

Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program

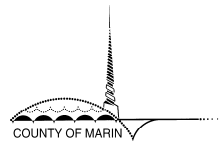
CORTE MADERA CREEK FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECT

(UNITS 2, 3 & 4) – Feasibility & Environmental Phase

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Project Description

The purpose of the project is to address flooding that breaks out of Corte Madera Creek from Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in the Town of Ross to the upstream limit of the concrete channel near the Ross Post Office, a section referred to as Unit 4. Actions to address this flooding will require modifications to the existing earthen channel in Unit 4 and also to the concrete channel located in what is referred to as Units 2 and 3. Unit 3 extends from the upstream end of the concrete channel in Ross downstream to College Avenue Bridge. Unit 2 extends from College Avenue Bridge downstream to Bon Air Bridge in Larkspur.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District (USACE) is the lead agency conducting the feasibility study and environmental review of the Project as well as providing federal funds for the effort. These funds are being matched by the Marin County Flood Control District (District) with monies from the Flood Control Zone 9 Flood Fee passed by voters in 2007. The District is currently negotiating a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to be reimbursed for a portion of these match funds.

Status

On August 22, 2016, a public meeting was held at the Ross School. At the meeting, the USACE project team presented a list of possible alternatives to reduce the risk of flooding. Alternatives include top of bank flood barriers, setback flood barriers, and expanding or widening along sections of the earthen and concrete channels. Removal of the existing fish ladder at Unit 4 is also included.

Next Steps

Since the August meeting, the USACE is working on refining the hydraulic model that will be used to evaluate the possible alternatives. Modeling results will be presented to the public. The modeling analysis will define the improvements needed to evaluate the alternatives and will also be used by the USACE to prepare cost estimates for comparison. The environmental review process for the Project is happening concurrently and the draft environmental document is anticipated to be released in the fall of 2017.

Upcoming Planned Meetings

The District and the USACE are planning a series of neighborhood meetings to review and discuss alternatives for the Project. It is anticipated that these meetings will begin in January of 2017 once the analysis described above is completed. Homeowners will be contacted by mail with information regarding the meeting place and time. Similar meetings are being held with other key stakeholders, including the Town of Ross, College of Marin and Kentfield School District.

For More Information:

See our website:

http://www.marinwatersheds.org/documents_and_reports/USACECorteMaderaCreekProject.html

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