

## **Bolinas Marine Laboratory Field Station Project:**

On September 25, 2020 the College of Marin's Bolinas Marine Laboratory Field Station project was resubmitted to the County of Marin Planning Department to address their request for a Geotechnical and Historic Evaluation report for further review.

With this additional information in hand the County provided correspondence on October 21, 2020 with a request for the project scope to incorporate commissioning of the Bolinas Museum to document the site's history and provide a plaque or physical feature to commemorate the site's history. The project design already had incorporated a ship's lantern feature as a memorial gesture to symbolize the site's Coast Guard history of providing community safety and safe coastal passage to the region. A narrative with images capturing these items into the project scope was submitted to the County Planning Department.

On November 22, 2020 an official notice submitted by the County was provided which determined the projects application/submission was complete and accepted for filing. The acceptance established the required public notice and hearing scheduled for December 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in order for the Deputy Zoning Administration to provide decision of approval.

Per the public notice issued by the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (BCPUD), it included the College of Marin project on their November 18, 2020 board agenda. During that board meeting the public had another opportunity to share their thoughts regarding the project. There were members who had comments against the design in regards to historic reference, public parking, and fencing needs. Ultimately the board approved the project for water rights, but requested an opportunity for a small group of community members and board members to have a discussion about these concerns. The meeting took place on December 2, 2020 to address the community concerns and requests. College of Marin and the Design Team met with the group and everyone left the meeting in support of moving forward with the project, with the understanding the College will keep the community apprised of the project development.

On December 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the County public hearing took place with three Bolinas community members showing their strong support of the project. There were no objections to the project and the Board gave approval and recommended approval to California Coastal Commissioning. As per the County municipal code, the community has five working days to submit an appeal to the County approval of the project. On December 10, 2020 no appeals were received and the County forwarded their approval recommendation to California Coastal Commissioning.

As part of their process, the California Coastal Commissioning also has a fourteen-day appeal period from the date of local approval and when their recommendation is made. This appeal period will be complete on January 13, 2021. If no appeals are received, the project will be approved both locally and per the California Coastal Commissioning agencies.

With approval, the project will be accepted for the intended use and design presented at the 72 Wharf Road site. Next steps would be to proceed into design development and documentation. In addition, the remaining engineering consultants will be brought on board for further development of the building systems. The project will also require going through the County Public Works department for

construction permitting. With the expected approval on January 13, 2021 the project can anticipate a permit application submission in the beginning of July 2021.