

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 7 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
AT THE OSHER MARIN JCC IN THE KURLAND LOUNGE
200 N. SAN PEDRO RD., SAN RAFAEL**

Board Members Present

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

District Staff (Staff) Present

Liz Lewis, Principal Planner
Hannah Lee, Associate Engineer
Laurie Williams, Senior Planner
Kelsey Kress, Zone Engineer
Scott Lyle, Principal Civil Engineer

Board Members Absent

Evan Marks (EM)

Others

Supervisor Damon Connolly

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2015

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

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

Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

- A member of the public expressed interest in exploring the “Adopt a Storm Drain” program to help with the leaf accumulation in the streets. Staff said they would look into it.

Item 3. Zone Engineer’s Report

The Zone Engineer reported on the following items as summarized in the 11/04/15 staff report:

a. Pump Station No. 2 Generator Update

Staff reported on the goal to install a receptacle at the pump station by the New Year so that a County-owned generator may be borrowed at no rental cost to the Zone. Additional site improvements will be made to prepare for the new permanent generator upgrade in the future.

b. Winter Preparedness Update

Staff presented slides on the basics of El Nino, as well as an update on the status of the levee/floodwall maintenance and inspections. Obtaining Right of Entry approval has been and remains a challenge for the District. For updates on other maintenance topics, refer to the 11/04/15 staff report.

A member of the public requested that Staff send out property specific results of the levee/floodwall inspections and post a summary on marinwatersheds.org and in the SVNA Newsletter. The Advisory Board asked if it is feasible to add a board to the wooden floodwall. Staff said they would look into it and report back at the next meeting

Item 4. Watershed Program Update

Watershed Program (GWP) Staff reported on the status of the program.

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a. McInnis Marsh Feasibility Study Presentation by Marin County Parks

Parks' consultant, Rachel Kamman, reported on the status of the feasibility study at McInnis Marsh. The study considered 4 alternatives for restoration of the marsh area, as well as a Minimal Action alternative. A draft report will be available by the New Year.

b. Update on Levee Needs Study (North and South Fork of Gallinas Creek outside of Zone 7 boundaries) and Upper Gallinas Restoration Opportunities Assessment

Watershed staff reported that both studies will be complete by February/March 2016. Restoration Design Group has been contracted to assist in the assessment of restoration opportunities in the Upper Gallinas Creek area. The Levee Needs Study assesses sea level rise vulnerability for both the north and south forks of Gallinas Creek.

c. Stakeholder and Community Meetings

The Gallinas Watershed Report will be available in February 2016, and a community meeting is planned for February/March 2016 to present and receive feedback on all of the Gallinas Watershed Program findings.

Item 5. Watershed Program Recommendations for Zone 7

Staff provided detailed recommendations for Zone 7 that may be read in the 11/04/15 staff report. The major topics include: South Fork Gallinas Creek Levee Evaluation, Santa Venetia Interior Drainage Study, and Maintenance of Pump Stations and Interceptor Drains.

Item 6. Schedule for Possible Election

Staff provided a recommendation for the Board to consider proceeding with a Special Tax Election for Zone 7 in November 2016 that is either separate from or in conjunction with a Watershed wide election if a Watershed wide election is supported by the community and City of San Rafael.

Item 7. Next Meeting

The AB requested the next meeting be scheduled for February 24, 2015 due to school break being the week prior. Staff commented that the bylaws should be updated to avoid conflict with the school breaks in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM