

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 1 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 29, 2015
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
Roger Leventhal, Senior Engineer

District Consultant (KHE) Present

Rachel Kamman

The meeting began with a quorum consisting of BL, EG, DS. They were later joined by DM and JG.

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 30, 2015

Action by Board: Approve minutes as written with no amendments.
M/S: DS/JG **Ayes:** Three, **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. Flood Preparedness Week Fair

See 10/29/15 Staff Report for information regarding what staff presented.

Item 4. Zone Engineer's Report

a. El Niño and Wet Weather Preparedness

See 10/29/15 Staff Report for information regarding what staff presented.

b. Novato Levee Repair Project

See 10/29/15 Staff Report for information regarding what staff presented.

c. Novato Baylands Survey

Staff presented a short update on the status of the Novato Baylands Survey. See 10/29/15 Staff Report for information regarding what staff presented.

Action by Board: Recommend Board of Supervisors increase the Zone 1 Professional Services budget to \$75,000 to allow for additional surveying and modeling. This cost is still being refined and any updated cost will be presented at the meeting for review and approval by the Board.

M/S: EG/JG **Ayes:** Four, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

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d. Novato Creek Sediment Removal

Staff made a brief presentation on alternatives for reducing the Novato Creek dredge footprint and potential effects. The AB unanimously agreed to not reduce the dredge footprint if it is simulated to produce any new or increased flooding of properties as a result. Staff will report back to the AB with information regarding more minimal dredge footprint reductions at the next Advisory Board meeting. The AB did not take any action on this item.

e. 2015/2016 Hydrologic Monitoring Scope

Staff described a proposal for monitoring water levels that will allow for further calibration of the Watershed Program's hydraulic models by installing staff gages at specified locations along the Novato Creek corridor. See 10/29/15 Staff Report for more information.

Action by Board: Recommend Board of Supervisors increase the Zone 1 Professional Services budget to \$24,894 to allow for hydrologic monitoring.

M/S: EG/DM **Ayes:** Four, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 5. Novato Creek Watershed Program Update

The Watershed Program consultant presented an update on the Novato Watershed Hydraulic Modeling of Alternatives and outlined next steps for alternatives modeling. The AB requested that the next Novato Watershed Program Community Meeting occur at least a few weeks after the AB meets to discuss the results.

Item 6. Schedule Next Meetings

The next proposed 2015 meetings are as follows:

December 3, 2015: Review Watershed Program draft alternatives assessment report

Per the zone by-laws, the annual meeting will occur on February 4, 2016.