

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 1 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD MAY 5, 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

Roger Leventhal, Acting Principal
Liz Lewis, Planning Manager
Laurie Williams, Senior Planner
Dave Nicholson, Zone Engineer
Hannah Lee, Associate Engineer

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 3, 2016

Action by Board: Approve minutes as written with no amendments.
M/S: DS/JG **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. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunity – Home Elevation Program

District staff discussed the neighborhoods that would benefit most from the mitigation funding.

Item 4. Zone Engineer's Report on Major Project Status

- a. Deer Island Flood Detention Basin Final Design
District staff briefed the status of Deer Island Basin design consultant selection.

- b. Novato Creek Sediment Removal – 2016
District staff presented an overview of the planned dredge operations to include a tentative schedule, permit status, dewatering options, trucking routes and proposed storage sites.

It was brought to the attention of District staff by Novato Sanitary District staff that two large sewer mains pass under the proposed location of the structural core levee along the northern border of Deer Island Basin.

Item 5. Public Comment on Novato Creek Flood Control Dredging Project Subsequent Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

No public discussion or comments were presented.

Item 6. Watershed Program Update

- a. Update on Novato Watershed Program potential projects and costs
Watershed staff made a presentation that described types of potential projects (flood protection, sediment management, and restoration), indicated which of the hydraulic study short-term projects were likely to be carried forward, described the benefits and costs of those projects (ranging from \$20M-\$30M), and presented draft funding scenarios.

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b. Polling/Election Update

Watershed staff provided an update on polling, which will likely occur at the end of May or in early June. A kick-off meeting with Harris and Associates, who will be conducting the funding strategy, is scheduled for mid-May.

c. Outreach Activities

Novato Watershed Program will make a presentation to the Novato Rotary Club on May 20 and to SIRS (Sons in Retirement) sometime this fall. We are planning a presentation to the Novato City Council this summer.

Item 7. Review Draft Budget for FY 2016-17

It was noted by Board Members that some numbers appeared to be missing in a few of the cells of the 10-year projected budget. District staff confirmed that some numbers were missing and commented that it would make the changes needed to include the missing numbers.

Action by Board: Recommend that the 2016-17 Budget be presented to the BOS for approval.

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

Item 8. Next Meeting

The recommended meeting schedule for the remaining calendar year is as follows:

November 10th – Updates on 2016 Novato Sediment Removal; Deer Island Flood Detention Basin Final Design; Winter preparedness activities; the election.

Board members suggested that November may be too far ahead for the next meeting and that perhaps there should be a meeting held before then. District staff recommended that the Advisory Board may call for a meeting at any time it sees the need before the next scheduled meeting.