

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FLOOD ZONE 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2019

STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, BELVEDERE AVENUE

Advisory Board (AB) Members Present

Toby Bisson (TB) Chair
John Washington (JW)
Howard Schechter (HS)
Jamie Sutton (JS)

District Staff (Staff) Present

Hannah Lee, Senior Civil Engineer
Gerhard Epke, Senior Program Coordinator

Advisory Board (AB) Members Absent

Barry Harris (BH) Vice Chair

TB called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 15, 2018

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

M/S: HS/JW, **Ayes:** All present, **Nay:** None

Item 2. Open Time for Items not on the Agenda

Grey Shephard, 18 Arenal Avenue, appreciates September sediment removal is working as intended, with the bridge culvert eroding and enlarging, but is still concerned about a deluge as occurred last year.

A member of the public commented that meetings are not noticed in town such as at the post office bulletin board (the agenda is posted at the Civic Center). TB responded that the AB would be sure to post the agenda in key locations in town, which is ordinarily done but missed this meeting. JS requested that meeting notices be put on nextdoor.com. Staff responded that posting on nextdoor.com is part of the standard operating procedure and that they would verify they are being posted to the right neighborhoods.

Item 3. Advisory Board Updates and Questions

JS- Pleased that GGNRA work so far seems to have somewhat reduced flood risk at the Calles, and that GGNRA seems to be on the brink of making further progress. He noted that the sediment trap is full and that he heard GGNRA is interested in increasing the size of the trap.

HS- While he was ultimately pleased with the creek performance this winter, he was displeased with the way the September sediment removal scope was increased to include the segment between the Parkside Café and Arenal Avenue without advance AB input on the change. He believes there could have been unintended effects downstream.

JW- Generally, echoed HS's comments. Would like to have Parkside basin cleared more often.

TB- Has seen improvement in recent years. Reports water crossing Calle del Arroyo during king tides this year. As part of NPS' long-term planning, would like the berm on the beach side of the basin to be lower so that flood flows go to the park earlier.

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Item 4. Updated Flood Control Zone 5 Bylaws

See 2/21/2019 staff report for background and proposed bylaws.

Action by Board: Recommend the District Board of Supervisors approve the Updated Zone 5 Bylaws

M/S: HS/JW, **Ayes:** All present, **Nay:** None

Item 5. Winter Storm Report and Gauges

See 2/21/2019 staff report for information. TB inquired if the County had funding for replacement of the Stinson Beach County Water District weather gauge. Staff responded that they are preparing a request for the County Administrator for a budget for weather gauges and would discuss including funding for this in that request.

Item 6. Zone Engineer's Report

A. Easkoot Creek Maintenance Update

Staff provided an update on last fall's sediment removal activities including a discussion of what antecedent and forecast conditions would trigger emergency sediment removal in the now nearly full sediment trap. These conditions were described as being the '7 5 3 2' metric of 7 inches of rain received since October, 5" in the last 30 days, 3" in the last week, and 2" or more in the 24-hour forecast. Staff suggested that given the basin's current status, we would proceed with emergency excavation under these conditions in lieu of holding an emergency meeting. No objections were raised.

HS reminded staff to consider more the effect that sediment removal between the Parkside Café and the beach has on the town and Calles. JW pointed out the Parkside Café did already have some flooding this year. Damage might have been limited to loss of business.

B. Park Service Use Permit Renewal and Long-Term Outlook

Action By Board: Urge NPS to work with the AB beginning in the early planning stages as they plan changes to the beach parking lot, and to utilize the O'Connor study completed through the Watershed Program.

M/S: JS/HS, **Ayes:** All present, **Nay:** None

C. Long-Term Channel Monitoring in Lower Easkoot Creek

Member of the public (Scott Tye) pointed out that channel monitoring from bridge won't reflect creek capacity if sediment removal was recently completed there.

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D. Update on County (Non-District) Programs

Staff provided an update on programs described in staff report. Additionally, the County Parks and Open Space is pursuing a state Coastal Conservancy grant to study Bolinas lagoon sediment input sources as it relates to redesigning Highway 1 culverts. The Zone staff is supportive of the application because of the potential to learn about Easkoot Creek sediment.

Item 7. FY 2019-20 Budget Review

TB wants to increase the budget to potentially do sediment removal at the Calles

Action: Approve budget as presented with an increase of \$10,000 in line item 6 'Maintenance – Creeks'

M/S: TB/HS, **Ayes:** All present, **Nay:** None

Item 8. Schedule Next Meeting

AB agreed to next meet on a Thursday mid April, either the 11th or 18th for a meeting focused on future sediment removal workplans and specifically at the Calle Bridges.