

**MINUTES OF THE
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 9 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY 6:30 PM, AUGUST 28, 2018
SAN ANSELMO TOWN HALL
525 SAN ANSELMO AVENUE, SAN ANSELMO 94960 CA**

<u>Advisory Board (AB) Members Present</u>	<u>District Staff (Staff) Present</u>
Bruce Ackerman (BA)	Liz Lewis, Planning Manager
Sandra Guldman (SG)	Felix Meneau, Zone Engineer
Richard Gumbiner (RG)	Tonya Redfield, Ross Valley Program Manager
Dan Hillmer (DH)* (arrived during Item 4)	
Peter Hogg (PH)	
Chris Martin (CM), Chairperson	<u>Others Present</u>
John Wright (JW)	Richard Simonitch – Town of Ross

Item 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2018

Action by Board: approve meeting minutes with corrections from the March 20, 2018 meeting:
M/S: SG/BA Ayes: All, Nay: None, Absent: DH (arrived after this item), Abstain: PH (absent 3/20/18)

Item 2. Open Time For Items Not On The Agenda

No comments were heard during open time.

Item 3. Ross Valley Flood Protection & Watershed Program, 2018-2027 Work Plan Timeline

District Staff provided presentation on Work Plan Timeline from 2018-2027, please [see second slide from August 28, 2018 Presentation](#).

Item 4. San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project

District staff provided presentation on the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project, please [see slides 3-21 from August 28, 2018 Presentation](#).

District staff clarified today's meeting is not a hearing and that the public hearing for the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Environmental Impact Report will be held by the Marin County Board of Supervisors Civic Center on September 18, 2018. The exact time of the hearing will be provided to the Ross Valley Flood Control Zone 9 email subscribers prior to September 18.

AB members CM, RG and JW provided comments and responded to questions with input by District staff. Questions included the modeled flood depths for homeowners. The model outputs are included as figures in the EIR and can be accessed through San Anselmo project page (<http://www.marinwatersheds.org/resources/projects/san-anselmo-flood-risk-reduction-safrr-project>). The project will pay to raise homes as outlined as required mitigation within the Environmental Impact

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Report. Home and modeled flooding elevations for lower San Anselmo Creek were measured conservatively for the project such as by utilizing the most upstream modeled flood elevation which typically will have the highest water surface elevation along a parcel boundary.

Public comments were provided by Richard Simonitch as DPW Director for Town of Ross clarifying that FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas serve flood insurance needs by focusing on whether structures are likely to experience damage from expected flood levels and do not necessarily evaluate parcel impacts adjacent to the structure that are not impacting living structures.

Public comments were provided by Ross Asselstine, Steve Lamb, Norma Fragoso, Jean Severinghouse, Greg Finch, and Doug Ryan.

Action by Board:

- 1) Recommend District Board of Supervisors conduct a public hearing to certify the Final EIR for the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project.

M/S: PH/JW Ayes: All, Nay: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None

- 2) Recommend that District Board of Supervisors conduct a public hearing and approve the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project as recommended by staff including adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and Mitigation and Monitoring Program.

M/S: PH/SG Ayes: All, Nay: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None

Item 5. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Budget

District staff provided presentation on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 proposed budget, please [see slides 22-25 from August 28, 2018 Presentation](#).

AB member SG asked District staff to clarify difference between Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Phase 1 and Phase 2.

CM asked if possible to reduce or waive the A87 indirect cost allocation, and District staff said they would continue to coordinate with the Department of Finance as the cost could go up or down in the future.

PH and DH asked when construction cost estimates, program priorities, and long-term program financial forecasts can be provided. District staff responded this would be available at the next Advisory Board meeting.

District staff provided correction to page 15, item 5 "Work Plan" for the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project under FY 18-19 which should read for item 2) "Finalize Design & Permits" in lieu of "Finalize Project Description" shown.

Action by Board: Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

M/S: SG/BA Ayes: All, Nay: None, Absent: None, Abstain: None

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Item 6. Project/Study Updates

See [Staff Report from August 28, 2018](#) for project and study updates including for Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project, Hillview Neighborhood Pump Station & Stormdrain Improvement Project, Lower Corte Madera Creek Improvement & Geomorphic Dredge Study, Bridge Replacement Projects at Azalea Avenue (Town of Fairfax), Madrone/Nokomis/Bridge Ave/Sycamore Ave/Center Avenue (Town of San Anselmo), and Winship Avenue (Town of Ross).

AB members SG and RG provided comments and questions addressed by District staff regarding: benefits to improved fish passage in the benefit-cost was not included by USACE, schedule to complete Phase 1 is facing a challenge from the close to one-year timeframe to certify the Draft EIR/EIS, and regulatory agency input planned tomorrow to facilitate the environmental process.

Public comment was provided by Leslie Okonell, Jean Severinghouse, Connor Kidd, and Arlene Fox regarding: details of Phase 2 project, Resilient by Design and the ability to protect community from future climate change such as through promotion of marshes, timeline for public input to the project Draft EIR/EIS, and request for future conditions evaluation in Lower Corte Madera Creek from the project.

Jean Severinghouse suggested the AB explore the Guadalupe River project which built a similar facility to the proposed Allen Park Riparian Restoration component of the project.

Item 7. Other Updates

See [Staff Report from August 28, 2018](#) for other updates including Annual Ross Valley Creek Maintenance, website changes, weather and stream gauge improvements, recently held and upcoming meetings and events, and the Program Report for Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17.

AB member JW asked if aside from the Program Report what other mechanisms are planned to receive broader public input. District staff responded that the public can remain engaged by subscribing and reading the email notifications sent through GovDelivery.

Item 8. Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn

The Zone 9 Advisory Board tentatively set the next meeting for the 3rd Tuesday in January, District staff to confirm this date will work through a Doodle poll.