

# 2011 Rio del Mar Improvement Association Annual Meeting

Bill Comfort, President RDMIA

# Agenda for meeting

- Rio del Mar Improvement Association Mission(s)
- Treasurer's Report
- Voting results
- Finding a permanent solution to the meandering of Aptos Creek across Rio del Mar Beach
  - Chuck Carlson: *Brief picture history of the lagoon and creek*
  - Lorin Letendre: *Experience with a similar situation in Carmel*
  - Kristin Kittleson: *Information on protected fish in the lagoon*
- Refreshments
- Supervisor Ellen Pirie:
  - State of the Aptos Village Plan
  - RDM traffic circle status
  - Road maintenance and highway improvements
- Adjourn

# RDMIA Mission

- ***Rio Del Mar Improvement Association's mission is to serve the homeowners and residents of Rio del Mar by:***
  - enhancing the quality of life of the residents of Rio del Mar,
  - maintaining and improving community public areas when County government is unable,
  - representing key community interests and needs to County government,
  - finding information and resources to address the questions and needs of community members,
  - fostering neighborhood community and increasing the level of neighborhood cooperation and participation.

# Treasurer's Report 10/26/11

• <u>Assets:</u>	Comerica Bank	\$9,119.32
	Vanguard Invest.	\$3,101.16
	<u>Total Assets:</u>	\$12,220.48
• <u>Income:</u>	Memberships:	\$7,475.00
	Advertising:	\$1,325.00
	Donations:	\$1,300.00
	Donations (Esplanade Palm Trees)	\$3,150.00
	<u>Total Income:</u>	\$13,250.00
• <u>Expenses:</u>	Website Hosting	\$388.95
	Newsletter (printing/mailing)	\$848.66
	Post Office (box, permit)	\$362.00
	Hospitality (picnic, refreshments)	\$127.99
	Donation (Aptos History Museum)	\$300.00
	Insurance	\$603.00
	Esplanade and Island maintenance	\$7,442.29
	<u>Total Expenses:</u>	\$10,142.89

# Voting Results

- Total Votes Cast: 75
- Board Candidates:
  - Bill Comfort 70
  - Fay Levinson 71
  - Deborah Vanderwoude 70
- Bylaw changes:
  - Yes 70
  - No 2
  - Blank 3
- Permanent solution to...creek meandering
  - Yes 69
  - No 1
  - Blank or “wait and see” 5

Bylaw concern (two members) was eliminating the two-signature requirement on checks

- We appreciate that the point was raised
- Our total income and expenditures are small
- Our Board approves all expenses over \$100

# Rio del Mar Beach and Aptos Creek



# The Board and members support a permanent solution to Aptos Creek

- We seek a permanent (long-term) solution to the meandering of Aptos Creek where it empties into Rio del Mar Beach that will meet the requirements of the agencies involved.
  - Permanently protect the beauty and access to the Rio del Mar public beach
  - Permanently provide habitat so that Goby and Steelhead flourish

# There are multiple motivations for finding a solution

- Access to our beach by residents and visitors
  - Our County depends on visitors; and many come here for the beach
- Protecting the beauty and desirability of our beach for people to enjoy beach activities
  - Reducing the extent and duration of stagnant (smelly/unsanitary) water on the beach
- Providing beach stability to protect beach-side homes.

Prior to (about) 2000, State Parks assisted the channel to the ocean

- A bulldozer was used by State Parks to maintain the Aptos Creek channel to the ocean.
  - The severity of the meandering was significantly reduced
  - Public beach access was good
- This approach is no longer allowed.

# Achieving a permanent solution

- *A Brief Photographic Lagoon/Creek History:*  
*Chuck Carlson, Aptos History Museum*
- *How Carmel is solving a similar situation:*  
*Lorin Letendre, President Carmel River Watershed Conservancy*
- *Information about protected fish in the Lagoon:*  
*Kristin Kittleson, Santa Cruz County Biologist*