



Flood Zone 1 Advisory Board Meeting

Novato

November 6, 2025

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Summary of Action Minutes: May 22, 2025
4. Open Time for Items not on the Agenda
5. District Staff Reports
 - a. Operations & Maintenance
 - b. Novato Creek Maintenance Sediment Removal and Deer Island Basin Complex Wetland Restoration
 - c. Novato Baylands Strategy Plan and Pacheco Pond
 - d. Rush Creek Watershed Study Proposed
6. Business
7. Schedule Next Meeting



Sediment Removal 2020

ROLL CALL

Conduct roll call

Introductions

- a. Advisory Board Members
- b. District Staff
- c. Others present

SUMMARY OF ACTION MINUTES

Draft minutes from May 22, 2025 accessible here:

<https://flooddistrict.marincounty.gov/meetings/zone-1-advisory-board-meeting-may-22-2025/#/tab-minutes>

Recommended Action: Approve minutes

OPEN TIME

- Comments will be heard for items **not** on the agenda.
- Limited to **3 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.**

District Staff Reports

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

- A report from this year and a plan for next year will be provided at the February meeting. Preview:
- **Pump maintenance** – pumps are refurbished on a staggered 6-year cycle with one of the large pumps at Lynwood done this year. An unexpected issue with one of the motors also came up. Total contract cost was \$48,959, within the \$50k budget for the year.
- **Creek/levee maintenance** – completed by Conservation Corps North Bay under \$400k budget thanks to less debris and vegetation growth in the creeks than last year, and a (2-year) \$360k grant for invasive species management. Zone 1 bore a \$205,900 CCNB contract cost.

NOVATO CREEK MAINTENANCE SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND DEER ISLAND BASIN TIDAL WETLANDS RESTORATION

- Due to proximity and schedules, the Novato Creek Sediment Removal and Deer Island Basin Restoration projects are being merged into one construction contract.
- Contract to be put out to bid this winter for construction this summer.
- See project webpages for info (QR codes on right or link above).



NOVATO CREEK BAYLANDS STRATEGY PLAN AND PACHECO POND

- Engineering consultant, ESA is currently supporting the collaborative development of a long-term plan for the [Novato Creek Baylands Strategy](#).
- ESA's contract includes additional focused evaluation of potential improvements at Pacheco Pond.
- Stakeholder technical advisory group.
- Tentative plan for San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) to release the draft report for public review in the spring.



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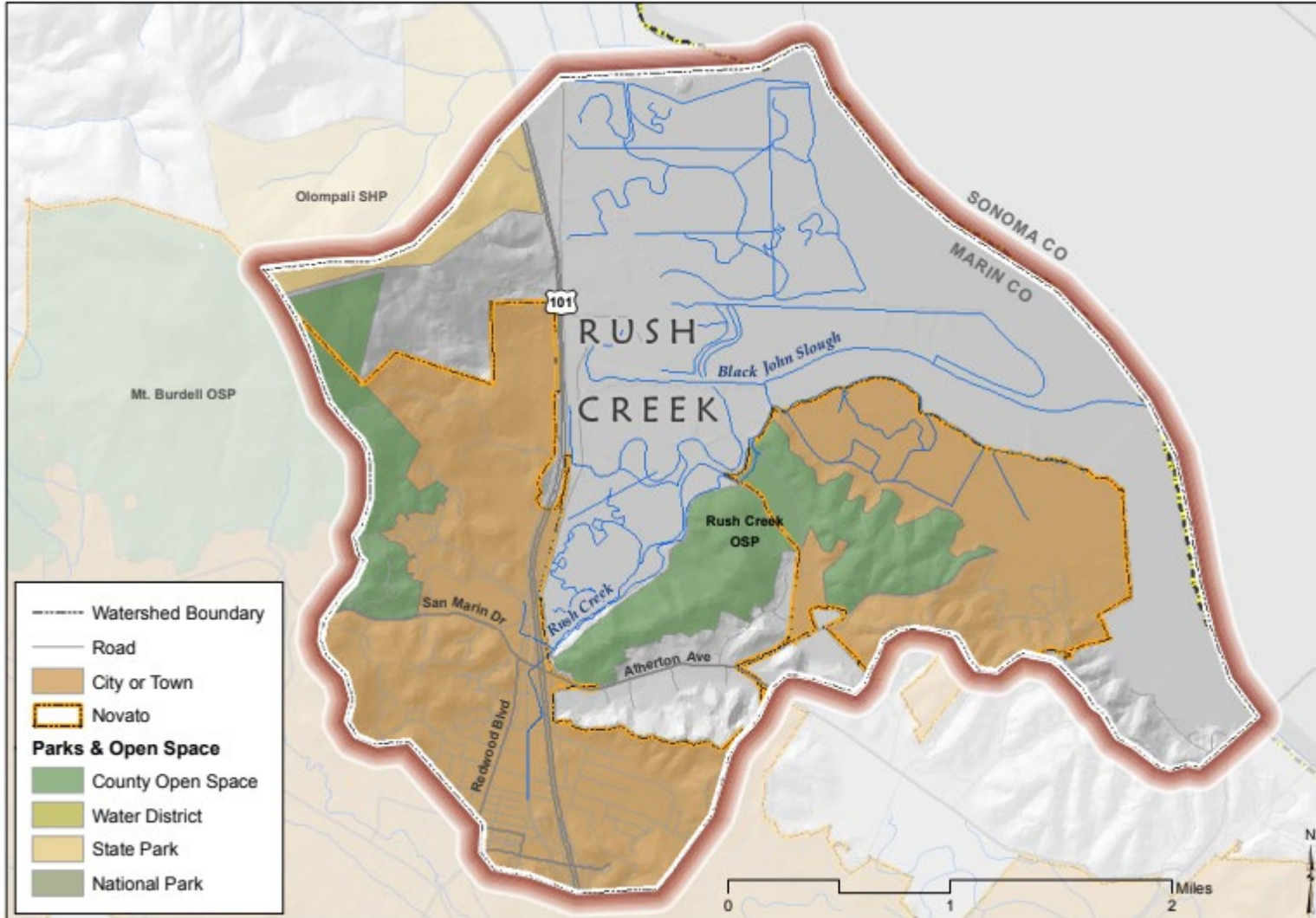


RUSH CREEK WATERSHED STUDY PROPOSED

- A concept for a study of the Rush Creek Watershed was presented to the advisory board in 2017 in response to reports of drainage issues.
- Though it wasn't considered a top priority in 2017, staff recommend proceeding with this study now and integrating it with the Wood Rodgers model for the [Novato Creek Bypass Study](#) as there could be some flow interchange at the interface of the Novato Creek and Rush Creek watersheds.
- The study would evaluate potential alternatives to improve drainage, including modifications to channels, culverts, tide gates, and diversion or storage of floodwater from the current system.



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- This study is likely to take 2 years and require a budget adjustment of \$250,000 for Flood Zone 1 professional services.
- Regular updates to be provided on a project webpage and at advisory board meetings.

An aerial photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a river flows through a residential area with many houses and parked cars. To the right of the river is a large, open, grassy field. In the background, there are large, forested mountains under a clear blue sky.

District Staff Report **Public Comment**

BUSINESS

- 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.
- **There are two actions being requested today.**

BUSINESS

Recommended Action: Recommend the District Board of Supervisors increase the Flood Zone 1 professional services budget by up to \$250,000 for a Rush Creek Watershed Study.

Recommended Action: Select two board members to attend the next Novato Baylands Strategy Technical Advisory Group.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- The annual meeting in the Bylaws is the first Thursday of February – the 5th.
- Do any board members anticipate being unavailable?
- **Purpose:** Review proposed baseline budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28
- Any AB feedback on meeting materials and structure for next meeting?