

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 4 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

APRIL 14, 2016

STAFF REPORT

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2015

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

Comments will be heard for items not on the agenda (limited to three minutes per speaker).

Item 3. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunity: Marin County Structure Elevation Program for Homeowners

There is a FEMA grant program targeted to help homeowners elevate their homes above the 1% annual exceedance flood (the so-called "100-year") water surface elevation. Homeowners interested in participating in this grant program must meet two criteria to be eligible; the cost to elevate the structure must be less than \$175,000, and the homeowner must be able to pay 25% of the elevation costs.

County Staff and a representative from the State Office of Emergency Services, which administers the grant for FEMA, will be available at this meeting to answer questions from the public.

Item 4. Recommendation by Advisory Board Regarding Marin County Structure Elevation Program in Zone 4 and 4A

The Zone 4 Advisory Board will make a recommendation as to whether to apply for this grant on behalf of any interested homeowners living in FEMA 100-year floodplains, such as Strawberry Circle. To follow up on questions received at the last advisory board meeting:

- The estimated cost per home to apply for this grant is about \$1,000. This cost would be in the form of staff time and 75% is potentially reimbursable should the grant be awarded.
- The County's Land Development division sent a notice on January 29th to those in unincorporated areas that FEMA's new floodplain maps were to become effective in March 2016.

Item 5. Watershed Program Update

The Southern Marin Watershed Guide is posted on <http://www.marinwatersheds.org/>. The purpose of the Watershed Guide is to organize information for the sub-watersheds draining to Richardson Bay (Marin City, Coyote Creek, Arroyo Corte Madera del Presidio, Ryan Creek, Sutton Manor/Alto/Strawberry, and East and West Creeks) and to describe project concepts that address both short term and long term flood and creek needs. The goal of the Guide is to effectively communicate information, findings and

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recommendations to partner agencies and the community in a concise manner to guide decision making and future commitments.

This is a draft layout for public review and comment. County staff are particularly interested in hearing if this helps people better understand the watershed setting and flood issues in their communities. The maps and graphics are not yet complete and will be revised in the final draft (expected in late May). Please take a look and provide feedback to Chris Choo at cchoo@marincounty.org or 415-473-7586.

Item 6. Next Meeting

Next Meeting to be held on May 12, 2016, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 240 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon, CA 94920-2220.