

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 7 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016
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
Jon Liang, Zone Engineer

Board Members Absent

Evan Marks (EM)

Item 1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Action by Board: Elect Michael Perani as chairperson.

M/S: JK/JG, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Action by Board: Elect Jacqueline Garcia as vice chairperson.

M/S: MP/JK, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2015

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

M/S: RG/JG, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 3. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

A member of the public expressed interest in seeing a plan for achieving higher future discounts on flood insurance through the FEMA CRS program (see Item 4.a). District staff said they would check in with the County staff working on the CRS program for updates as available. He also asked for information about the effects of sea level rise on Santa Venetia. Staff responded that a summary of a high-level study of sea level rise along Las Gallinas Creek (not specific to Santa Venetia) is the purpose of the Lower Gallinas Creek Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment (Item 5.a)

Item 4. Zone Engineer's Report

The Zone Engineer reported on the following items as summarized in the 2/24/16 staff report:

a. FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) Update

Staff reported on the current CRS program and that the County will strive to achieve a progressively better Class Rating, providing higher FEMA flood insurance premium discounts to its unincorporated residents.

b. Maintenance Update

Staff provided a maintenance update as shown on the 2/24/16 staff report.

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c. Wooden Floodwall Update and Inspection Strategies Discussion

Staff presented to the AB a memo Kleinfelder produced regarding the wooden floodwall (also called timber-reinforced berm), and reported there are property owners along the floodwall have not allowed permission for District staff to enter to inspect the floodwall. Staff suggested educating the public on the importance of the floodwall in protecting the community, possibly through the use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trained-volunteers in Santa Venetia and/or the Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA). RG requested a list of addresses of the houses that denied permission to enter, so that he can work with the SVNA to reach out to them in a neighborly manner.

d. Pump Station No. 2 Generator Update

Staff reported on the status of the effort to install an electrical receptacle and transfer switch for a portable generator to back-up the existing pump station generator (see 2/24/16 staff report). Staff is discussing potential cost sharing with the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District to improve the fencing around the pump station.

e. 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 Marin County Structure Elevation Program (see 2/24/16 staff report for details). AB recommended applying for funding. AB suggested notifying residents in the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area of the home elevation opportunity, and suggested providing a list of contractors familiar with methods and costs to raise homes.

Item 5. Watershed Program Update

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

a. Status of Lower Gallinas Creek Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment

The vulnerability assessment is scheduled to be released in March and will be posted to the Gallinas Watershed webpage (marinwatersheds.org). 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 Upper Gallinas Restoration Opportunities Study

The study is scheduled to be completed approximately at the end of March 2016. A member of the public suggested there are maps on the concrete ditch. Staff will follow up with him on that.

c. Gallinas Watershed Program Final Report

A public draft of the Final Report is scheduled for release this spring and will be posted to the Gallinas Watershed webpage.

d. Community Meeting

The Gallinas Watershed Program anticipates holding a community meeting in March or April to showcase the final results of all its studies and assessments. A member of the Advisory Board suggested a Flyover view of the levee would be a great addition to this meeting, but there likely isn't enough time to complete such a project.

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e. Election Update

Staff provided an update on a potential parcel tax or fee measure election. AB is concerned that the zone is underfunded and this message needs to be communicated to Zone residents. In addition, AB requested a comparison of parcel tax vs. fee at the next update.

Item 6. Zone 7 FY 2016-17 Budget Review

Staff provided an estimated 5-year budget needs summary for Zone 7. AB suggested labeling the line item "Advisory Board and BOS Administration" in a way that clarifies that the AB does not get paid for their work. AB suggested to push "Meadow Way Ditch Sump Structure" back one Fiscal Year to FY 2017-18.

Action by Board: Recommend Board of Supervisors approve budget.

M/S: JK/JG, Ayes: All, Nay: None, Abstain: None

Item 7. Bylaw Amendment

Staff proposed to amend the bylaws to change the annual meeting date to the fourth Wednesday of the month of February to avoid conflict with school vacation schedules.

Action by Board: Recommend amending the bylaws to reflect an annual meeting date on the fourth Wednesday of the month of February.

M/S: JG/JK, Ayes: JG, JK, RG, Nay: One, Abstain: EM absent for this item

Item 8. Schedule Next Meetings

The Staff proposed a list of future meeting dates that was agreed upon by the Advisory Board:

April 20, 2016 to review the polling report, review draft ballot language, and report on homeowner interest in the FEMA grant to elevate structures.

May 18, 2016 to formally recommend ballot language.

November 16, 2016 to review election results and winter preparedness activities.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM