

**FLOOD ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2013**  
**SAN ANSELMO TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Advisory Board Members Present:**

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

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

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

**Town of San Anselmo:**

- Sean Condry (SC)

**Item 1. Approval of meeting minutes for May 13, 2013**

**Action by Board:** Advisory Board members reviewed the minutes and approved the minutes.

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

**Item 2. Open time for items not on the agenda**

Russ Eberwein introduced himself as the new Senior Engineer primarily focusing on Phoenix Lake, Lefty Gomez, and Loma Alta detention basin projects.

**Item 3. Program Updates**

In response to questions and issues from the Advisory Board and the public, Staff provided the following responses:

1. The current makeup of the Technical Work Group consists of volunteers from the community, town public works directors, public advocacy groups, and regulatory agencies. For more information see [Staff Report dated November 21<sup>st</sup> 2013](#).
2. The detention basin sites in the 10-Year Work Plan were selected because they best matched the criteria for locating and operating detention basins.
3. A list of frequently asked questions from community meetings and advisory board meetings is being compiled and will be posted on the watershed website.
4. During the CEQA (environmental review) process project impacts will be considered on an individual and a 10-year-workplan wide (cumulative) basis. This information will be provided to the Advisory Board and the general public for consideration and comment at that time. Project sequencing and alternative built-in mitigation options will be developed to avoid negative

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impacts upstream and downstream.

5. The Ross Valley Watershed Program financial status update will be placed on the watershed website in the Annual Report.

### **Item 4. Project Status Updates**

Project status updates were given on the following projects:

#### ***Corte Madera Creek Unit 4 Project***

Staff described the project schedule and next steps. One Advisory Board member suggested project operation and maintenance cost estimates be developed and included in the overall project budget.

In response to questions and issues from the Advisory Board and the public, Staff provided the following information:

1. The project cost share must be modified for the planning/design phase in order for the project to become policy compliant. A different cost sharing agreement would be needed for the construction phase.
2. The project will not eliminate all future flooding but, in conjunction with the implementation of the full CIP Study Report measures, it will be designed to contain a flood equivalent to the December 31, 2005 flood. Staff described project limits as starting at the Ross fish ladder and continuing upstream to the Sir Francis Drake Bridge crossing in Ross.
3. The project is currently awaiting federal funding. The District is considering advancing funds to the Corps of Engineers so that work can proceed. The advance would not exceed the 50% local share amount of \$1.5 million.
4. Flood Control Zone 9 could take the project over from the Corps, but staff explained the project would then be ineligible for future federal funding including federal disaster assistance.
5. Staff explained historic concerns shared by Town of Ross and Kentfield Planning Advisory Board have been addressed; however continued public comments and input will be a part of any future CEQA/NEPA environmental phases.

#### ***Memorial Park Multi-Use Detention Basin Project***

Sean Condry, San Anselmo DPW Director, gave a brief project update and reported that San Anselmo staff has held five public meetings regarding the project, and more public meetings will be held in the future. An Advisory Board Member noted that Memorial Park Detention Basin is a Town of San Anselmo project and therefore questions and comments for the project should be directed to the Town. Mr. Condry explained the project approval process would occur through the town planning commission and once approved, it would be added to the Town's capital improvement program for consideration by the Town Council.

Members of the public asked that the following ideas be considered as the project proceeds:

1. Include artists and creative thinkers in the planning process.
2. Divert the flow of water in creeks to locations other than detention basins.
3. Create temporary drinking water reservoirs and catchment areas, and
4. Include residential rainwater harvesting.

A member of the Advisory Board said the Ross Valley Watershed and Flood Protection Program was developed in order to support and fund large infrastructure projects within individual Ross Valley municipalities that would otherwise be too costly for each town to undertake alone.

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**Item 5. Status of Ross Valley Cities and Towns Local Hazard Mitigation Plans**

***Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)***

As was requested by your board during the last meeting, Staff provided a status of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans for each of the Ross Valley municipalities ([See Staff Report dated November 21<sup>st</sup> 2013](#)).

**Item 6. Informational Items**

Staff provided updates on the following items.

- Phoenix Lake IRWM Retrofit Project
- Lefty Gomez Field Dual-Use Detention Basin Project
- Loma Alta Detention Basin Project
- Creek Cleaning Program
- Annual Community Meeting
- Website and Email Notifications
- Winter Storm Readiness

Staff explained that the Ross Creek In-Stream Flow Study, done in conjunction with the *Phoenix Lake IRWM Retrofit Project*, will verify that Ross Creek will have the capacity to handle the flows from future rapid drawdown of Phoenix Lake reservoir. In addition, staff reminded the Advisory Board that each project will have a separate public outreach/CEQA process and the public is encouraged to participate.

For more detailed information please see [See Staff Report dated November 21<sup>st</sup> 2013](#).

**Item 7. Next Meeting Date – December 2013**