

**Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District**

**MINUTES OF  
THE FLOOD ZONE FOUR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013  
118 EAST STRAWBERRY DRIVE**

**Board Members Present**

Barbara DuBois (BD)  
John Leszczynski (JL)  
Kathryn Oliver (KO)  
Robert "Bob" Rogers (RR)  
Rufus "Jerry" Thayer (RT)

**County Staff Present**

Tracy Clay  
Hugh Davis  
Roger Leventhal  
Eric Lueder  
Hannah Lee

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Other**

None

**Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2012**

RR began the meeting at 6:31 pm.

**M/S BD/RT:** Approval of minutes of the June 5, 2012 Advisory Board meeting, as written with one amendment to include the introduction of impending new Advisory Board members during Open Time.

***Ayes:*** All

***Nays:*** None

***Abstain:*** None

**Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda**

No non-agendized items were raised.

**Item 3. Annual and Preventive Maintenance Program**

Staff provided a summary of facility maintenance performed last summer, 2012. See additional information in 2/26 Staff Report. BD reported a gully behind homes on Strawberry Circle backing up to Tiburon Blvd that used to drain to Salt Works Canal. Staff will investigate.

**Item 4. FEMA Map Revisions**

Staff provided a summary of recent FEMA actions related to Flood Insurance Study Rate Map (FIRM) Revisions in the vicinity of Zone 4. Due to these revisions additional properties could become included in Special Flood Hazard Areas which would increase insurance premiums. This spring FEMA will provide preliminary draft maps to the County and other agencies for high level technical review. Draft maps will be released to the public in the fall. Staff also provided a handout to Advisory Board members which is available at this URL: [http://www.r9map.org/Docs/01-14-13\\_FemaFactSheet\\_Marin.pdf](http://www.r9map.org/Docs/01-14-13_FemaFactSheet_Marin.pdf). For more information see 2/26 Staff Report.

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On a related topic, staff reported that on February 26, 2013 the Board of Supervisors approved additional staffing for the County to participate in FEMA's Community Rating System which provides discounts on flood insurance for property owners based on the level of County participation in the program. For more information, see the staff report on the County Board of Supervisors Website (<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs>) under Consent Calendar B, Item 4.c.

### **Item 5. Project Status Update**

#### a) Watershed Program

Staff reported that Marin County is one of the counties with the most Caltrans facilities projected to be affected by sea level rise in California. As such, they have shown interest in coordinating with the County on improving their facilities to make them more resilient to sea level rise. The portion of Caltrans' Tiburon Blvd that passes through Flood Control Zone 4 has been identified by Staff as a low point from which FEMA expects 100 year tide levels to cross into neighborhoods. Through the Watershed Program, staff members are coordinating with Caltrans to identify potential improvements to provide protection from inundation due to sea level rise. For more information on the watershed program please see 2/26 Staff Report.

#### b) West Creek Flood Control Improvements

Staff gave a full report on West Creek Flood Control Improvements. See summary in 2/26 staff report. Staff recommended that the project be halted until such time that all the easements are donated to the District to allow construction and maintenance of the proposed improvements and that reactivation of the project would be considered if a petition, requesting project reactivation, offering donation of easements, and signed by each of the nine property owners is received by the District. The Advisory Board recommended that an additional notice be sent to property owners along West Creek addressing that the District will no longer be able to maintain the orange water inflated property protector bags along the back of Backfield Drive residences and that property owners should take measures individually to protect their property.

**M/S BD/RT:** Recommend that the West Creek Flood Control Improvements Project be halted until all easements required to implement the project are donated.

***Ayes:*** All

***Nays:*** None

***Abstain:*** None

### **Item 6. Next Meeting**

Advisory Board prefers that the next meeting be held prior to June 4<sup>th</sup> to go over the budget for the next fiscal year. They also requested that meeting agendas be mailed by post earlier and/or a notice of meetings be put in the local newspaper. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52.