FRIENDS OF THE MARK WEST WATERSHED
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 16th, 2012
MONAN’S RILL – HUB

Facilitation Team
Linda, Ray, Bill

Attendees: Richard, Linda, Penny, Bill, Josh, Ray, Harriet, Craig Anderson

Minutes of 5-17-2012:

Approved with no amendments.

Financial Report:

Bill reported that we have $10,705.36 in our checking account. Our only recent expenditure was to Sonic.net for $60.

Goals for this coming year/Strategic Plan:

We brainstormed upcoming events and relationships with other groups including:

- LandPaths (see below)
- Hosting H&H at Ranchero Mark West
- Joint dance (with LandPaths, RCD?)
- Cresta?
- MRI and training days with Joan Linney? offer eco-community-centered trainings

Linda shared that the city of Santa Rosa offers programs on graywater systems and offers free equipment and consultations.

Ray asked what’s already available? Instead of re-creating the wheel, can we join forces with other groups that have done the same events?

Craig Anderson from LandPaths:

We discussed where our mutual goals overlapped and brainstormed ideas of how our organizations might partner together in the future.
Craig discussed escrow closing on Ranchero Mark West, they still owe $250,000 to Doerksens and will be asking County Open Space to contribute. The 1991-92 easement is somewhat loose; they are trying to get the county to contribute which should tighten up the easement agreement.

Craig likes taking the carrot approach; i.e., attracting people with mix of uses, historic appeal, agricultural use, etc.

Craig plans to hire someone to do hold meetings and create and advisory group that will discuss the best use of Ranchero Mark West. This person would also facilitate communication between Land Paths and FMWW.

There was interest and excitement about this our group, we brainstormed for a few minutes about what this might look like and agreed to hold our next meeting on November 15th at the Barn at Ranchero Mark West. WE also discussed collaborating on the annual Land Paths Holiday Party, Craig recommended that we talk to Heather at Land Path about the Party.

We agreed that developing the relationship between LandPaths and FMWW falls within the purview of the Stewardship committee.

Environmental Base-building Forum:

Ray and Linda shared about a recent forum they attended which was high quality and focused on how to build a board.

Linda also shared a report from the North Bay Organizing project that focused on relationship building. Linda has notes about this that she can share with us.

Stewardship:

RCD signage (see to right): WCB contact Cresta and Milbergs about possible placement on their property. Richard will contact Playalina at RCD.

The county recently came and picked up garbage on the road after a request from Richard.

History:

The committee has done two interviews since our last meeting and hope to have them on the website soon.
Emergency Preparedness:

They will be meeting in two weeks

Public Policy Committee:

The new draft EIR for the Cornell winery project it out, Bill has put it on our website. Ray shared that the EIR appears to be very scientific but only focuses on the winery. It is not clear if anyone will be pursuing a lawsuit at this point.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Tracy

Next Membership Meeting November 15th, 2012 - Monan’s Rill HUB

Directions to Monan's Rill ~ 7899 St. Helena Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404. Approx. 4 miles on St. Helena Road from Calistoga Road. At the bottom of a sharp S turn, there are several mailboxes on the left at the base of the main drive onto the land. You will also see a sign for Monan’s Rill at the entry on the left side of the road. Go up the gravel drive. Please keep your speed below 15 mph. Monan’s Rill community HUB is about a mile up the drive. Once you get onto the property, keep going straight, curving around to the left until you get to a “Y”. Take the right fork and make the next left at the mailboxes. The community building is on the left and parking is on the roadway or in the parking lot area on the right of the building. Please leave your pets at home~ stay clear of the ponds~ no smoking. Please Note: All attendees at our monthly meetings are asked to sign a general liability release for the benefit of Monan’s Rill.