

**ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM OF MARIN'S "TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE MARIN"
2007 WORKSHOP SERIES**

Land Use and Planning

Session #6: Saturday, March 17, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Coordinators: Beverly McIntosh (30), Susan Scott (32)
Location: Dominican University, Caleruega Hall/Creekside Room, Magnolia Avenue, San Rafael
Directions to Dominican: <http://www.dominican.edu/about/campus/directionstocampus.html>
Campus Map: (<http://www.dominican.edu/about/campus/campus-tour/campusmap.pdf>)

OBJECTIVES:

1. Briefly review the history of land use patterns in Marin since 1973.
2. Learn about the function and processes of Marin's County Wide Plan (CWP), its current status and its sustainability elements.
3. Learn about the effectiveness of these sustainability elements relative to agriculture, land use and open space, local food supply, habitats, biodiversity, and housing, including affordable housing.
4. Learn how local zoning designations affect land use, and how the resultant land use policies affect energy demand.
5. Learn how state property tax policies affect land use decisions.
6. Learn about Marin's housing issues, including the ways a lack of affordable housing affects transportation and energy use.
7. Explore the concept of "smart growth" and how it is and can be applied in Marin County.

SPEAKERS:

Alex Hinds Director, Marin County Community Development Agency (CDA)
Gary Patton Executive Director, Planning and Conservation League (PCL) and the PCL Foundation
Betty Pagett Director of Education and Advocacy, Ecumenical Association for Housing (EAH)
Susan Scott Attorney; Board Member of Community Land Trust of West Marin (CLAM)
Lisa Bush Consulting Rangeland Management and Agricultural Specialist

SCHEDULE:

8:45 a.m. Meet and greet
9:00 - 9:05 Introduction (Bev McIntosh)
9:05 – 9:55 County Wide General Plan, History and Present (Alex Hinds; 15 mins Q&A)
9:55 - 10:45 State Wide Land Use Issues (Gary Patton; 15 mins Q&A)
10:45 - 10:55 Break
10:55 - 12:00 Affordable/Sustainable Housing (Betty Pagett, Susan Scott; 15 mins Q&A)
12:00 - 12:35 Lunch
12:35 - 1:15 Land Use and Agriculture (Lisa Bush)
1:15 - 2:00 Panel Discussion

RECOMMENDED READING PRIOR TO CLASS:

Marin Countywide Plan: <http://future-marin.org>

“Community Marin” Report:

http://www.sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/Marin/DOC/Issue_CommunityMarin_March2003.pdf

Written by representatives of four Marin environmental organizations, given to The County to provide input on what would help make Marin’s Countywide Plan most sustainable: Sierra Club-Marin Group, Marin Conservaton League, Marin Audubon, Environmental Forum of Marin

Explanation of Community Land Trusts:

<http://www.iceclt.org/clt> (Please also click the left-side links on the home page of this website)

Southside Park Co-Housing, Sacramento, CA:

<http://www.designadvisor.org/frameset.html?http://www.designadvisor.org/gallery/southside.html>

OTHER RESOURCES:

Familiarize yourself with the following websites:

- Greenbelt Alliance: <http://www.greenbeltalliance.org> (see Smart Growth Scorecard!)
- Marin Agricultural Land Trust: <http://www.malt.org>
- Trust for Public Land: <http://tpl.org>
- CLAM (Community Land Trust Association of West Marin): <http://clam-ptreyes.org>

Websites with more information on affordable housing:

- Ecumenical Association for Housing: <http://www.eahhousing.org>
- The Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California: <http://www.nonprofithousing.org>
- The Campaign for Affordable Housing: <http://www.tcah.org>

SPEAKERS’ BIOGRAPHIES

Bev McIntosh (30)

Native Californian. BA Long Beach State, Physical Geography/Biology Minor; MA Cal State Los Angeles, Biogeography/emphasis, Ornithology. County Planner, Environmental Planner/CalTrans (Dist. 4) Community College Instructor: Physical Geography; Bird Identification and California Native Plants (Southern California). Lived on two National Audubon Sanctuaries: Richardson Bay (1970-1973) and Starr Ranch (1973 through 1977). Licensed bird-bander (permit inactive). Life-long environmental activist.

Alex Hinds

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Alex Hinds has directed county land use agencies in California for the past 20 years. He is currently Director of the Marin County Community Development Agency, where he oversees the building, environmental health, federal grants, and planning divisions.

Previously Alex served as the San Luis Obispo County Director of Planning and Building, and as the Lake County Planning Director. He taught university-level planning classes at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, and is an aficionado of sustainable development practices.

Alex has been responsible for the preparation of many award-winning planning documents and was a former Fulbright scholar in Ecuador.

Gary Patton

Planning and Conservation League: <http://www.pcl.org> <http://www.pcl.org/pcl/pcl-garypatton.asp>

Mr. Patton is the Executive Director of the Planning and Conservation League, and the Planning and Conservation League Foundation. Based in Sacramento, PCL is working for a fundamental reform of the state's planning process, to make sure that our future growth is not only good for the economy, but that we preserve and protect our spectacular natural environment, and achieve our social equity and public health goals in California's local communities. PCL has working for over 40 years for a system of laws to keep our state both healthy and productive.

Gary's previous job assignments have included:

- Environmental attorney in private practice
- Member, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors (for 20 Years)
- General Counsel, PCL-PCLF
- Executive Director, LandWatch Monterey County

Betty Stratham Pagett

Betty Pagett joined the staff of the Ecumenical Association for Housing in April 1991 after 10 years in Marin County as minister of First United Methodist Church, San Rafael. She is the Community Acceptance Strategies Trainer for the Non-Profit Housing Association and helped form the national Campaign for Affordable Housing. In 1997 she received the Beryl Buck Award for building humane, inclusive, democratic community.

Ms. Pagett's responsibilities for EAH include public policy and public education, working with local, state and national organizations on land use, work-force housing and affordable housing issues. She has been an active part of The Marin Consortium for Work Force Housing, working to reduce barriers and increase availability of housing for the local work force. She co-chairs Marin Housing Council and participates in the Marin Environmental Housing Dialogue.

Prior to 18 years in parish ministry as an educator and pastor, Ms. Pagett developed educational materials and training events relating to national and international issues. She holds a B.A. Degree from University of the Pacific in International Relations and English, and two masters' degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York with a year of study at Isabella Thoburn College.

Susan Scott (32)

Susan is a lawyer with a history of employment in labor, criminal defense and taxation. She was also the initiator and organizer of the first affordable cohousing project in the US, Southside Park Cohousing in downtown Sacramento, where she lived for over 10 years, and has assisted in the formation of numerous other urban cohousing groups. In 2002, she retired from state employment in Sacramento and moved full time to West Marin, where she's been working to help establish a community land trust (CLAM) for affordable housing in the Inverness/Pt Reyes Station area. CLAM purchased its first property and has developed two units of affordable housing out of an existing single family home in Inverness. It has also facilitated the purchase of another two unit home as an affordable tenancy in common. CLAM hopes to acquire a new property every year for conversion to permanent affordability.

Lisa Bush

Lisa Bush is a rangeland management and agricultural consultant who has worked in natural resources management for 25 years. Her life long interest in botany and plant ecology led her to an initial career in environmental restoration. Her fascination with grasslands and oak woodlands inspired her to earn a masters degree in Rangeland Management from U.C. Berkeley in 1992. Lisa worked for the Marin Agricultural Land Trust for eight years, where she dealt with various aspects of land use and planning. Now, the intricate web of social, cultural, and ecological processes associated with rural land use, livestock and other food production, is what keeps her excited about her work.