

**Draft Minutes of The
Flood Control Zone 1 Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 06, 2025, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Held At City of Novato Administrative Offices
Womack Conference Room, 922 Machin Avenue, Novato 94945**

<u>Advisory Board (AB) Members Present</u>	<u>District Staff (Staff) Present</u>
Bill Long (BL) Chairperson	Roger Leventhal, Senior Civil Engineer
Drew McIntyre (DM)	Hannah Lee, Senior Civil Engineer
Gary Butler (GB)	Tony Swan, Senior Program Coordinator
Thomas Jordan (TJ)	
	<u>Others Present</u>
<u>Advisory Board(AB) Members Absent</u>	Marin County Supervisor, Eric Lucan
Sue Lattanzio (SL)	City of Novato, Manijeh Larizadeh

Item 1. Review and Approve Order of Agenda

See staff report for information.

Item 2. Summary of Action Minutes: October 26, 2023, and June 24, 2024

Action by Board: Approve Summary of Action Minutes for October 26, 2023, and June 24, 2024.

M/S: BL/TJ **Ayes:** BL, TJ, DM, GB, **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None

Item 3. Open Time for Items Not on the Agenda

BL requested the District follow up with the Office of the County Executive (OCE) regarding a presentation on the Sea Level Rise (SLR) Governance Structure Study they have underway.

Item 4. Novato Creek Bypass Study

See staff report for information.

Item 5. Invasive Species Management

See staff report for information. Summary of comments:

- TJ suggested calculating the associated costs and estimating future costs (including soft costs like staff time) and sharing this with permitting agencies so they understand the impacts to projects.
- BL emphasized the need for legislative involvement and collaboration with other impacted agencies. District staff described such an effort by Assemblymember Damon Connolly underway.

Action by Board: Recommend the District Board of Supervisors increase the Zone 1 services budget by an additional \$200,000, to get ahead of the germination cycles for

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the invasive plant species we are required to keep below 20% coverage at the Sediment Removal project sites.

M/S: GB/TJ **Ayes:** BL, TJ, DM, GB, **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None.

Item 6. Novato Baylands Strategy Plan Preparation

See staff report for information. BL proposed organizing a community meeting to engage with the public. Representatives of Los Robles Mobile Home Community requested a meeting there. Staff proposed organizing a Zoom call to facilitate the community meeting.

Item 7. Deer Island Basin Complex Wetland Restoration Design

See staff report for information. The phase of the project progressing toward construction is being funded by grants. Staff indicated project construction is likely to be delayed until 2026 to better coordinate with the Novato Creek Sediment Removal Project. See Item 8 update.

Item 8. Novato Creek Sediment Removal Project

See staff report for information. RL provided an update indicating that the Corps is requesting tribal consultation which is not likely to be concluded in time for construction in summer of 2025.

Action by Board: Based on the most recent estimates from the design consultant, recommend the District Board of Supervisors adjust the budget by up to \$3.4M to cover construction related services for the Novato Creek Sediment Removal. There is currently \$10M in the Zone 1 fund, of which \$4M was previously recommended by staff to set aside for this project and we still estimate that is an appropriate amount. The contract costs incurred or encumbered to date for this project total about \$545k.

M/S: GB/TJ **Ayes:** BL, TJ, DM, GB, **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None.

Item 9. County Sea Level Rise Planning Update

See staff report for information.

Item 10. Updating Hydrology for Stafford Dam

See staff report for information.

Item 11. Schedule Next Meeting in the spring, and Adjourn: 7:28 PM