

BEL MARIN KEYS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Emergency Board of Directors Meeting Notice

Date: Friday, December 11, 2020

Time: 7:00PM

MINUTES

Directors:

Vince Lattanzio, President
Darrick Chase, Vice-President
Cheryl Furst
Mercy Angelopoulos
Mark Montobbio

- I. Call to Order, Please Turn Off Your Cell Phones (*approximately 7:00pm*): 7:02PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:
- III. Roll Call: Present: Lattanzio, Chase, Furst, Angelopoulos Absent: Montobbio
- IV. Algae Outbreak in the Lagoon

Mr. Parent noted that on December 9th a flyer was delivered to the whole community as the Waterways Manager has notices a red colored alga in the North Lagoon with the following precautions:

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, BMKCS D RECOMMENDS THAT EVERYONE,

- Refrain from physical contact with water from the lagoon including swimming and pets;
- Do not eat any fish or shellfish from the lagoon;
- If a strong odor is noticed near the lagoon residents should limit their exposure to the air;
- Limit contact with the affected areas (especially kayaks, smaller vessels) and if you remove anything from the lagoon from your property, you must wash down prior to moving or transporting;
- Do not attempt to remove or bring any of the algae ashore;
- There are no restrictions on watercraft in the lagoon, however, mariners should avoid traversing through any algae blooms;
- In rare instances waterfowl who may eat affected fish or shellfish may act erratically and should be avoided; AND
- Do NOT bring any trailers or boats or vehicles into the South Lagoon that have had contact with the North Lagoon or the Creek until further notice.

The BMKCS D has closed the North Lock and Calypso Shores boat ramp out of an abundance of caution to mitigate spread into the Novato Creek and the South Lagoon. Water samples were taken to check the toxicity levels of the algae and whether it posed a threat for recreational use. The preliminary samples noted the sample as possible Green Nanophytoplankton and as to the coloring it was uncertain. Notice was also sent to the County of Marin, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Game and a courtesy notice to the State Coastal Conservancy. The Notice was added to the District website and we will continue to update the website and notice to residents as information is available.

The Board noted that in abundance of caution to monitor the algae and continue to update the site. We want to thank residents for their understanding as we continue to monitor, sample, and map the algae blooms in the waterways. As the preliminary results are nontoxic or has an extremely low/undetectable toxicity, however, we do not know why the red discoloration, particularly in the North Lagoon. Given the results as a nontoxic algae from the lab and consultant the ramps and locks have been reopened. Although the report show no toxicity we are still being cautious about the lagoon and will continue to monitor.

We are still working on identifying the exact species of the algae. And once we know the exact species, we will update information relative to best management practices. A picture was provided for reference for residents as they use the lagoon and may encounter and this algae bloom.

The District will continue to do the regular water testing prior to flushing events and post the lab result in the water quality section of the BMK website.

V. Adjournment

****MOTION: To adjourn the emergency Board Meeting of December 11, 2020**

M/S: Lattanzio, Angelopulos

Vote: All ayes

Absent: Montobbio

Next regular meeting date: Thursday, January 21, 2021, 7:30PM, at the Bel Marin Keys Community Center, 4 Montego Key, Novato, CA.