

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 5 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2017
STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER, BELVEDERE AVENUE**

Advisory Board (AB) Members Present

Howard Schechter (HS)
John Washington (JW) Chair
Barry Harris (BH)
Toby Bisson (TB) Vice Chair
Jamie Sutton (JS)

District Staff (Staff) Present

Tony Williams, Principal Civil Engineer
Jon Liang, Zone Engineer

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

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2016

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

M/S: HS/BH, **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None

Item 2. Refresher on Brown Act Requirements

Staff members reviewed select Brown Act requirements with AB members. (See April 26, 2017 Staff Report for details)

Item 3. Open time for items not on the agenda

- A. In addition to posting AB meeting notification on Nextdoor, JW recommended to post the meeting agenda locally at the community center and the post office. To cut staff cost, JW agreed to receive agenda from staff via email for posting.
- B. JW brought up concerns about drainage issue on HWY 1 near Del Mar in Caltrans jurisdiction; JS responded that he spoke with maintenance staff from that agency and Caltrans is mindful of the issue.
- C. TB advised staff to send the right-to-enter permission forms for Easkoot Creek maintenance out as soon as possible.
- D. AB members suggested staff present a detailed total cost description for this year's sediment removal. Staff will update AB via Statement of Proposed Action report prior to the next AB meeting and once this information becomes available.
- E. TB suggested staff present a cost comparison between hiring Conservation Corps of North Bay vs other contractors to perform vegetation maintenance in Easkoot Creek.
- F. JW suggested that staff look into the excess funding that was mentioned in the Independent Journal. His objective is to bring more funding into Zone 5.

Item 4. Zone Engineer's Report

- A. Easkoot Creek Maintenance Update
 - i. Environmental Permitting
Staff reported multiple permitting agencies regulate maintenance activities in Easkoot Creek. (See April 26, 2017 Staff Report for details)

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ii. District-Owned Properties and Easements

Staff displayed maps showing the extent and limits of the District-owned properties and easements and the associated limits of maintenance activities. (See April 26, 2017 Staff Report for details).

iii. Private Properties – Residential

Staff thanked HS for his assistance going door-to-door to inform property owners about the importance of this permission. (See April 26, 2017 Staff Report for details)

iv. Private Properties – National Park Service

Staff reported the sediment trap behind Parkside Café was excavated in October 2016 in preparation for the winter. No flooding was reported last winter from downstream properties. Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the sediment trap and the bridge crossings at Calle del Pradero and Calle del Pinos are near “capacity”. The top of sediment trapped behind Parkside Café is near the top of the adjacent berm; and the sediment trapped upstream and downstream of the two “Calle” crossings are approximately 1.5-feet from the bottom of the bridge. Excavation will take place at these three locations this autumn to reduce the dewatering process which is costly and likely needed if the work is performed at earlier date.

B. Caltrans Camera View

(See April 26, 2017 Staff Report for details)

Item 5. FY 2017-18 Budget Review

Action by Board: Recommend Board of Supervisors approve budget.

M/S: TB/JW **Ayes:** All, **Nay:** None

Item 6. Discussion of Potential Long-term Strategies for Easkoot Creek

In addition to continue performing sediment removal at the sediment trap behind Parkside café and the “Calle” bridge crossings accordingly, the following ideas were brought up by AB members and National Parks Service (NPS) staff. At this time there are no specific implementation plans.

- JW advised more area for the sediment trap.
- JS advised to extend the sediment trap upstream from the current location to increase size.
- JS advised to create balance between restoring fish habitat and flood protection/reduction issues.
- JS suggested bringing a planting plan to Parkside café owner to facilitate discussion of planting willow stakes at edge of berm on parking lot side to provide erosion protection and shade for fish.
- NPS staff informed AB a master plan to improve Stinson Beach is in development.

Item 7. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2018 was approved by AB. AB expressed concern the meetings are too far apart; to help satisfy the AB’s request to meet more frequently and minimize meeting cost, staff proposed to post a Statement of Proposed Action to update the AB on maintenance activities planned for this fall, instead of having additional in-person meetings not listed in the by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.