

FLOOD ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2013

7:00 PM

ROSS TOWN HALL

31 SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BLVD., ROSS

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)
- Jack Curley (JC)
- Carey Lando (CL)

Item 1. Open time for items not on the agenda

Several residents spoke about the proposed Memorial Park Detention Basin as well as more general issues. The issues brought forth are summarized below.

- The value of volunteer efforts that have gone into building some of the existing park facilities (ie, playground, Elder's Garden etc.) is hard to quantify in typical engineering cost benefit analysis.
- Floodplain parcels receive more direct benefits from the proposed 10 year work plan than parcels out of the floodplain but all parcels in the Ross Valley receive indirect benefits.
- The exact impact of construction of the detention basin on groundwater tables is unknown at this time.
- As the project becomes more defined through the design, environmental and public outreach efforts, estimates of cost and benefits will be revised to reflect new information.

Residents were encouraged to participate in the public process for Memorial Park as more information will be developed as the project moves through CEQA and design process.

Item 2. Update: Program Principles Statement

Staff presented updated Program Principles. For more information see [Staff Report dated December 16th 2013](#).

Action by Board: Advisory Board members reviewed the updated Program Principles and approved two minor modifications to the statement language. See the updated Program Principles here:

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M/S: PH/CM **Ayes:** RG, PH, PR, TM, DW, CM, **Nay:** DH, **Abstain:** None

Item 3. 10-Year Work Program Funding

Staff provided an update on the 10-Year Work Plan (10 YWP) Funding summary and explained the most recent cost estimates as well as project grants that were secured over the past two years or are in process of being secured. The 13 Baseline Measures in the 10YWP are key measures in the long term plan and were chosen for the 10YWP for their range of benefit in flood reduction and the high likelihood of available grant funding. The replacement of the fish ladder in Ross and connected creek improvements (Unit 4) and dredging of the tidal zone are required to increase and maintain downstream flow capacity and are included in the Baseline Measures in the 10 YWP.

The Advisory Board confirmed with Staff that public meetings will be continued for individual projects, in addition to those required for each project's environmental approval process.

For more information see [Staff Report dated December 16th 2013](#).

Item 4. US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project (Unit 4)-Funding Cost Share

Agreement for Study Phase:

Staff reported that the Unit 4 project for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) went through the planning process charrette in October, 2013. The charrette is designed to create a Project Management Plan (PMP). Federal funding is not guaranteed by participation in the planning process. The next step in the project process is to execute a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and the USACE for the Study Phase. The maximum cost of the Study Phase is \$3M and would be shared 50/50 between the Flood Control District and the USACE.

Action by Board: The Advisory Board recommends the BOS approval of budget changes and execution of the cost sharing agreement.

BOS Budget Changes, M/S: PH/TM **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

BOS Cost Sharing Agreement Approval, M/S: DH/CM **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

Item 5. Next Meeting Date – Late February/Early March 2014