

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 4 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2014
AT THE STRAWBERRY RECREATION CENTER
118 EAST STRAWBERRY DRIVE, MILL VALLEY**

Advisory Board (AB) Members Present

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

District Staff Present

Tracy Clay
Chris Choo
Neal Conatser
Hannah Lee

Advisory Board (AB) Members Absent

Rufus "Jerry" Thayer (RT)

Others

None

RR commenced the meeting at approximately 6:30 pm.

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 23, 2013

Action by Board: Approve minutes as written.

M/S: BD/JL, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

No comments were received.

Item 3. District Engineer's Report

Staff provided an update on FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) revision process for tidally influenced areas along Marin's Bay Coast. The update included a preview of the new maps, which indicate the removal of properties north of Tiburon Boulevard from the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The AB was encouraged to visit FEMA's website at <http://www.r9map.org/Pages/San-Francisco-Coastal-Bay-Study.aspx> for details and additional information, including updates on when the FIRMs will become effective.

Item 4. Annual and Preventive Maintenance Program

Staff provided a summary of planned maintenance for this summer at creeks and pump stations under the District's purview.

KO commented that she had not noticed that last year's vegetation maintenance along West Creek had been performed near her residence. Staff noted that the maintenance had been

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performed, though it was possible that the amount of vegetation and debris removed may not have been substantial enough to be immediately obvious.

JL inquired about whether or not establishment of a formalized maintenance program, including the removal of certain encroachments, was being considered for the easements situated along the backyards of residences located along the south side of Karen Way east of Leland Way. Staff responded that any encroachment removal would need to be performed along the entire length of the easement and in a fair and systematic way. Staff also noted that an assessment for the need for a maintenance program along Karen Way properties would be listed as a potential outcome of the Watershed Program.

A member of the public requested information concerning the location of a wooden floodwall at his property at 66 Rancho Rd. with respect to the District's right-of-way. Staff acknowledged that they would work with the property owner to help determine ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

Item 5. Southern Marin Watershed Program

District staff presented an updated on the Southern Marin Watershed Program, including the anticipated timing for the completion of the Watershed Guide (formerly referred to as the Watershed Plan), upcoming Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting, and community meeting to review Zone 4 subwatershed progress.

JL inquired about how Watershed Program work would address threats associated with sea level rise. Staff noted that work being performed as part of the Richardson Bay Shoreline Study could increase awareness and identify future projects for shoreline resiliency which, when implemented, could help shoreline communities mitigate some impacts expected with sea level rise.

Item 6. Zone Budget for FY 2014-2015

KO asked staff whether the budget designated an amount for the West Creek Floodwall project. Staff replied that even though the project was not contained as a line item in the FY 2014-2015 budget, that the Zone 4 fund balance could be used towards furthering the project should the AB recommend that the project be revisited.

Action by Board: Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the budget.

M/S: RR/BD, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 7. Next Meeting

Staff and the AB agreed that the next meeting should be held at an appropriate time for the AB to review the Watershed Guide and provide input to assist with its completion. Staff noted that they would be in contact with the AB and schedule a meeting based on progress made with the guide. RR adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.