

**Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District**

**MINUTES OF THE  
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD  
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014  
AT BENNETT HOUSE COMMUNITY ROOM  
53 TAYLOR DRIVE, FAIRFAX**

**Board Members Present**

Tom McInerney (TM), Chairperson  
Chris Martin (CM), Vice-Chairperson  
Peter Hogg (PH)  
Richard Gumbiner (RG)  
Dan Hillmer (DH)  
David Weinsoff (DW)  
Sandra Guldman (SG)

**District Staff Present**

Craig Tackabery, Assistant Director  
Tracy Clay, Principal Engineer  
Scott Lyle, Ross Valley Program Manager  
Russ Eberwein, Senior Civil Engineer  
Hugh Davis, Associate Civil Engineer  
Carey Lando, Senior Planner  
Felix Meneau, Project Engineer

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Others**

None

**Item 1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Flood Control Zone 9 Advisory Board**

**Action by Board:** elect Tom McInerney as Chair, and Chris Martin as Vice-Chair to one year terms as required by Article VI of the Flood Zone 9 By-Laws.

**M/S:** CM/DW, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

**Item 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2014**

**Action by Board:** approve March 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 minutes as written.

**M/S:** TM/CM, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

**Item 3. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda**

Staff introduced new Ross Valley Program Manager, Scott Lyle.

Staff recapped recent Low Impact Development (LID) meeting held by Warren Karlenzig with Staff and thanked Supervisor Rice for helping to coordinate the meeting. Members of the Advisory Board (AB) expressed support for low impact development, and staff agreed to convey the interest of the AB to Staff of the County of Marin Stormwater Pollution Prevent Program. Gerhard Epke, Project Manager with Town of Anselmo, described an LID grant is currently in the award stage for a project in San Anselmo.

Public comments were received regarding:

- How the District was appropriating available funding to the Ross Valley Program.
- The need to update the CIP study cost/benefit analysis for the 10-year Work Plan measures.
- Request for a project schedule for additional measures listed beneath 10 Year Work Plan projects.

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- The process of how written and spoken comments from the public are collected, responded to, and distributed by the District.

### **Item 4. Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program Update**

#### General

Staff reported on general Program Updates, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Board member DH requested Staff attend upcoming Larkspur City Council Meeting to further a resolution defining the City's position about the use of Flood Zone 9 funds for the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program. The draft resolution was provided by board member DH to the Advisory Board, staff, and also made available to the public. A copy of this document will be kept on file at the District.

#### a) Annual Community Meeting Planning

Staff reported on the Annual Community Meeting expected to occur in September or October 2014. See Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

No public comments were received.

#### b) Program Outreach

Staff reported on Program Outreach, See Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Board member DW expressed concern for proceeding to award a contract for outreach services, and felt staff could provide needed outreach services. All other Advisory Board members expressed support for hiring Circlepoint, and staff provided details of expected services to be provided.

Public comments were received regarding:

- Use of flood fee funds to promote the program.
- Benefits versus the costs for securing an outside outreach consultant.

#### c) Request from Board member Hillmer for Response to Questions Raised

Staff reported on request from Board member Hillmer for responses to some of the questions raised by Ross Asselstine, and others. Staff prepared draft responses to those identified by DH from the document titled, Questions in Regard to the Corte Madera Creek/Ross Valley Flood Control Project (authored by Ross Asselstine and others, dated November 21, 2013). Staff provided copies of the requested responses to the Advisory Board members and also made them available to the public. See Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Board member TM suggested all future agenda materials be posted within the Advisory Board meeting packets as a single link.

No public comments were received.

### **Item 5. Project Status Updates**

#### a) Phoenix Lake IRWM Retrofit Project

Staff provided an update to Phoenix Lake IRWM Retrofit Project, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

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Board member SG asked if stream flow study currently underway is for steelhead fish, staff answered yes.

Board member CM asked for expected schedule update for the project, staff answered there is an August 2017 grant deadline for completion of project construction but it may have to be extended to accommodate limited construction and testing windows required due to spotted owl nesting in the vicinity of the project site.

No public comments were received.

b) Memorial Park Dual-Use Detention Basin Project

Staff provided an update to the Memorial Park Dual-Use Detention Basin Project, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and summary document handed out at the meeting.

Staff described potential project funding scenarios between the Flood Zone 9 and the Town of Anselmo. A document of key issues and options to fund Phase 1's environmental and planning work was passed out by Staff to the Advisory Board and made available to the general public (see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014) Board member TM recommended a decision to fund Phase 1 of the project be placed on a future Flood Zone 9 Advisory Board meeting agenda.

TM asked Staff if there would be any impacts to the project if a decision regarding how to fund Phase 1 of Memorial Park was taken at a future meeting. Staff answered this would allow less time to complete the project before the Department of Water Resources grant deadline.

Staff explained proceeding with upcoming phases of work for both the Memorial Park Detention Basin Project and the Fairfax detention basin projects will allow updating each of the project cost estimates.

Public comments and questions were received regarding:

- Does recent drought have potential impacts to effectiveness of water level results collected within the monitoring wells at Memorial Park (Staff was asked by the AB to investigate.).
- Size of tributary watershed area draining to Memorial Park and how best to time the capture of rainwater during large storms.
- How best to phase implementation between the Fairfax and San Anselmo detention basin projects.
- Should efforts be focused at the Lefty Gomez and Loma Alta sites, rather than Memorial Park.
- Will there be upcoming public meetings to discuss disruption to local residents resulting from future construction at Memorial Park? TM answered yes.

c) Bridge Replacements in Town of San Anselmo

Staff provided an update to the Bridge Replacement projects in the Town of San Anselmo, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

No public comments were received.

d) Bridge Replacement in Town of Ross

Staff provided an update to the Bridge Replacement project in the Town of Ross, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

No public comments were received.

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e) Bridge Replacement in Town of Fairfax

Staff provided an update to the Bridge Replacement project in the Town of Fairfax, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

No public comments were received.

f) Corte Madera Creek Unit 4 Project

Staff provided an update to Corte Madera Creek Unit 4 Project, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Board member SG suggested and staff agreed Unit 3 should be included in project title when discussing the Corte Madera Creek Unit 4 Project.

No public comments were received.

g) Lefty Gomez Field Dual-Use Detention Basin

Staff provided an update to Lefty Gomez Field Dual-Use Detention Basin, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

No public comments were received.

h) Loma Alta Detention Basin Project

Staff provided an update to Loma Alta Detention Basin Project, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Staff described consultant WRA was hired to perform high level environmental assessment to help assess a preferred site location for the detention basin.

No public comments were received.

i) Corte Madera Creek Sediment Management – Dredging

Staff provided an update to Corte Madera Creek Sediment Management - Dredging, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Board member SG asked when the last dredge occurred within the project area, staff answered in 1998 but dredging only occurred at the stilling basin just downstream from the concrete channel.

Board members PH and DH asked for a future Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting to discuss the project. Board member DH asked that City of Larkspur representation be invited to participate in the TWG meeting. Staff concurred.

No public comments were received.

j) Summer Maintenance Program

Staff provided an update to Summer Maintenance Program, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

No public comments were received.

**Item 6. Ross Valley Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates**

Staff provided an update to Ross Valley Local Hazard Mitigation Plans in both incorporated and

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unincorporated areas of Ross Valley Flood Zone 9, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

No public comments were received.

**Item 7. FEMA Remapping and Community Rating System (CRS) Updates**

Staff provided an update to FEMA Remapping and CRS, see Staff Report dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Public comments were received regarding the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and that the Act had recently been modified to reduce impacts to flood insurance rate payers.

**Item 8. Schedule Next Meeting**

Advisory Board recommended the next Flood Zone 9 Advisory Board meeting be scheduled in August at the San Anselmo Town Council Chambers.

***M/S: TM/CM, Ayes: All, Nay: None, Abstain: None***

No public comments were received.