

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FLOOD ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

7:00 PM

CITY OF LARKSPUR TOWN HALL

400 MAGNOLIA AVENUE

MINUTES

Advisory Board Members Present:

- Richard Gumbiner (RG)
- 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. Approval of meeting minutes for June 27, 2011

Action by Board: Advisory Board members reviewed the minutes, made minor corrections, and approved the minutes as corrected.

Move: DW Second: PR Ayes: 6 No: 0 Absent 1(DH)

Item 2. Open time for items not on the agenda

Comments will be heard for items not on the agenda.

Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice (District 2) thanked AB members for their service, reinforced the importance of the Ross Valley flood control program, and encouraged public participation for the upcoming May 5th community meeting at Drake H.S.

Mr. Ross Asselstine – (Town of San Anselmo Flood Committee Member) remarked on cost estimate changes of the Ross Valley Watershed Program.

Item 3. Program Principles and Goals

Staff presented proposed Principles and Goals of the flood control program. Questions followed by the Advisory Board members regarding long, mid, and short term goals, ways to increase motivation for homeowners to care for their creek banks, and limiting the financial role of the homeowners in district flood control projects.

The Advisory Board adopted the Principles and Goals as a tool for prioritization of projects that will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

Move: DW Second: RG Ayes: 7 No: 0

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Item 4. Watershed Program Update

The Ross Valley Watershed Program for Flood Reduction and Creek Management is now transitioning from an initial planning phase to the implementation of first projects. Staff presented slides showing the timeline of the process and progress to date and laid out the roadmap for moving forward with the program. Questions were posed to confirm that the district is taking an incremental approach to achieving a 100 year level of flood protection; that outside funding is required to achieve that goal; suggesting we consider sea level rise and climate change in our planning as much as possible; and the suggestion that we consider the costs of detention basin projects relative to the projected, 20-year fee revenue total.

Item 5. Ross Valley 25-Year-Flood Protection Plan

Staff proposed a list of projects that will comprise a "10 Year Work Plan" to achieve a 25-Year-Flood level of protection. The projects were chosen from the Ross Valley Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Study report. They will be augmented in a few locations by low walls at top of bank as interim measures until the completion of all projects in the CIP Study. Staff noted that this incremental goal will take the program more than halfway to achieving the capacity to contain the 100 Year flood. Initial projects will include 4 detention basins.

The Advisory Board was asked to consider adopting the 10 Year Work Plan and recommend adoption by the Flood Control District Board of Supervisors. Section 11 of the California Water Code, Appendix No. 68, Section 68-11.1, which governs the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, requires that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution to specify its intention to undertake a project. The detention basin projects and all other parts of the plan cannot proceed without this resolution.

Many questions were asked to clarify details of the plan, concerns were expressed about the interim flood walls and obtaining the consent of owners for these and other elements of the work plan. The Advisory Board pointed out the need for extensive public outreach for the projects and suggested "walk through" meetings at the appropriate phase of design development. Some discussion of the bridge replacement projects and the roles and responsibilities of the towns and flood control district took place. Staff also confirmed that outside funding will be pursued for all projects with the initial assumption being that Flood Zone 9 can contribute 35% of project costs with the balance coming from grants or other sources. Attendees reiterated the need for public participation in the detention basin design and permitting process.

The Advisory Board took two (2) actions on this agenda item:

1. The Advisory Board adopted the 25-Year-Flood Level Program as the 10-Year work program.
Motion: DW Second: PH Yes: 7 No: 0
2. The Advisory Board recommend Project Initiation by the Board of Supervisors for 4 Detention Basins: Lefty Gomez, Loma Alta, Memorial Park, Phoenix Lake
Motion: PH Second: DH Yes: 7 No: 0

Item 6. Flood Zone 9 Annual Budget FY2012-13

Staff presented the Zone 9 and Zone 9A Budgets for Fiscal Year FY11-12. The budget reflects the program described in Items 3 and 5 of this agenda.

Question were asked about including fish passage project participation in the budget and how best to allow flexibility in future budgets to review project cost estimates.

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The Advisory Board recommended approval of the budget for Zone 9 as presented
Motion: DH Second: PH Yes: 7 No: 0

The Advisory Board recommended approval of the budget for Zone 9A as presented
Motion: PR Second: TM Yes: 7 No: 0

Item 7. Updates

Staff gave brief updates on the following zone projects and activities:

- Phoenix Lake Grant
- Unit 4-US Army Corps of Engineers Project
- Draft Annual Report
- Community Meeting – May 5, 2012

A brief summary of the Phoenix Lake Grant was given by staff. Staff informed the Advisory Board that a meeting with Corps of Engineers Staff to discuss Unit 4 is being scheduled. Staff informed the Advisory Board and attendees that the Annual Report is available on the program website. An attendee requested that we delay bringing the program authorization resolution to the Board of Supervisors until after the May 5th community meeting.

Item 8. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

The Advisory Board agreed to hold the next meeting after Labor Day, unless Phoenix Lake DWR grant agreement requires meeting before Labor Day.