

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 7 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013
IN ROOM 401 OF THE MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
3501 CIVIC CENTER DR., SAN RAFAEL**

Board Members Present

Michael Perani (MP), Chairperson
Jeffrey D. Krupnick (JK)
Evan Marks (EM)
Timothy Ribble (TR), Vice-Chair

District Staff Present

Tracy J. Clay, Principal Engineer
Hannah F. Lee, Assistant Engineer

Board Members Absent

Jacqueline Garcia (JG)

Others

Supervisor Susan Adams

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2013

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

M/S: JK/EM, Ayes: Four, Nay: None, Abstain: One absent

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

No comments made.

Item 3. Redwood Box Floodwall Inspection Report

Staff gave a powerpoint presentation with photos and provided a brief report on the inspection of the floodwall. Hugo Phillips recommended that the letter requesting Right-of-Entry for the inspections be sent to residents as well as property owners. He also asked if the wood used for the box repairs was copper-treated, and requested a report specific to the 603 Vendola Drive inspection results. Staff said they would look into his questions.

TR requested a report on history of floodwall repairs and budget in order to see if budget amounts are keeping up with repair needs.

Item 4. Review By-Laws

Advisory Board (AB) members discussed the by-laws and no changes were recommended. It was brought up that sometimes AB members request agenda items that are not under the purview of the Flood Control District. AB recommended in this situation that staff refer them to the agency that can help. For reference to this item, see the bylaws attached to the staff report.

Item 5. Seek AB Recommendation, Zone Boundary Amendment, 650 N. San Pedro

Staff Report presented responses to questions that the AB members asked at the last meeting. AB members commented that the only way to increase Zone revenue would be through a special tax election, but they didn't think residents living on hillside parcels would support a flood control measure. These types of taxes require a 67% majority to pass and the AB felt that based on close historical election results that including hillside property owners in the zone would make it even more difficult to obtain the votes required to pass a tax measure.

Staff said that it is possible to create subzones within FCZ#7 that could vote on differing tax measures. Robert Dobrin suggested that those on the hill might vote for a more general safety tax measure that could fund fire mitigation or other hazards in addition to flood control.

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Supervisor Adams said it is possible that the 650 N. San Pedro parcel may not be developed as currently proposed. AB decided to table this topic until circumstances make it clear that there will in fact be a subdivision on that parcel.

Item 6. Project Status Report

Staff provided an update on active projects / initiatives occurring in the zone. Please see more information in the staff report and powerpoint presentation posted on marinwatersheds.org.

a) Gallinas Creek Flood Protection & Watershed Program

A summary of Las Gallinas Watershed activities was provided. TR asked how the Santa Venetia Storm Drain Analysis could help fund Pump Station #2 reconstruction. Staff said the watershed approach to identifying and prioritizing projects would support a future special tax measure.

MP asked how close the Watershed Program is to entering the next phase in which additional funding would be required. Staff said funding is available to complete the studies currently underway which are scheduled to be complete by 2015. Additional funding would be required to implement any specific measures and would likely be pursued through a watershed fee or special tax.

b) Las Gallinas Creek Levee Evaluation

Staff and AB board discussed the upcoming January 29th community meeting. MP requested that the meeting be held at the Jewish Community Center and staff confirmed having reserved the room already. Staff also said they will send the draft agenda to some AB members to review. TR requested that the meeting include a discussion of budget, scope, schedule, and a question & answer session.

c) Pump Station No. 2 Afterbay Reconstruction

Staff provided a report on this project and showed photos.

d) La Pasada Interceptor Drain Improvement

Staff reported that costs for the project are so far estimated at about \$438,000 plus an additional \$20,000 for environmental permit compliance related costs. Hugo Phillips pointed out that another notice needs to be sent to property owners along the creek about the closure of creek navigation due to installation of the pipe anchors and valve when that phase of the project takes place.

e) Storm Drain Near 503 Vendola

Staff provided a report on this project and showed photos.

f) Estancia Way Automatic Pump

Staff provided a report on this project and showed photos.

Item 7. Next Meeting

AB confirmed that they would like more time to review the results of the levee evaluation and community meeting before discussing it at the next Advisory Board meeting so the meeting should be scheduled later than the bylaw date. Staff said late February or March would be a good time to meet because we could also review the budget for the next fiscal year.