

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE SEVEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2009
AT THE SANTA VENETIA KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
635 ADRIAN WAY, SAN RAFAEL**

Board Members Present

Denise Blades
Jeffrey D. Krupnick, chairperson
Evan Marks
Timothy Ribble, vice chairperson

District Staff Present

Tracy Clay, principal engineer
Neal Conatser, assistant engineer

Board Members Absent

Michael Perani

Others

Susan Adams, District 1 supervisor
Farhad Mansourian, director of public works

The following minutes are a summary, created by Staff, of the Flood Control Zone 7 Advisory Board (AB) meeting:

Item 1. Review Santa Venetia Special Tax Feasibility Survey and Zone 7 Capitol Improvement Priorities

Staff provided a report on the following items:

California Environmental Quality Act

An agency must be in compliance with CEQA before committing to a course of action that will have adverse environmental impacts, such as placing a project specific measure on the ballot. Pump Station # 2 Reconstruction Project will meet these requirements prior to the June 2010 election. No other environmental documents for projects within the Zone will be processed before that time.

Santa Venetia Special Tax Feasibility Survey

A telephone survey was conducted to determine key flood control related concerns and level of support for a Santa Venetia Flood Control Special Tax measure (handout provided). There is strong support for a well functioning flood control system, but affordability is a key factor. Most polled would prefer to pay a lower annual tax rate for more years. In order for a tax measure to be successful, substantial community outreach is necessary to educate Santa Venetia voters.

Capital Improvement Projects

- **Pump Station #2 Rehabilitation Project:** Staff provided a review and status summary of the Pump Station No. 2 Rehabilitation project (handout provided).

- **Estancia Ditch Drainage Improvement Project:** Staff reported that a preferred project alternative has not yet been chosen for Estancia Ditch. The chosen alternative could have major impacts on the level of CEQA compliance required. Meeting CEQA compliance requirements will not be possible before either a

November 2009 or June 2010 election. Staff is conducting an internal review and anticipates identification of a preferred alternative by fall 2009.

Miscellaneous

- Members of the public expressed interest in pursuing a comprehensive stormwater master plan which would develop projects offering the zone a 100 year level of protection. Of especial interest were improvements to the existing levee that would lead to FEMA certification.
- Several maintenance issues, including levee maintenance at Estancia Ditch, were brought up for information purposes only. Staff reported that they would provide updates on maintenance issues at the next scheduled advisory board meeting.

Special Tax Election

- Supervisor Adams discussed potential options for tax duration, as well as loan repayment and interest, and reported that she would approach the county administrator to negotiate an advantageous rate for the zone in advance of the tax measure.
- Discussion ensued about merits of placing a measure on a November 2009 ballot versus placing the same measure on a June 2010 ballot. Arguments in support of pursuing a June 2010 election included having more time to evaluate alternatives and to prepare cost estimates for improvements that would be funded by the measure.

Action by Board: recommend that the Board of Supervisors of the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District proceed with preparing for placing a special tax measure on the June 2010 ballot

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