

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 3 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
AT THE MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
180 CAMINO ALTO, MILL VALLEY**

<u>Advisory Board (AB) Members Present</u>	<u>District Staff (Staff) Present</u>
Penelope Alexandris (PA)	Neal Conatser, Assistant Engineer
Robert Burton (RB), Chairperson	Hannah Lee, Associate Civil Engineer
Dan Frost (DF)	Liz Lewis, Planning Manager
Garry Lion (GL)	Stephanie Lapine, Assistant Engineer
Shawn McGhie (SM)	
Curry Ecklehoff (CE), Vice Chairperson	
<u>Advisory Board (AB) Members Absent</u>	<u>Others</u>
Linda Rames (LR)	Graham Bradner, GEI Consultants, Inc.
	Maureen Parton, Aide to Supervisor Kate Sears

Meeting commenced at approximately 6:33 PM with PA, RB, DF, GL, SM, and CE present. Staff announced that former Zone Engineer, Neal Conatser, has been promoted and has moved on to Zone 9. This is the last Flood Zone 3 Advisory Board meeting he will attend. Staff also introduced Stephanie Lapine who is the interim Zone 3 Engineer.

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2015

Action by Board: Approve as written with no amendments.

M/S: *GL/DF*, **Ayes:** *All*, **Nay:** *None*, **Abstain:** *None*

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

RB posed three questions:

1. According to a press release, Marin County and several incorporated towns and cities will receive a break on flood insurance rates. Why was City of Mill Valley not included? Staff responded with a description of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS) program which was previously discussed in the March 19, 2015 Flood Zone 3 Advisory Board Meeting staff report. The County of Marin only represents unincorporated areas under this program. GL had inquired with the City regarding participation in CRS, but had not yet received an official response. A member of the public asked if unincorporated Mill Valley was included in the CRS determination. Staff answered yes.
2. The Marin Independent Journal discusses a parcel tax on the June ballot. What does this tax measure mean for Zone 3? Staff described that the tax is for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority program, and that restoration projects in Zone 3 may be eligible for funding. On March 1, the Board of Supervisors are scheduled to act to place the measure on the ballot.

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3. Web site nextdoor.com has a long discussion about clearance between Highway 1 and the Highway 101 Bridge at Manzanita. Caltrans indicated at a prior meeting that they don't believe there is sufficient clearance under the bridge to raise Highway 1. If the road has sunk, how can there not be adequate clearance? Staff responded that County staff will be meeting with Caltrans to go over proposed alternatives and that staff will report back at the next AB meeting.

Maureen Parton, Board Aide to Supervisor Kate Sears, indicated that what can be done relating to Marin City and Manzanita is being actively discussed with the Caltrans director on a regular basis.

Attendees were reminded that the draft Richardson Bay Shoreline Study is still available for public comment at http://www.marinwatersheds.org/southern_marin.html. This study discusses alternatives for protecting Manzanita from increased tidal inundation due to sea level rise.

RB indicated that two references in the draft reports being discussed tonight refer to Coyote Creek as extending past Hwy 101, when it only goes to Hwy 1. Staff will investigate whether the references are correct before finalizing the report.

Item 3. Coyote Creek Levee Evaluation

Staff presented the Coyote Creek Levee Evaluation to the AB and other members of the community. The meeting was well attended and the audience asked several questions. The public generally indicated they found out about this meeting via postcard and many had not attended prior Zone 3 Advisory Board meetings. Therefore, staff introduced the Marin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District), the concept of Flood Zones, funding sources for Flood Zones (including potential for special tax measures through a vote), described the geographical extents of Zone 3, and the role of the AB. Staff explained tonight's presentation was specific to the Coyote Creek levee, conceptual alternatives for improvement, and the implication of sea level rise.

Staff reviewed the levee's history, current condition, vulnerabilities, and possible improvement alternatives. A consultant from GEI was present to assist with structural and geotechnical questions. The purpose of this meeting was not to present plans or proposals, but to review project concepts and to obtain comments from the public.

Following the presentation the AB expressed appreciation and applauded Neal's dedication and his comprehensive presentation.

All items, including the report and presentation are available at http://www.marinwatersheds.org/pubs_reports_southern_marin.html. A public comment period for the report will end on February 26 and the reports will then be finalized and posted on the website in April. The public can provide comments by mail (Attn: Hannah Lee, 3501 Civic Center Dr., Rm 304, San Rafael, CA 94903) or email (hlee@marincounty.org). Questions and comments received at the meeting, during the comment period, and following posting of the final report, will be posted with responses in June.

Item 4. Schedule Next Meetings

Next meeting will be on March 17, 2016.