

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 1 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD APRIL 13, 2017
AT 4 MONTEGO KEY, NOVATO**

Board Members (AB) Present

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

District Staff (Staff) Present

Roger Leventhal, Senior Engineer
Liz Lewis, Planning Manager
Laurie Williams, Senior Planner
Dave Nicholson, Zone-1 Engineer

Board Members (AB) Not Present

Drew McIntyre (DM) – Vice Chairman

Item 1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Bill Long was nominated as Chairperson

Action by Board: Approve Bill Long as Chairperson.

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

Drew McIntyre was nominated as Vice Chairperson

Action by Board: Approve Drew McIntyre as Vice Chairperson.

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

Item 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2017

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

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

Item 3. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

None

Item 4. Grant Programs Progress

District staff noted the Novato Creek left bank levee downstream of State Route 37 is being added to the evaluation (provided cost-effective proposals are received this summer). To perform the levee evaluation, vegetation needs to be cleared so the levee is visible, but state agency permits are required for the preferred level of vegetation clearing. The District is looking to add ongoing levee vegetation management to the state agency Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) permits.

District staff noted an error in the Recommended Action for this Item. The correct wording was noted as follows: *Recommend the Board of Supervisors accept a DWR grant in the amount of \$403,333 for the Local Levee Evaluation Program (LLAP) for the Novato Creek levees.*

Action by Board: Accept grant funds from the DWR in the amount of \$403,333 for Novato Creek Levee evaluation under the LLAP.

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

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Item 5. Zone Engineer's Report

District staff described Caltrans' recent improvements on State Route 37. Also, District staff iterated that contact was made with the Novato Mobile Home Park in follow up to their flooding complaint letter, and that the Caltrans' facilities are in need of maintenance. The District has met with Caltrans to discuss their role in getting their facilities maintained. The District will respond to the complainant party once more is known about Caltrans' proposed action.

District staff presented a synopsis of the Deer Island Basin Weir proposal and the shifting of IRWMP grant money from the weir project design and construction to 1) Simmons Slough improvements implementation, and 2) a preliminary design for a tidal restoration project in Deer Island Basin. This required two Board action items.

Action by Board: Approve termination of Deer Island Basin Weir project and pursue the Simmons Slough improvement project to preserve the IRWMP grant:

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

Action by Board: Approve use of remaining IRWMP grant money not used for the Simmons Slough for a preliminary analysis and design of the Deer Island Basin Tidal Restoration Project:

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

Note that DS requested an investigation of the accelerated erosion occurring at properties on Novato Creek near Miwok Park. Additionally, DS requested a follow-up with the AB and to property owners who have experienced the erosion. A motion was not made by the AB.

Item 6. Update on Possible New Projects

District staff informed the Board that the rental pumps at the Simmons Slough pump station were ordered to be removed. The cost of renting and operating these pumps was considerably higher than anticipated. As a result, staff is exploring other means of pumping at his location.

District staff informed the Board of its meeting with the Novato Sanitary District (NSD) to conduct a drainage test in the channel from Simmons Slough pump to the NSD pumping station. The results were favorable to having Simmons Slough drain to the location of the NSD pumps. The District will be working with the NSD on an agreement for joint use and any needed improvements.

District staff communicated the status of the Rush Creek walk-through that was conducted on March 30, 2017 with two Advisory Board members and the City of Novato Public Works Director.

Item 7. Annual and Preventative Maintenance Work Program

District staff informed the AB of its intent to add the portion of Simmons Slough from State Route 37 to the NSD pumps to the RMA (received and recently renewed) and SMP (still being negotiated) permits for ongoing sediment and vegetation maintenance.

Item 8. Zone Revenue Outreach

District staff provided an update on the revenue outreach efforts. District staff indicated a need for a special AB meeting to be held in June 2017.

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Action by Board: Recommend holding a special AB meeting in June 2017.

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

Item 9. Zone 1 FY 2017-18 Budget Review

District staff pointed out specific items within the budget that constitute a large expense or change in past budget items.

Action by Board: Recommend approval of the FY 2017/18 Zone 1 Budget.

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

Item 10. Next Meeting Dates

District staff reiterated the established AB meeting dates for upcoming year and informed the AB of upcoming County-wide public meetings for BayWAVE Sea Level Rise:

Meeting day in June to be determined

August 3, 2017

November 2, 2017

Tentative meeting dates for the Draft Vulnerability Assessment:

- 7:00 PM Wednesday April 19th in the Multi-Purpose Room of Pickleweed Park located at 50 Canal Street in San Rafael 94901
- 7:00 PM Tuesday April 25th in the Cascade Room at Mill Valley Community Center located at 180 Camino Alto in Mill Valley 94941
- 10:00 AM Saturday April 29th in Novato City Hall located at 901 Sherman Avenue Novato 94945