

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

**MINUTES OF THE  
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015  
STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, BELVEDERE AVENUE**

**Advisory Board (AB) Members Present**

Howard Schechter (HS) Chair  
John Washington (JW) Vice Chair  
Barry Harris (BH)  
Toby Bisson (TB)  
James Sutton (JS)

**District Staff (Staff) Present**

Hannah Lee, Associate Civil Engineer  
Joanna Dixon, Zone Engineer

Newest Advisory Board member James Sutton, was sworn in and took the oath.

Howard Schechter called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Item 1. Welcome new Advisory Board Member, Jamie Sutton**

**Item 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 19, 2015**

**Action by Board:** Approve minutes, as written, with no amendments.

**M/S:** JW/BH, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

**Item 3. Open time for items not on the agenda**

HS reviewed that the Flood Control District is a State special district, and that the individuals of the County Board of Supervisors act as the Flood District Board of Supervisors.

HS suggested that the Advisory Board contact Supervisor Steve Kinsey to ask for support to pursue another tax/fee or discuss other funding strategies.

JW suggested that given already 57% community support as evidenced by the March 3, 2015 tax measure result, increased outreach and dispelling of false rumors may tip the community in favor of the tax. Therefore he suggested further outreach to the village association, the Fire District board and C-SMART.

TB suggested getting the Fire District's backing/support to do one Easkoot Creek dredge.

JS reviewed his discussion with Matt O'Connor and encouraged the advisory board to select one alternative for which to pursue funding. TB summarized that while the AB had identified a preferred alternative, the measure presented to voters was more broad in order to allow flexibility later in project development. Staff also clarified that being specific about what projects would be funded by a tax measure requires completion of review of environmental documents per the California Environmental Quality Act, which can be costly and time consuming.

Staff reminded advisory board that the GGNRA is actively pursuing improvements to the north parking lot berm and to the overflow discharge to the ocean through the dunes. JW informed the advisory board that Steve Ortega at GGNRA has taken a new position, and is no longer associated with Stinson Beach area, and suggested that GGNRA has not been maintaining their current projects within the park.

HS recommends a subcommittee of himself and JS to approach Supervisor Kinsey, the Watershed Program and GGNRA to continue to find funding and push projects along.

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Staff mentioned the possibility of upcoming Assembly Bill 1362 which might allow the district to increase tax fees.

AB members expressed an interest in meeting without staff in order to minimize zone expenditures. Staff cautioned against violating the California Ralph M. Brown Act, California Water Code and federal Americans with Disabilities Act. All meetings and communications between 3 or more AB members must be public, properly noticed, accessible, and cover only items referred to them by the District Board of Supervisors.

### **Item 4. Zone Engineer's Report**

#### **A. Sediment Basin Revegetation**

Staff summarized that the required re-vegetation occurred on 4/22/15 and that the Fire Department has taken on the monthly watering of the plantings at the sediment basin.

#### **B. 2015 Easkoot Creek Maintenance**

Staff summarized that vegetation maintenance along the creek, and sediment maintenance at the basin would continue as regularly planned in 2015/16.

### **Item 5. Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program- Election results and discussion**

HS summarized the intent of a subcommittee (HS and JS) to follow up with Supervisor Kinsey, the Watershed Program and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area for other ideas on how to continue to move the flood project alternatives and necessary funding along.

### **Item 6. Next Meeting**

TB recommended that the advisory board meet once per year, and hold special meetings as needed in the interim as the subcommittee may uncover potential future funding sources.

**Action by Board:** recommend next regular meeting be held in 2016.

**M/S:** TB **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2016 unless a Special meeting is needed prior to that time. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.