

**FLOOD ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 27, 2011**

**6:30 to 8:30 PM**

**Fairfax Public Library**

**MINUTES - DRAFT**

**Item 1. Approval of meeting minutes for May 23, 2011**

Action by Board: Advisory Board members will review meeting minutes from the May 23, 2011 meeting, make corrections, and approve minutes as corrected.

Move: P. Rippe Second: D. Weinsoff Ayes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 1

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

Comments will be heard for items not on the agenda.

Mr. Lou Vaccaro of Fairfax requested that the Zone consider a temporary fish ladder at the discharge of the Fairfax culvert to facilitate fish passage and re-establish steelhead population upstream of the culvert. Staff explained that consultation with a fish biologist was done and staff was informed that there is insufficient space to build a "permissible" structure at the confluence of the San Anselmo and Fairfax Creeks which is the same location as the discharge of the culvert. Mr. Vaccaro suggested something more temporary and not an engineered design. Staff explained that they cannot pursue this type of fix.

**Item 3. Zone Budget for FY 2011-2012**

Budget was presented and accepted by the Advisory Board.

**Item 4. Ross Valley Capital Improvement Plan Study (Continued from May 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting)**

The Advisory Board Chairperson requested a continuation of the Question and Answer session at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The question and answer session was held.

- Mr. Michael Leach who lives on Arroyo Avenue commented that the replacement of the Arroyo Ave. Bridge is not a priority in the CIP study but feels it should be since his property flooded and he suffered significant losses in 2005. Staff commented that the bridge is lower on the priority list because it's not eligible for Caltrans funding (< 20' opening) and the benefit was chiefly to one property alone. Staff did acknowledge that the problem exists and would keep it in mind if grant opportunities should arise for this type of project.
- Chris Martin, AB Member from Town of Ross, raised the topic of floodplain development management and the need for tech support for LID (Low Impact Development) rules and the possibility of elevation grants.
- David Weinsoff, AB Member from Town of Fairfax, asked that we consider completing the Unit 4 project and associated work with local funds or loan the money to the Corps of Engineers. Staff acknowledged that we would investigate loaning the money and reminded the Board of the existing 98.5% federal share to 1.5% local share arrangement for construction.

**Action:** Advise the Board of Supervisors to accept the Capital Improvement Plan Study.

Move: P. Rippe Second: D. Weinsoff Ayes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 1

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

### **Item 5. Creation Of Task-Oriented Subcommittees**

Discussion: Advisory Board member Patricia Rippe led the discussion on the creation of task-oriented sub-committees.

The discussion explored other possible focus areas for the watershed program. Those included non-structural solutions, FEMA grant programs and NFIP Flood Insurance, community development planning measures, public outreach and information and education for residents.

### **Item 6. Current Activity Report:**

Brief oral reports were given on the following:

- a) Proposition 84 river parkways grant opportunity – staff explained that we did not have projects that fit the grant requirements
- b) Caltrans bridge program opportunities – staff informed the Advisory Board that efforts were ongoing to maximize available funding for bridge replacements
- c) BAFPAA conference presentation on Ross Valley Watershed Program – staff informed the Advisory Board that a presentation on the Ross Valley Watershed Program was given at a meeting of the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association.

### **Item 7. Next Meeting Date**

A target for the fall of 2011 was suggested.