

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 7 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
IN THE KURLAND LOUNGE AT THE OSHER MARIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
200 N. SAN PEDRO ROAD, SAN RAFAEL**

Board Members Present

Michael Perani (MP), Chairperson
Jeffrey Krupnick (JK)
Jacqueline Garcia (JG)

District Staff (Staff) Present

Liz Lewis, Principal Planner
Hannah Lee, Associate Engineer
Laurie Williams, Senior Planner
Jon Liang, Zone Engineer

Board Members Absent

Evan Marks (EM)
Russ Greenfield (RG)

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2016

Action by Board: Approve minutes as written with no amendments.

M/S: JG, **Ayes:** Three, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** EM, RG absent for this item

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

A member of public expressed interest in upgrading the rain gauge at the Civic Center (not currently owned by the District) to ALERT2. A member of the Advisory Board was skeptical that the Zone could fund the maintenance cost for the gauge. A staff member proposed to discuss the possibility of sharing gauge maintenance costs with Flood Control Zone 6.

Item 3. Zone Engineer's Report

The Zone Engineer reported on the following items as summarized in the 4/20/16 staff report.

a. **Wooden Floodwall Update**

Staff reported that about 15% of property owners along the non-engineered wooden floodwall (also called "timber-reinforced berm") had not provided permission to enter to perform the District's biannual inspection. There are five high priority properties along Vendola Drive that were identified during the inspections, and one is already under construction. Construction is funded by the \$50,000 services budget for this repair work.

b. **Proposed Pump Station No.2 Portable Generator Electrical Hook-up**

Staff reported that the bids were much higher than anticipated (engineer's estimate was \$50,000 and the lowest bid was \$94,320). After talking to the Chairperson of the Advisory Board, staff chose to proceed only with the electrical work this past winter. The project was delayed due to a several month lead-time needed to obtain a critical part. The District was able to purchase the part from the contractor for \$12,475. Because this delay pushed the electrical work beyond the 2015-16 rainy season, the District recommends proceeding this summer with the following originally intended accessory site improvements:

1. Extending the fence to protect the portable generator
2. Expanding the platform at the electrical panel to conform to updated code (includes new stairs)

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District staff is pursuing better prices for this work than the 2015 bids along with opportunities to reduce costs and cost share with the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District as appropriate. Site improvements and electrical work will be completed this summer.

c. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunities

Staff reported on an opportunity to apply for FEMA funding for the Santa Venetia Timber-Reinforced Berm Improvement Project and the Marin County Structure Elevation Program (see 4/20/16 staff report for details). AB recommended applying for funding and suggested notifying residents in the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area of the home elevation opportunity, and providing a list of contractors familiar with methods and costs to raise homes. A member of the public commented that nobody was awarded this funding in Santa Venetia the last time applications for the Structure Elevation Program were submitted. Staff stated that the program has been streamlined by FEMA to save costs during the application process and that given the high amount of funding currently available there is about a 50/50 chance of being awarded funding.

Item 4. Watershed Program Update

Watershed Program (GWP) Staff reported on the status of the program. See the 4/20/16 staff report for more information.

a. Community Meeting Update

The vulnerability assessment is scheduled to be released in March and will be posted to (http://www.marinwatersheds.org/gallinas_creek_flood_protection.html). A member of the public asked if the analysis will show the homes in Santa Venetia that are at risk, as this could help inform homeowners potentially interested in raising their structures. Staff reported that the assessment is a concept-level look at vulnerability to sea level rise; it is not a detailed look at specific homes.

b. Status of Program Products

Upper Gallinas Restoration Opportunities draft will be released soon. A member of the public suggested there are maps of the concrete ditch that would assist this effort. Staff will follow up with him on that.

c. Presentation on Polling Results

Based on the polling results, staff and Advisory Board recommended waiting until after the November 2016 election to consider a Gallinas watershed-wide tax measure or Zone 7-specific measure.

d. Election Update

Advisory Board members are concerned that the Zone is underfunded and this message needs to be communicated to Zone residents. Staff will return to the Advisory Board with ideas for a general Zone outreach plan.

Item 5. Schedule Next Meetings

Staff proposed a future meeting date that was agreed upon by the Advisory Board:

November 16, 2016, to review winter preparedness activities and discuss Zone outreach plan. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.