

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FLOOD ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY MAY 13, 2013

7:00 PM

**CENTRAL MARIN POLICE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ROOM,
250 DOHERTY DRIVE, LARSKPUR CA 94939**

MINUTES

Advisory Board Members Present:

- Richard Gumbiner (RG), Chairperson
- Peter Hogg (PH)
- Patricia Rippe (PR)
- Tom McInerney (TM)
- David Weinsoff (DW)
- Dan Hillmer (DH)
- Chris Martin (CM)

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Representatives:

- Craig Tackabery (CT)
- Tracy J. Clay (TC)
- Jack Curley (JC)
- Felix Meneau (FM)

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

Action by Board: Advisory Board members elected a Chair Richard Gumbiner and Vice-Chair Chris Martin as required by Article VI of the Flood Zone 9 By-Laws.

Chair Gumbiner M/S: CM/DH **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Vice-Chair Martin M/S: TM/DW **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 2. Approval of meeting minutes for January 31, 2013

Action by Board: Advisory Board members reviewed the minutes and approved the minutes as corrected. Ross Asselstine's written comments from this meeting were submitted by him in writing and were appended to the minutes.

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

Item 3. Open time for items not on the agenda

The following topics were discussed:

- **Low Impact Development (LID)**
LID was discussed by the public, Flood Control staff, and the Advisory Board. (See Warren Karlenzig letter and Staff memo appended to these minutes). The Advisory Board suggested placing a link within the [Ross Valley Watershed website](#) providing additional LID information.
- **FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map Revision (DFIRM) for Ross Valley**
Staff provided a brief update of the FEMA DFIRM map updates for the Ross Valley and when the new maps are expected to become effective. For the latest information, please visit www.r9map.org.
- **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)**
Q & A was held amongst the public, Flood Control staff, and the Marin County Sheriff's Offices

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of Emergency Services (OES) regarding the status of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. OES staff Chris Reilly and Tom Jordan described the updated LHMP is expected to be approved by FEMA within the next three to six months. Per requests from the public and the Advisory Board, Staff will provide an update of the LHMP status in each of the Ross Valley municipalities during the next Advisory Board meeting. Supervisor Katie Rice recommended the public consult the [Disaster Council](#) administered by the County of Marin to obtain the latest LHMP updates.

- **Program Transparency**

The importance of continuing program transparency was emphasized by the public and Advisory Board, particularly regarding the detention basin projects. One idea from the advisory board included placing a written Q & A of recurring public questions and concerns regarding the Ross Valley Flood Reduction and Watershed Program within the Ross Valley Watershed website.

The concept of engineering feasibility and the concept of financial feasibility were both described by the Advisory Board as critical and complimentary tools for steering individual projects in addition to steering the overall Ross Valley Watershed Program.

Item 4. Community Outreach/Engagement Update

Staff provided a summary of recent and upcoming community outreach efforts which included the Annual Report, the upcoming July 13th community meeting at Sir Francis Drake High School, Ross Valley Watershed website notifications, and past and future Technical Working Group meetings. The Advisory Board confirmed with Staff that public meetings will be continued for individual projects particularly as they are a required component of each project's environmental approval process.

Item 5. Project Status Updates

Staff provided updates to the Phoenix Lake Integrated Regional Water Management Retrofit Project, the Memorial Park Multi-Use Detention Basin Project, Lefty Gomez Field Multi-Use Detention Basin Project, Loma Alta Detention Basin Project, the Creek Cleaning Program, and the Corte Madera Creek Unit 4 Project (See "Staff Report").

Detention Basin Discussion:

One question was raised from the public if Center Boulevard and Butterfield Road in Town of San Anselmo and Town of Fairfax could be used to store underground water in large tanks as a replacement or to supplement currently proposed detention basin sites. Staff described this option would likely be prohibitively expensive and require relocating utilities and addressing significant traffic concerns during construction.

Staff answered questions from the public and Advisory Board regarding cost estimate increases for Phoenix Lake and Memorial Park detention basin projects. Staff explained new information arising after submittal of the grant application for the Phoenix Lake IRWM Retrofit Project resulted in the addition of potential water quality mitigation measures to the project scope. These additional measures for Phoenix Lake included a clay liner, a cutoff wall, and an aeration system thereby causing increases to project cost estimates. Staff described that the cost estimates will be further refined after consultation with the permitting agencies, but that the Funding Agreement with the granting agency was modified to include additional potential mitigation measures within the overall project scope.

The Advisory Board inquired if MMWD will be involved in participating financially with the water quality components of the Phoenix Lake project. Staff replied that per the agreement with MMWD, the Flood

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Control District will be responsible for all project costs.

The Advisory Board requested staff provide the expected timeline for when Lefty Gomez Field will become a 'grant ready' project. Staff described the process will be similar in nature to the recently completed Memorial Park grant application process, and that seasonal groundwater monitoring data is required. Staff will report on progress at the next meeting.

Creek Maintenance Items:

Advisory Board members inquired who was leading creek cleaning efforts within unincorporated areas. Staff responded that the Marin County Flood Control Creek Maintenance Supervisor maintains unincorporated creeks and drainages within the Ross Valley.

A member of the public inquired if the Creek Maintenance agenda topic was related to larger engineered creek maintenance solutions. Staff responded that it was not and that the engineered creek modifications would take place after the detention basin projects were further developed.

Another member of the public had questions regarding creek maintenance vegetation clearing and removal of large woody debris underneath the Nokomis Bridge. Staff noted that not all woody debris is considered for removal for proper creek maintenance, and that vegetation clearing must be done with caution so as not to cause creek bank erosion.

Unit 4 Corte Madera Creek USACE Project:

Staff reported that the Unit 4 project has been recommended for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers planning process charrette. The charrette is designed to create a Project Management Plan (PMP). Federal funding is not guaranteed by participation in the planning process.

Item 6. Annual Budgets

Staff presented the annual budgets (See "Staff Report").

The Advisory Board commented that the total projected expenditures for fiscal year 2012/2013 were less than last year's listed fiscal year 2012/2013 budgets. Discussions between Staff, the Advisory Board, and the public centered on ways to accelerate project schedules through additional staff and the hiring of additional consultants. Staff provided updates regarding the hiring process currently under way for two new full time staff members. The new staff members, once secured, will further develop individual projects within the current Ross Valley work program.

Action by Board: The Advisory Board recommended approval of the budget.

Zone 9 Budget, M/S: DW/PH Ayes: All, Nay: None, Abstain: None

Zone 9A Budget, M/S: CM/DW Ayes: All, Nay: None, Abstain: None

Item 7. Next Meeting Date - September 2013