

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 7 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
MEETING HELD IN THE OSHER MARIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**

Advisory Board (AB) Members Present

Greg Fox (GF)
Roger Kirk (RK)
Jeffrey Krupnick (JK)
Evan Marks (EM)
Greg Waters (GW)

District Staff (Staff) Present

Steven Torrence, Director of Emergency Management
Berenice Davidson, Assistant Director
Hannah Lee, Senior Civil Engineer
Lu Damerell, Project Manager
Nick Brubaker, Emergency Management Coordinator

The meeting began at 6:31pm with the introduction of returning board member Evan Marks, who lives on the creek.

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 29, 2023

Action by Board: Approve minutes as written with no amendments.

M/S: GF/RK; **Ayes:** All; **Nay:** None; **Abstained:** None

Item 2. Proposed Santa Venetia Floodwall Project

Update provided through the staff report and slide presentation.

- EM asked if there was a comparison between the construction cost using land access vs. water access.

Item 3. Annual and Preventive Maintenance Work Program Update

See staff report for information.

Item 4. Winter Preparedness Outreach

- Advisory board discussed creating an ad hoc subcommittee for preparedness outreach. GF volunteered to lead that group.
- Reference was made to a Community Emergency Response Team meeting in Santa Venetia scheduled for October 13.
- There was a suggestion to make *So, You Live Behind a Levee* available in Spanish.

Item 5. Zoom Policy

Not addressed because the advisory board was told they ran out of time in the room.

Item 6. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

See attached written comment.

Item 7. Schedule Next Meeting

Not addressed because the advisory board was told they ran out of time in the room.

Questions and comment to Marin Flood Control District 7

1. Are there other residential communities in Marin County that rely on both a sea wall or levee and a system of emergency pumps behind the levee to provide flood protection for the community? Please list them.
2. Are there other Marin communities below sea level, such as parts of Santa Venetia, (minus three feet), during high tide and storm conditions? If so, please identify the community, list elevation, levee height, and number of residences in possible jeopardy.
3. In the world of priorities, who will get the grant funds first? For example:
 - a) Does the market value of the properties prevail or does the number of homes and thus residents that could be protected prevail?
 - b) Is the elevation of the protected properties taken into account?
 - c) Is Marin County in competition with other Bay Area Counties for the same kind of grant funds?
4. Have you resolved the TRB access easement issue? The TRB was first built in the 1980's and the access easement didn't seem to be such an obstacle, what has happened? From the obscured view from the outside looking in, it appears to be just a case of leverage.
5. Will the TRB community matching fund ballot issue be reintroduced? Losing by only two or three votes was painful to witness for such a critical project.

Thank you,

Greg and Kim Hansard

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