welcome him. He's happy to be working here. Secondly, they will be hosting an enforcement and educational effort at Point Lobos targeting pedestrian and vehicle issues. Officers will do active enforcement. This is in collaboration with Caltrans, CHP, etc. on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - into probably around a monastery beach.
- c. County of Monterey Sheriffs Office
  - Absent
- d. California Highway Patrol
  - Our officers are incredibly supported by this community, and I do want to extend my thanks to them. The California patrol remains a dedicated, committed partner to law enforcement needs to this community.
- e. Big Sur Fire
  - Absent
- f. Big Sur Byway Organization
  - The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for the 18th of June. 2 hours to discuss all the matters that we come up during BSMAAC. We haven't set the agenda for that. If there anybody wants to put anything on the agenda they are welcome to contact Martha Diehl directly. Nominated

Steve Beck for a vacant position. Requested that Caltrans host a special meeting to discuss the CHMP update.

- Supervisor Kate Daniels thanked Paul from the Big Sur Lodge
- Mike Caplin – commented
- Supervisor Kate Daniels - replied

## **XI. Adjournment**

Next Meeting – Friday, July 11, 2025

~Thank you to the Big Sur Lodge for your hospitality and for the use of the conference room at the Big Sur Lodge~

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