

FLOOD ZONE 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009

STAFF REPORT

The following is a staff report for the items listed on the agenda for Flood Zone #5 Advisory Board (AB) meeting held on February 19, 2009:

Item 1. Introductions

An introduction of staff heading the County's Watershed Stewardship Plan.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2008

Action by Board: Board will review meeting minutes from the June 18, 2008 meeting, make corrections, and approve minutes as corrected.

Item 3. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

Comments will be heard for items not on the agenda.

Item 4. Advisory Board Bylaws

At its April 5, 2006 meeting, a set of draft by-laws were reviewed by the advisory board and recommended for approval to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Subsequently, these draft by-laws, as well as bylaws for other zones, were reviewed by County Counsel. Their review highlighted discrepancies between by-laws for each zone advisory board, existing BOS Resolutions regarding the administration of zones, and state laws. Several changes were made to the draft by-laws to provide consistency. In addition, all previous resolutions on this matter were rescinded. Attached for your review is a copy of the approved resolution and staff report to the Board of Supervisors for Zone 5 by-laws that was presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors at their November 18, 2008 meeting.

Item 5. Zone Overview

Staff will provide an overview of the Zone including a description of the watershed, summary of key issues, history of activities, and an update on recent efforts including sediment removal and the bypass study.

Item 6. Marin County Watershed Program for Flood Control Zone No. 5

Staff will report on the County's Watershed Program and its implementation in Zone No. 5. The Watershed Program provides a framework for integrating flood protection and environmental restoration with public and private partners to protect and enhance Marin's watersheds, and will also support existing and future zone initiatives.

The County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Prunuske Chatham, Inc. on February 5, 2008 to begin work on the following deliverables to support the program:

- Prepare existing conditions reports and identify data gaps and study needs for selected

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Marin watersheds, including those watersheds located in Zone 5.

- Public outreach and meetings
- Develop a framework to evaluate watershed health and draft recommendations for improvements.
- Develop project criteria to support the development of integrated or multi-benefit flood protection and habitat restoration projects.
- Develop multi-benefit guidelines to support the engineering design process.
- Develop watershed work plans in select watersheds to scope and develop integrated studies, projects, and maintenance programs.

Item 7. Announce Next Meetings (per bylaws)

Staff will announce the next meeting of the Zone 5 Advisory Board as specified in the bylaws (i.e., May 21, 2009).