

*Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District*

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 5  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
**Thursday, December 14, 2011**  
DRAFT MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

Phil O'Brien (PO) Chair  
Barry Harris (BH)  
John Washington (JW)  
Howard Schecter (HS)

**District Staff Present**

Tracy J. Clay (TC)  
Liz Lewis (LL)  
Chris Choo (CC)

**Board Members Absent**

Toby Bisson (TB)

**Other**

None

**Item 1. Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2011 meeting**

Action by Board: (M/S JW/HS) – Approved minutes as written. Ayes: All

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

A member of the public is concerned with sediment accumulation in the creek downstream of Arenal. Also, he requested that the National Park Service either raise the bottom elevation of their gate at the end of Marine Way or leave it open when a significant storm is forecast so that flood waters can flow out that way. Another member of the audience is concerned with sediment levels at Pinos and Pradero bridges

BM Schecter inquired if the culvert that drains under Arroyo into Easkoot Creek has been cleaned.

**Item 3. Update on Easkoot Creek Sediment Removal Project at Bridges and Proposed Sediment Basin**

Staff presented the interim Easkoot Creek sediment management strategy and status of ongoing efforts. Over the past few years, flood control sediment removal efforts have focused on removing a limited amount of sediment from under 3-5 bridges in Stinson Beach. To be in compliance with our Department of Fish and Game permit requirements we must restrict work to dry portions of the creek or dewater the creek and relocate fish including steelhead. To minimize zone expenditures and reserve funds for a future more comprehensive sediment management program, staff, consistent with advisory board recommendations at the May 2011 AB meeting, has focused on designing a basin to capture some of the sediment upstream of most of the bridges in the community. Work on this effort is well underway. Staff presented the project concept

Staff will work with the National Park Service and adjoining landowners as required to define project limits and operating parameters. The next step is for the District to conduct a property boundary survey. The goal is to construct the project in the fall of 2012 with County of Marin staff and equipment. BM Washington mentioned that a trench should be dug from the end of Marine Way to the sediment basin. Surveys should include this area (end of Marine Way).

Staff reported that there were no plans this summer to do sediment removal at bridges. BM Schechter requested that staff investigate ways to perform sediment removal at bridges without spending Zone funds. Staff noted that it is unlikely there will be grant funding available for sediment removal unless it is part of a larger restoration project but agreed to investigate possibility of coordinating efforts with private property owners to do work under the District's sediment removal permit.

BM O'Brien asked about the status of vegetation management at Pinos and TC responded that she would follow up with creek maintenance staff.

#### **Item 4. Stinson Flood Protection and Watershed Program**

Staff provided a brief status update of the watershed program. A total of 5 Technical Work Group (TWG) meetings have been held to review issues and needs and to develop a list of conceptual alternatives. A diagram was presented depicting various components of the watershed study and outreach process.

It was announced that O'Conner Environmental, Inc. (OEI) of Healdsburg was selected as the consultant for the watershed program and a slideshow was presented outlining the contracted scope of work. Topographic surveys required for the hydraulic modeling efforts have been conducted and the consultants are now developing hydrology and hydraulic models to be used in analysis of the creek under both existing conditions and potential future alternatives.

#### **Item 5. Election of New Officers**

BM O'Brien, who has served since the 1970s, resigned as chairman of the Advisory Board.

**Action by Board:** Accept the resignation of BM O'Brien as chairman.

***M/S:*** Washington/Shecter ***Ayes:*** All, ***Nay:*** None, ***Abstain:*** None

**Action by Board:** Nominate BM Schechter as Chairman and BM Washington as Vice Chairman.

***M/S:*** Washington/Shecter ***Ayes:*** All, ***Nay:*** None, ***Abstain:*** None

#### **Item 6. Announce Next Meeting date**

Staff announced that the next meeting of the Zone 5 Advisory Board, as specified in the bylaws, would be February 16, 2012. The objective will be to plan for community meeting in March to present preliminary Hydrology and Hydraulics results.