

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013
STINSON BEACH CHAPEL, BELVEDERE AVENUE**

Board Members Present

Howard Schechter (HS) Chair
John Washington (JW) Vice Chair
Barry Harris (BH)
Toby Bisson (TB)

District Staff Present

Liz Lewis (LL)
Chris Choo (CC)

Board Member Absent

Phil O'Brien (PO)

Other

Four members of the public in attendance.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes: October 07, 2013 meeting

Action by Board: Approved minutes and requested correction to **Item 4 Project Status Report-** NPS gate has not been modified to date.

M/S: BH/TB, **Ayes:** All 4, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** PO

Item 2. Open Time (for items not on the agenda)

- No items from Advisory Board members.
- A member of the public circulated a letter requesting assistance from the District, County and the National Park Service to include residents along Marine Way in the design of any future gate renovations. HS received a copy of the letter.

Item 3. Stinson Flood Protection and Watershed Program Update

Chris Choo reported that two copies of the Draft Flood Study report are available at the Stinson Beach library in addition to the digital version posted at www.marinwatersheds.org). A community meeting to review the alternatives is scheduled for January 11, 2014. The public comment period for the Study is scheduled to close one month after the community meeting. Chris provided an overview of the alternatives, flood benefits and estimated costs using the Prezi presentation that is posted to marinwatersheds.org.

John Washington had a question about the C-Smart Grant awarded to the County's Community Development Agency. Liz Lewis confirmed that a portion of the funds are dedicated to evaluating engineering adaptation measures in Stinson for protection from increased storm surge and wave run up and that once the budget and scope is finalized she will send the project scope to AB members.

Howard Schechter reminded staff that the Technical Working Group (TWG) recommended that the name of the bypass project should be changed to wetland restoration.

Toby Bisson is concerned with Stinson residents having to pay the full cost of a restoration project on NPS lands and asked what kind of grant support is available for that type of project. The

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current estimate for Alternative 9 is \$3.5 to 4.5 million, which doesn't include permits, real estate, or operation and maintenance of the new facility.

Barry Harris asked how much local tax revenue the District needs to secure a loan to fund the implementation of alternatives being considered. Staff said they would investigate with the County Department of Finance and provide a response at the next meeting.

Howard mentioned that the TWG recommended Alternative #9 (Dredge + South Bypass). The Advisory Board discussed the various groupings of alternatives and mentioned it would be difficult to ask residents to fund projects on Federal lands. The Board also discussed how much residents would be willing to pay on an annual basis to support flood mitigation measures. The Board recommends proceeding with an election. Given the timing with upcoming community meetings, a November election would be the earliest the District could hold an election. The Board emphasized focusing on the community wide benefits of the recommended flood mitigation measures.

The AB recommends supporting Alternative #9 (Dredge + South Bypass) but only funding the feasibility study for a bypass/restoration project on NPS lands. The Board also recommended going for a simple majority fee election as opposed to a 2/3rd majority special tax vote.

Action by Board: Recommend Alternative #9 (Dredge + South Bypass) but only to provide funding for the feasibility study for a bypass/restoration project on NPS lands

M/S: TB/HS, **Ayes:** All 4, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** PO

Action by Board: Recommend that the District work with the NPS to design any new gates in cooperation with residents and neighbors.

M/S: HS/JW, **Ayes:** All 4, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** PO

Item 4. Next Meeting

The next AB meeting will be scheduled after the January Community Meeting. Per the Bylaws the next meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.