

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, BELVEDERE AVENUE**

Advisory Board (AB) Members Present

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

District Staff (Staff) Present

Hannah Lee, Associate Civil Engineer
Dave Nicholson, Zone Engineer

Howard Schechter called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Item 1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

JW was nominated for Chairperson, and TB was nominated as Vice-Chairperson.

Action by Board: Elect JW as Chairperson and TB as Vice-Chairperson.
M/S: HS/BH, **Ayes:** four, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 28, 2015

Action by Board: Approve minutes, as written, with no amendments.
M/S: HS/TB, **Ayes:** four, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 3. Open time for items not on the agenda

- A. It was recommended by an audience member to get the AB meeting notification out to the Stinson Beach public better. One suggestion was to post on the Stinson Beach Next-door website.
- B. The AB was asked whether applying for FEMA funding to raise private homes in the Zone is worthwhile. Members of the AB proposed the following:
 - AB members summon interest from the community
 - District provide information on the program at an upcoming FEMA-County public meeting
- C. A willow tree has fallen and is blocking Easkoot Creek at Piños Bridge. District maintenance staff will investigate.

Item 4. Zone Engineer's Report

- A. Sediment Basin
Staff reported that recent inspections of the sediment basin revealed that it is not in need of maintenance at this time, but if a large storm is in the forecast, the District will schedule to have it excavated. Otherwise, the basin will undergo maintenance before the start of next winter season.
- B. Easkoot Creek Maintenance
Staff reported that maintenance inspections of Easkoot Creek were completed and vegetation maintenance was completed as needed. Of the five fallen trees removed from the Creek channel in December 2015, two were within the National Park lands and so required their permission to remove.

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Item 5. FY 2016-17 Budget Review

Action by Board: Recommend Board of Supervisors approve budget.
M/S: HS/TB **Ayes:** four, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 6. Discussion of Potential Revenue Measures

The AB noted that improvements can be made on community outreach with respect to getting revenue measures passed. The following items were identified as being potentially helpful and may serve as action items for AB:

- A. There is a need to communicate the economic impact to the public in doing nothing to improve flood control facilities.
- B. Communicate directly with members of the public who have staunch opposition to the proposed flood risk reduction program.
- C. AB can employ a stronger voice on the benefits of implementing a new flood risk reduction program.
- D. Increase clarity regarding how revenues will be spent. However, staff pointed out that attempting to raise revenues for specific projects rather than for a program or alternatives would trigger the need for a California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study and a determination of potential environmental impacts before the election.

Item 7. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting of Thursday, February 16, 2017 was approved by AB.