

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 1 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2016
AT THE NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7025 NOVATO BLVD, NOVATO**

Board Members (AB) Present

Bill Long (BL) – Chairman
Jim Grossi (JG)
Ernie Ganas (EG)
Dietrich Stroeh (DS)
Drew McIntyre (DM)

District Staff (Staff) Present

Liz Lewis, Principal Planner
Laurie Williams, Senior Planner
Dave Nicholson, Zone Engineer
Hannah Lee, Associate Engineer

District Consultant (KHE) Present

Rachel Kamman

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 29, 2015

Action by Board: Approve minutes as written with no amendments.

M/S: DS/EG **Ayes:** Five, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no items brought up during open time.

Item 3. Zone Engineer's Report

It was unanimously agreed to move the Zone Engineer's report to after the Watershed Program Update.

In addition to language in the Staff Report, the Zone Engineer noted that the bids for the Weir Design RFP due date was changed to the 12th from the 8th.

Within Item 3c, the Zone Engineer noted that the District is attempting fit the Novato Creek 2016 Dredging project into the overall Baylands Watershed Plan in order to conserve sediment transportation and disposal costs as well as streamline permitting.

For Item 3d the Zone Engineer noted that the FEMA CRS Classification is for unincorporated Marin only. The City of Novato has its own CRS Classification.

Item 4. Novato Watershed Program Update

Rachel Kamman, of Kamman Hydrology and Engineering, presented the short-term, medium-term and long-term alternatives developed by the Novato Hydraulic Study. Because raising Stafford Dam appears to be the most beneficial element in the upper watershed, members of the Board inquired about moving it to the medium-term alternative from the long-term alternative.

AB members expressed interest in determining the finished floor elevations at Nave Garden homes to compare with the anticipated flood water elevation.

AB requested that staff record questions received. Several thoughtful questions were collected and will be presented, along with responses, in a separate, comprehensive Q&A document at

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the April 7 Advisory Board meeting, following the February 22 Community Meeting and March 3rd short-term alternatives cost review.

Item 5. Budget

It was recommended that review of the 2016-17 budget be postponed for discussion until the next meeting so as to include the cost items that have yet to be determined, such as the Grant Agreement for the Levee Evaluation (LOLE Grant), the FERP Grant.

Item 6. Schedule 2016 Meetings

The proposed meeting dates were agreed upon by the AB with the addition of a meeting in March. Therefore, the proposed meetings for this year are as follows:

- March 3 - to review budget, preliminary short-term alternative project costs, and the Novato Watershed Program Community Meeting
- April 7 - to discuss ballot language
- May 5 - to finalize and recommend ballot language
- November 10 - to review election results, winter preparedness, and project status

Special meetings may be called at any time as the AB chair and/or the District sees the need.