

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

### **MINUTES OF THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, BELVEDERE AVENUE**

#### **Advisory Board (AB) Members Present**

Howard Schechter (HS) Chair  
John Washington (JW) Vice Chair  
Barry Harris (BH)

#### **District Staff (Staff) Present**

Hannah Lee, Associate Civil Engineer  
Joanna Dixon, Assistant Engineer

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

#### **Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2014**

No changes recommended for the December 1 minutes.

**Action by Board:** Recommend approval of the meeting minutes for December 1.

**M/S:** JW, **Ayes:** All 3, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

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

Questions from members of the public regarding upcoming tax election on 3/3/15:

- a) Q: Where do the grants and donations come from and how likely is it to get these funds?  
A: Some private donations have already been offered, grant applications are possible, but more effective if there is existing funding in place to contribute.
- b) Q: What does it mean that the scope of work will be scaled to the available funds? What assurances do we have that the work will happen?  
A: Passing the tax measure will include two dredging events and ongoing maintenance of the existing channel and sediment removal behind the Parkside Café.
- c) Q: Won't it be necessary to dredge the creek more than once every 10 years?  
A: Matt O'Connor present and spoke to the flood modeling study.
- d) Q: How deep would the flooding be without dredging the creek?  
A: Flood depths are always variable depending on the intensity of the storm and any landslides, etc. John Washington reviewed previous historical storm events and the locations flooded including the community center and the flooding and damage to the Hwy 1 bridge.
- e) Q: Is it possible to structure the tax so that property owners in the lower areas pay more than those on the hill?  
A: This was all considered during the development of the tax, but is set as is for the upcoming election.
- f) Comment from member of the public that the County spends too much money, and should not use consultants.

#### **Item 3. Zone Engineer's Report**

##### **A. Storm Report**

Joanna gave a summary of the maintenance at the sediment collection location behind the Parkside Café. The February 6-8 storm event did not cause overtopping in the creek at the sediment collection site, but that overtopping did again occur downstream within the Park limits which caused flooding to some homes on Calle Del Pinos through the north parking lot berm and flow through the dunes which washed out the Park service's new discharge location.

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### **B. FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) Update**

Joanna and Hannah presented the County's efforts to apply and qualify for benefits offered through the FEMA CRS program, which would include discounts to homeowner's flood insurance costs.

### **Item 4. Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program Update**

Joanna made available the Special Tax Fact Sheet and referenced the [www.marinwatersheds.org](http://www.marinwatersheds.org) website for information about the upcoming tax measure. The election is scheduled for March 3, 2015.

### **Item 5. Zone 5 FY 2015-16 Budget Review**

Joanna reviewed the proposed Budget for FY 2015-16. Discussion took place on how the advisory board would function with just one meeting per year. HS asked if the advisory board could hold meetings without County staff involved to save money. Hannah said she would look into the regulations on that issue.

**Action by Board:** recommend approval of the Zone 5 budget for FY 2015-16.

**M/S:** JW **Ayes:** 2, **Nay:** 1, **Abstain:** None

### **Item 5. Next Meeting**

Hannah recommended that the advisory board meet in May if the tax measure passes.

**Action by Board:** recommend next meeting be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in May.

**M/S:** JW **Ayes:** All 3, **Nay:** None, **Abstain:** None

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2015. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.