

Flood Zone 9 – Ross Valley

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2025



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Agenda

FLOOD ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AUGUST 21, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Summary of Action Minutes: February 27, 2025
4. Open Time for Items not on the Agenda
5. District Staff Reports
 - A. 20-year Program History
 - B. Operations & Maintenance
 - C. Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project
 - D. San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project
 - E. Zone Financial Summary
 - F. Follow up to Board Discussion from Last Meeting about Audits
6. Business
7. Schedule Next Meeting
8. Adjourn



Item 2. Roll Call

AUGUST 21, 2025

District staff will conduct a roll call and ask for a round of introductions by board members and District staff.

Gabe Paulsen – Chairman	Richard Gumbiner – Vice-Chair
Frank Egger	Christopher Martin
David Colton	Peter Hogg



Item 3. Summary of Action Minutes

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Draft minutes from February 27, 2025 can be found here:
<https://flooddistrict.marincounty.gov/meetings/zone-9-advisory-board-meeting-february-27-2025/#/tab-minutes>

Recommended Action: Approve minutes



Item 4. Open Time

FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Comments will be heard for items not on the agenda
- Limited to three minutes per speaker
- When written testimony is presented, it is not necessary to read the entire text; it will automatically become part of the minutes
- All are expected to be polite and courteous, and refrain from questioning the character or motives of others
- Please help create an atmosphere of respect



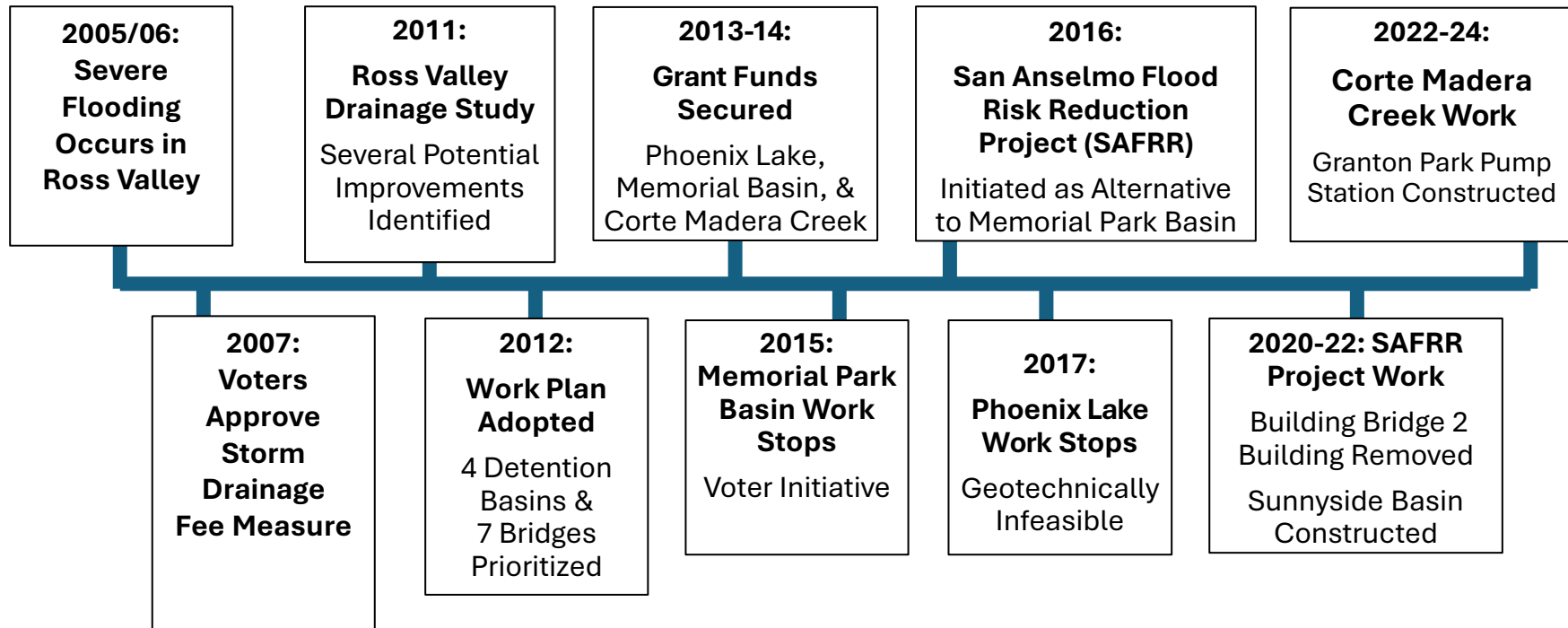
Item 5. District Staff Reports

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Will take public comment at the end.



20-Year Program History



Annual O&M Expenses

ANNUAL AD VALOREM REVENUE: ~\$400K

Granton Park Pump Station	Channel Maintenance	Sunnyside Basin	FZ9 Administration & Advisory Board Meetings
Pump station utility expenses Annual pump service Wet-well cleaning	Sediment removal Vegetation management Tide gate maintenance	Sediment removal Vegetation management	Staff support costs
\$60,000	\$120,000	\$60,000	\$95,000
Total Annual O&M Expenditures: \$335,000			



Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management

1. Granton Pump Station and Access Ramp Completed 2022-2024

2. Lower Corte Madera Creek Channel Restoration Project Scheduled Fall 2025

Remove sections of concrete channel walls and restore natural creek banks for flood risk reduction and wildlife habitat enhancement

➤ Construction \$300,000 budget adjustment in Item 6. Business is needed for construction inspection and permit compliance services (required habitat assessments, worker environmental awareness training, etc.)

3. In-stream Improvements (fish passage and floodwalls) scheduled 2026-2027



San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction

Project consists of two elements:

- 1. Sunnyside Detention Basin Project** completed in 2022 & is operational
- 2. Building Bridge 2 Removal Project** proposes to remove obstruction from San Anselmo Creek that exacerbates flooding for properties in downtown San Anselmo

Modeling shows that removal of Building Bridge 2 reduces flood risk during smaller storm events that are expected to occur more frequently

Modeling shows slight increases to floodwater elevations downstream of Building Bridge 2 location if removed, impacting several properties



San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project

Online Resources:

- SAFRR Project [glossary](#) of common terms.
- Frequently Asked Questions
[Zone 9 Storm Drainage Fee](#)
[SAFRR Project](#)
- [BB2 Removal Technical Questions and Answers](#)



San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project

- Staff will review the CLOMR application with the advisory board.
- This same presentation was provided to the [Town of Ross Council on Thursday, August 14](#) and will be provided to the [Town of San Anselmo Council on Tuesday, August 26](#).



San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project

Underground Storage Tank (UST)

- In late 2023, a citizen reported an old metal tank under BB2 to the Town of San Anselmo.
- Through a series of site investigations and coordination with Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA), which manages hazardous waste, it was determined the tank needed to be closed and later removed.
- The UST was closed in place in January 2025 and staff plans to remove it in 2026 when construction begins.
 - In the meantime, based on preliminary discussion with the Water Board, staff anticipates a potential requirement for further soil and groundwater investigation. This could require a Zone 9 **budget adjustment of \$136,100 listed in Item 6. Business.**



San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- In the fall of 2023 the Second Addendum to the 2018 San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project Final EIR, was drafted to address updates to the project that have occurred since the original EIR, such as including a new retaining wall that is required between San Anselmo Avenue and the creek.
- The project description has changed further since fall 2023 so the Second Addendum is being updated
- The Revised Second Addendum is anticipated to be released for public review in fall 2025.



Zone Financial Summary

- The [staff report](#) from the February 27, 2025 advisory board meeting includes project-specific budget information.
- Fee measure and available grants are sufficient to cover the current project cost estimates.
- Ad valorem taxes are sufficient to cover ongoing O&M.
- A more detailed financial update will be provided on January 20, 2026 with the proposed baseline budget for the next two fiscal years.



Follow up to Board Discussion from Last Meeting

ABOUT AUDITS

- The County posts regular audit reports on its [website](#), and these include the Zone 9 fund.
- In 2018 and again in 2023 the State completed audits of District's grants with the Department of Water Resources. Final audit reports are posted on the State's website at <https://www.dof.ca.gov>, with the most recent one [here](#).



Item 6. Business

ACTIONS BY ADVISORY BOARD

- As part of the new [Agenda Setting Procedure](#), there is a separate agenda item, referred to as “Business” that includes all actions being requested.
- Most of the information related to these requests is provided in the District Staff Reports.
- The purpose of holding off on taking actions until after all Reports are done is so the advisory board has a total picture of zone needs before taking any action.



Item 6. Business

ACTIONS BY ADVISORY BOARD

These expenses require an increase to the current year Zone 9 budget to implement but are not outside of the current project cost estimates:

- **Recommended Action:** Recommend the District Board of Supervisors increase the Zone 9 budget by \$100,000 for environmental compliance services for the Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project
- **Recommended Action:** Recommend the District Board of Supervisors increase the Zone 9 budget by \$200,000 for construction inspection services for the Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project
- **Recommended Action:** Recommend the District Board of Supervisors increase the Zone 9 budget by \$136,100 for environmental analysis for Building Bridge 2 Underground Storage Tank



Item 7. Schedule Next Meeting

JANUARY 20, 2026

- District recommends reconvening on January 20, 2026 per Zone 9 [bylaws](#).
- Do any board members anticipate being out of town?
- At next meeting we will review the recommended 2-year baseline budget for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 and beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028.
- Between now and then special meetings may be called for any urgent project needs that come up – such as if FEMA provides feedback before the end of the year.





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