

*Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District*

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 5  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
**Thursday, May 17, 2012**  
MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

Howard Schechter (HS) Chair  
John Washington (JW) Vice Chair  
Phil O'Brien (PO)  
Toby Bisson (TB)  
Barry Harris (BH)

**District Staff Present**

Tracy Clay (TC)  
Hugh Davis (HD)  
Pat Balderama (PB)

**Board Member Absent**

None

**Other**

None

**Item 1. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2011 meeting**

Meeting opened at 6:33 PM.

Action by the Board: (M/S JW/PO) – Approve minutes as written.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Abstain:0

Note: BM Harris arrived at 6:40 PM.

**Item 2. Open Time (for items not on the agenda)**

The Board inquired about the matter of the NPS gate. Staff responded that a recommendation on the gate design, probably a bar gate, will be forwarded to NPS staff.

Hugh Davis was introduced to the AB as the new staff member in-charge of capital projects and management of the different zones.

**Item 3. Stinson Flood Protection and Watershed Program Update**

Staff informed the AB that details of the watershed program will be discussed in the next TWG meeting tentatively planned for late July or early August. The O'Connor team is building the model and working on a variety of model inputs. The next TWG task involves providing input on the alternatives process and determining which alternatives to model.

BM Schechter requested that presentations should not be highly technical but more comprehensible to the average person.

**Item 4. Easkoot Creek Annual Vegetation Maintenance**

Staff provided a slide presentation showing maps of the area where the annual vegetation maintenance occurs. Staff clarified that some vegetation removal will be at locations where the Zone has no easements but have been maintained in the past, especially in flood-prone areas. Staff added that the long-term goal is to provide creek maintenance within easements only but the District currently plan to continue vegetation removal in problem areas.

**Item 5. Update on Easkoot Creek Sediment Removal Project at Bridge Crossings and Interim Easkoot Creek Sediment Basin Project**

Staff identified two bridge crossings (Pinos and Pradero) that would require dredging if permits can be obtained in conjunction with the sediment removal project. Staff also mentioned that property owners who would like to perform dredging within their properties would have to secure jurisdictional permits, which may prove difficult to obtain. Staff added due to environmental scrutiny it would be easier if the Zone applies for the permit. Staff also cited the issue of property ownership where the bridges are located. A permit to enter could possibly be obtained but there is the issue of damage and liability.

Staff presented a slide showing the location where the proposed sediment basin at the NPS is located. Staff said that the basin is located next to the NPS parking area in order to provide cost-effective sediment removal. Staff said that a permit application will be submitted in May 2012 and the Zone anticipates construction by Labor Day. Possible sediment disposal sites are the Bolinas PUD and/or the NPS property. Staff added that at the same time, we may dredge as many bridges as possible as the permit would allow.

Action by the Board: (M/S PO/JW) Approved undertaking the sediment basin project.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

**Item 6. Zone 5 Budget FY 2012-13**

Staff presented the budget report. A question and answer ensued regarding some items on the report.

Action by the Board: (M/S JW/PO) Recommend approval of the budget to the BOS and increasing the amount for Maintenance & Repair Services by \$6,000.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

**Item 7. Announce Next Meeting Date**

BM HS suggested that no Zone meeting should be held on the next scheduled meeting and instead consider combining the Zone and TWG meetings or meet right after the TWG meeting with one agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.