

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 5
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 25, 2009
DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present

Phil O'Brien (PO) Chair
Barry Harris (BH)
John Washington (JW)

District Staff Present

Tracy J. Clay (TC)
Pat Balderama (PB)

Board Members Absent

Howard Schechter (HS)
Kevin Lorne (KL)

Other

None

The following are the minutes, created by Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District staff, of the meeting of the Flood Control Zone 5 Advisory Board (AB).

Item 1. Open Time (for items not on agenda)

A member of the attending public announced that meetings of the Bolinas Lagoon Technical Advisory Committee would be quarterly on the first Friday of the months of December, March, June, and September.

A member of the attending public requested that agendas for future advisory board meetings be more widely circulated and that they be posted at the community center, post office, and general store.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2009 meeting

A member of the attending public noticed that the minutes did not acknowledge the people in attendance during the meeting. PO answered that it is not customary to include them in the minutes.

Action by Board: (M/S JW/PO) - Staff presented the board with the meeting minutes from the February 19, 2009 Advisory Board meeting, which were approved as written.

Ayes: All

Item 3. Zone 5 Budget

Staff provided the Advisory Board copies of the Zone 5 FY 2009-2010 Budget Report. TC pointed out that the dredging cost was based on substantial dredging quantity but could cost a lot less due to minimal sediment accumulation because of significantly less runoff. She also mentioned that she is keeping a lid on Marin Conservation Corps (MCC) expenses.

PO clarified that the \$30,000 payment for professional services on the Watershed Stewardship Plan is one-time payment.

Action by Board: (M/S JW/BH) – The Advisory Board approved the budget as presented for recommendation to the BOS.

Ayes: All

Item 4. Annual and Preventative Maintenance

TC indicated that MCC will be performing the annual creek clean-up and vegetative maintenance of areas within the Zone jurisdiction.

Item 5. Zone Projects:

a. Watershed Program

TC said that design scenarios are still being discussed with the various stakeholders. She mentioned that conventional engineering design will not work under ESA guidelines. For example, a bypass would create a higher water velocity which will suction fish too young to survive. She mentioned that a meeting with GGNRA and select stakeholders and agencies is slated between July 13 and 21. This will not be a public meeting.

b. Easkoot Creek Sediment Survey & Removal

A member of the audience remarked that residents should be notified prior to any dredging operations and that he is concerned about potential damage to the bridge due to the dredging work. Staff responded that there will be no dredging work at the Calle del Onda bridge due to the presence of water, hence notification is not necessary. Staff added that current dredging work does not adequately address the flooding problem.

Item 6. Announce Next Meetings (per bylaws)

Staff announced the next meeting of the Zone 5 Advisory Board as specified in the bylaws (i.e., November 19, 2009).