

**MINUTES OF THE  
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE NO. 7 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010  
AT THE MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING CHAMBERS  
3501 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SAN RAFAEL**

**Board Members Present**

Denise Blades  
Jeffrey D. Krupnick, Chairperson  
Evan Marks  
Michael Perani, Vice Chairperson  
Timothy Ribble

**District Staff Present**

Robert Beaumont, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Tracy J. Clay, Principal Engineer  
Neal Conatser, Assistant Engineer

**Board Members Absent**

**Others**

Supervisor Adams

**Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2010**

**Action by Board:** Reviewed meeting minutes from the January 12, 2010 meeting and approved minutes as written.

***M/S: EM/TR, Ayes: All, Nay: None, Abstain: None***

**Item 2. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda**

- A member of the attending public provided a copy of the scope of work for the Las Gallinas Levee Geotechnical Evaluation to the Advisory Board and noted the scope's inclusion of work near the San Rafael airport.

**Item 3. Special Tax 2010**

- Denise Blades questioned how multiple residential improved units would be charged (per unit or per parcel) according to language used in the resolution of consolidation and voiced concern that charging per unit would be unduly burdensome.

**Action by Board:** Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution of consolidation to place an initiative on the June 8, 2010 ballot to provide funds for construction of Pump Station No. 2 Replacement and Estancia Ditch Improvements, and evaluation of the Las Gallinas Creek Levee, and to replenish the capital improvement and emergency reserves, upon condition that the charge for multiple residential improved units be clarified.

***M/S: DB/JK, Ayes: All, Nay: None, Abstain: None***

Staff provided two examples of documents that were provided as educational materials for the last initiative presented to voters in 2003 (Flood Control Zone 7 – Santa Venetia, Frequently Asked Questions, 2003 Special Tax; and 2003 Special Tax – Flood Control Zone No. 7, Fact Sheet). Staff then requested that the Advisory Board submit any questions and facts they

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wanted answered/included in materials that will be created for the 2010 initiative. The Advisory Board made several points/provided the following information:

- Materials should describe how homeowners will be impacted by passage/failure of the initiative.
- Make information understandable to a general audience and not technical.
- Use pictures as much as possible to explain concepts.
- Describe general need for flood control in Santa Venetia.
- Make analogies where appropriate.
- Try not to scare public, while still informing.
- Explain why a “do nothing” approach will not work.
- Articulate what work has been done to date and why initiative is the right approach.
- Define words and explain design standards simply and clearly (e.g., 100 year storm).
- Use figures and charts to explain how 2010 initiative compares to the 2003 initiative.
- Mail out concise materials and encourage those who want more details to visit a website.

Staff noted that educational materials developed for the initiative could be send out in mailings from the Flood Control District, the Advisory Board, Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA), and the Gallinas Watershed Council. Also discussed was the possibility of issuing a press release. Additionally, it was also suggested that information about the initiative be provided in the SVNA newsletter and website.

**Item 4. Las Gallinas Creek Levee Feasibility Study**

Staff provided a preview of the public presentation of the ongoing Las Gallinas Creek Levee Feasibility Study. Issues brought up during discussion included varying the type of levee used by reach and general homeowner use and access concerns.

**Item 5. Schedule Next Meeting**

Staff agreed to work with Advisory Board members to schedule a mutually convenient meeting date for March, 2010.