

MINUTES OF
THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE ONE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012
7025 REDWOOD BLVD., NOVATO

Board Members Present

Bill Long
Dietrich Stroeh
Drew McIntyre
Ernie Ganas
Jim Grossi

County Staff Present

Tracy Clay
Hugh Davis
Pat Balderama
Liz Lewis
Craig Tackabery

Board Member(s) Absent

None

Other (s)

ITEM 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 24, 2012

M/S DS/DM: Approval of minutes of the May 24, 2012 Advisory Board (AB) meeting, as written with an amendment to indicate that BM Grossi seconded the motion of BM Stroeh to appoint BM McIntyre as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Ayes: Five

Nay: None

ITEM 2. Open Time for Items not on the Agenda

No items were raised in Open Time.

ITEM 3. Project Update

a. Novato Creek Sediment Removal

Staff made a slide presentation of the recently completed sediment removal project. Photos were shown of the before and after conditions including erosion control measures required per the jurisdictional permits. Although extra expense was incurred for activities described in the Staff Report, the project was completed within budget.

A member of the public stated that some sediment and vegetation remained on the sides of the concrete slope face within the creek. Staff reported that cleaning of the concrete slope faces was beyond the extents of the 2012 contract but that this would be included in the specifications for future sediment removal contracts.

b. Novato Flood Protection and Watershed Program

Staff provided a summary of recent watershed program accomplishments including work on hydrology and hydraulics modeling, Army Corps of Engineers studies and any EPA grants that support watershed efforts. For more information see Staff Report.

c. Vineyard Creek Revegetation

Staff reported on the status of the revegetation along Vineyard Creek (see Staff Report for more information). Some members of the audience complained about the apparent lack of weed maintenance, inadequacy of the vegetation mitigation behind their

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residences, sediment transport and the effectiveness of the rock weirs in conjunction with the project. They were concerned that the vegetation in the creek may create blockage and increase the chances of flooding in the event of a storm. Staff reported that regular vegetation maintenance was done this fall and recent inspections by the design consultant indicated that the creek was functioning as intended. However, staff volunteered to have an onsite meeting with the complainants to observe and address any outstanding issues.

ITEM 4. Novato Creek Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Railroad Bridge

Staff updated the Advisory Board on discussions for design and funding of the bridge over Novato Creek. Based on these discussions, staff recommends pursuing Option 2 (28 feet pier spacing) for an estimated cost of \$3.74M. To date, the following commitments for funding have been obtained:

- SMART \$2,100,000
- City of Novato \$160,000
- Supervisor, District 5 funds \$200,000
- County of Marin \$40,000

This leaves a funding shortfall of \$1,240,000. Based on an evaluation of the Zone's budget, staff recommends Zone 1 commit to providing \$500,000 to funding Option 2. With Zone 1's contribution there will still be a funding short fall of \$740,000. The remainder will have to be obtained from other sources. See Staff Report for more information.

M/S EG/JG: Advisory Board recommends that Flood Control Zone 1 commits to provide \$500k towards funding of Novato Creek bridge reconfiguration.

Ayes: Four
Nay: One
Abstain: None

ITEM 5. Schedule Next Meeting

Per the Zone By-Laws the next meeting was scheduled on February 5, 2013. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.