

**Special Tax – Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program  
FACT SHEET**

During the upcoming March 3, 2015 Special Election, Stinson Beach Voters will be asked to vote on a special tax measure to raise funds for Flood Control Zone No. 5 -Stinson Beach (Stinson Beach FC). Stinson Beach FC was created to address creek flooding in Stinson Beach. Today, Stinson Beach FC’s only source of funding is from property taxes that generate approximately \$60,000 per year. There are no emergency funds in the Stinson Beach FC budget and the annual maintenance program activities were recently reduced because property tax revenues are not keeping pace with inflation. Without additional funds, Stinson Beach FC cannot increase maintenance or construct projects to improve flood protection. Increasing revenues for the Stinson Beach FC requires approval of a special tax measure by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s majority of Stinson Beach Voters. The Stinson Beach Watershed Program developed projects and the funding strategy below using community input from public meetings and the results of a survey of residents and property owners.

**Cost to Property Owners**

If approved, the Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program Special Tax will be levied for a maximum duration of 20 years. The tax will cost:

- \$250.00 per year for improved parcels, and
- \$50.00 per year for unimproved parcels.

**Purpose of Tax**

The overall goals of the Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program Special Tax are to raise funds to reduce riverine flooding risk for residents, visitors, and businesses; maintain natural creek functions; reduce sediment entering Bolinas Lagoon; and incorporate habitat enhancements for fish and wildlife.

**What can the Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program Special Tax be used for?**

	<i>Total cost</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dredge Easkoot Creek from Arenal to Calle del Arroyo (twice)</li> <li>• Bypass flood flows</li> <li>• Restore wetlands and creek habitat</li> <li>• Maintain channel conveyance through sediment removal at the bridges and sediment basin and continued annual vegetation maintenance.</li> </ul>	\$5.7 million

**Funding for Future Flood Protection and Watershed Improvement Efforts**

Stinson Beach Flood Protection and Watershed Program Special Tax would raise approximately 65% of the needed funding to complete all the projects listed above. Additional funds would need to be obtained through acquisition of grants and private donations. The final program scope would be scaled to available income.

<i>Source of Funds</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Basis of Estimate</i>	<i>Estimated Total</i>
<b>Zone 5 Special Tax</b>	65%	\$250/707 improved parcels, \$50/146 unimproved parcels	\$3.68 million
<b>Grants and Private Donations</b>	35%		\$2.02 million

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