

FLOOD ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

7:00 PM

CITY OF LARKSPUR TOWN HALL

400 MAGNOLIA AVENUE

STAFF REPORT

Please Note: *The City of Larkspur requires that we complete our meeting at 8:50 to allow us to leave the building at its 9:00 PM closing time.*

Item 1. Approval of meeting minutes for June 27, 2011

Chair will commence the meeting.

Action by Board: Advisory Board members will review meeting minutes from the June 27, 2011 meeting, make corrections, and approve the minutes as corrected.

Item 2. Open time for items not on the agenda

Comments will be heard for items not on the agenda.

Item 3. Program Principles and Goals

During the course of the Ross Valley Watershed Program development, several clarifying and guiding principles and goals have surfaced through interactions with the community and policy makers. In collaboration with the Policy Advisory Committee, staff has synthesized this information into a concise list of specific core principles and goals that serve to guide decision making. The Advisory Board is requested to take action on this agenda item:

Action by Board: Adopt the Principles and Goals as a tool for prioritization of projects that will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

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. Setting priorities, securing agreements with all of our partners, pursuing funding opportunities and continuing public outreach are the first tasks in this phase. Staff will present a brief review of where we've been and the process to move forward.

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

To identify a 10-Year work plan that is focused on our most important goal of flood damage reduction, staff looked to identify a suite of measures that would raise the level of flood protection equally throughout the valley. Section 2.3 of the Capital Improvement Planning Study (CIP Study) shows that construction of Lefty Gomez and Loma Alta detention basins alone could provide the Town of Fairfax with an approximate 25-30 year level of flood protection. Based on this, a 25-year-flood protection level was chosen. Staff then requested a modeling study by Stetson Engineers to identify the specific measures that would extend that level of protection throughout the valley. The measures are drawn from the CIP Study.

Staff believes that the "25-Year-Flood Protection Plan" is a significant step in reducing flood risk and flood damages. Staff will present the plan that proposes creek improvement projects in Fairfax, San Anselmo, Sleepy Hollow and Ross and four detention basins and will ask you to consider adopting the plan as a tool for prioritization of projects that will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

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Consistent with that plan, staff recommends that this year's work program consist of initiating efforts to develop the detention basins and support the towns in initiating the bridge replacements identified in Table 1 of the 25-Year-Plan study.

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 Advisory Board is requested to take two (2) actions on this agenda item:

Action by Board: Adopt the 25-Year-Flood Level Program as the 10-Year work program.

Action by Board: Recommend Project Initiation by the Board of Supervisors for 4 Detention Basins: Lefty Gomez, Loma Alta, Memorial Park, Phoenix Lake

Item 6. Flood Zone 9 Annual Budget FY2012-13

Staff will present the Zone 9 Budget for Fiscal Year FY11-12. The budget reflects the program described in Items 3 and 5 of this agenda. The Advisory Board is requested to take one (1) action on this agenda item:

Action by Board: Recommend Approval of the budget

Item 7. Updates

Staff will give 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

Item 8. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

The Advisory Board and Staff will choose a target date for the next meeting. The actual meeting date will depend on availability of Board members (quorum required) and venues. The Chair will adjourn the meeting.