

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 3 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014
AT MILL VALLEY CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
26 CORTE MADERA AVE., MILL VALLEY**

Advisory Board (AB) Members Present

Penelope Alexandris (PA)
Robert Burton (RB), Chairperson
Garry Lion (GL)
Shawn McGhie (SM), Vice Chairperson
Linda Rames (LR)
Paul Zimmerman (PZ)

District Staff Present

Tracy J. Clay, Principal Civil Engineer
Neal Conatser, Assistant Engineer
Hannah Lee, Associate Civil Engineer
Liz Lewis, Principal Planner

Advisory Board (AB) Members Absent

Curry Ecklehoff (CE)

Others

None

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 9, 2013

Action by Board: Approve minutes with two corrections as noted by RB.

1. Addition of word "site" immediately following word "disposal" in Item 4a.
2. Deletion of word "that" immediately following word "design" in Item 4c.

M/S: GL/SM, ***Ayes:*** All, ***Nay:*** None, ***Abstain:*** None

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

Staff provided updates on the following efforts:

- a. Community meeting for the Arroyo Corte Madera del Presidio Flood Study – staff reported that the City of Mill Valley has not yet chosen and advertised a date, but noted that they expected that the City would schedule the community meeting sometime in the next two months.

*****Item 2b. was heard following Items 5 and 6.*****

- b. Terwilliger Marsh – a member of the public expressed their appreciation for the attention staff provided in assessing and working to improve the vitality of Terwilliger marsh. Staff noted that they have altered their operation of the District tide gate at the Ryan Creek Pump Station to allow for increased tidal circulation in the marsh and that their activities

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are coordinated with City of Mill Valley staff and the operation of the City's tide gates upstream of the Camino Alto Bridge.

At the request of the AB, the agenda was modified such that Items 5 and 6 followed Item 2 in their order of discussion.

Item 5. Southern Marin Watershed Program

Staff provided an overview of the Watershed Program, including the primary objectives and schedule for completing associated studies and documents. In particular, details concerning the upcoming Watershed Plan were noted, including the release of a request for proposals for assistance with completing the document. RB noted that the term "Watershed Plan" might not be an appropriate name for the document. Staff acknowledged that they were still considering alternate names and welcomed discussion concerning what a suitable name might be. Future meetings supporting the program, including Policy Advisory Committee, Technical Work Group, and community meetings, were also discussed.

GL provided observations he had concerning the February 9, 2014 storm and how the flood stage indicated by the District's Arroyo Corte Madera del Presidio stage gauge compared to observed conditions along and near the creek. (GL distributed a handout of creek stage and precipitation gauge readings during the storm event.) GL noted that, while no out of bank flow was observed, interior drainage backed up and led to flooding at some locations, including the Sycamore Park neighborhood. GL also noted that flow backed up out of a covered manhole labeled "sanitary sewer" near the 2 A.M. Club along Miller Ave. GL acknowledged that it was unclear whether or not the manhole was actually part of the sanitary system, or if the manhole was actually part of a mislabeled stormwater drain. Staff acknowledged the issue merits further investigation.

Item 6. Zone Budget for FY 2014-2015

Action by Board: recommend approval of the Zone 3 budget for FY 2014-2015 with the understanding that 1) the \$900,000 specified for construction of Coyote Creek Middle Reach Dredging would not be expended in FY 2014-2015, and 2) the 650% expense increase for "Rent & Operating Leases" (from \$2,000 in FY 2013-2014 to \$15,000 in FY 2014-2015) would be examined and verified.

M/S: GL/PZ, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 3. Annual & Preventative Maintenance Plan

Staff presented this year's plan as outlined in the 4/10/2014 staff report, including:

- a) Pump Stations
- b) Vegetation
- c) Sediment Removal
- d) Levee Rodent (Gopher) Control

Item 4. Project Status Report

Staff provided updated on the following projects per the associated staff report:

- a) Coyote Creek Sediment Removal
- b) Coyote Creek Maintenance and USACE Rehabilitation & Inspection Program Compliance
- c) Coyote Creek Levee Evaluation

The AB asked staff to provide a timeframe for when the levee could achieve FEMA accreditation. Staff explained that even if the money were available to construct a FEMA accredited levee that it would take a minimum of 8-10 years before a levee improvement project could be completed and accreditation sought.

- d) Creek Restoration at Boyle Park

Staff presented a photo of the restoration site, overgrown with invasive blackberry, "before" construction and a photo of the same site "after" construction and planting of native vegetation by Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW).

Item 7. Next Meeting

The AB concurred with staff's recommendation that the Wednesday, May 14, 2014 meeting date, as specified in the bylaws, be canceled, as there would be no business to come before the AB. The AB agreed that the Wednesday, August 13, 2014 date specified in the bylaws would be an appropriate date for the AB's next meeting and would give staff the opportunity to provide updates on the City of Mill Valley's community meeting for the Arroyo Corte Madera del Presidio Flood Study and the Coyote Creek Levee Evaluation.