



Community Meeting #1 – Meeting Summary

June 1, 2023

Purpose:

The purpose of the first Community Meeting for the Marin City Stormwater Plan was to hear from members of the Marin City community about what they would like to see included in the Stormwater Plan that is to be developed. One specific goal was to learn about flooding hotspots in Marin City.

To achieve this, the County of Marin hosted the first of three community meetings where all members of the public were invited to learn about the plan and how to get involved. The meeting included a project overview, an optional community walking tour, a flood mapping exercise, and a facilitated Q&A.

The purpose of this summary is to provide a high-level overview of the key questions and issues that arose during the first Community Meeting for the Marin City Stormwater Plan. Questions and comments will be addressed at future meetings.

Attendees:

In attendance were 23 individuals from the public and five members from the taskforce. Seven of the attendees indicated that they are residents of Marin City, while other attendees indicated home addresses dispersed throughout the rest of Marin County and the greater Bay Area. There was representation from community groups like Marin City People’s Plan, developers like The Pacific Companies, and government agencies like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In addition to members of the public and taskforce members, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, District 3 Supervisor, was in attendance at the meeting.

Members of Marin County were in attendance including Berenice Davidson, Tracy Clay, Felix Meneau, and Hannah Lee. Consultants, as part of the project team were also in attendance. This included Dan Schaaf, Robin Lee, and Sandra Carroll from Schaaf & Wheeler and consultants from Circlepoint, Ivy Morrison, Patti Ransdell, Tracy Cook, Monica Dwight, and Susan Harden, who was also the facilitator. June Farmer, community coordinator for developing a Marin City Stormwater Plan, was also present.

I. Meet & Greet/Welcome

June Farmer began the meeting by welcoming all community members to the meeting. Live music and refreshments were provided to encourage community involvement. Following June’s welcome, Berenice Davidson introduced the project by highlighting the importance of community involvement in this plan and sharing opportunities for community members to remain engaged throughout the process. Robin Lee then described the project background and goals, before describing specific flooding information pertinent to Marin City that the project team has noticed so far. She then invited members of the community to share their personal experiences with flooding by indicating flooding hotspots on maps present during the meeting and to submit flooding photos for the project.

II. Community Walking Tour (Optional)



Following the welcome, all meeting attendees were invited to join an optional walking tour that highlighted four flooding/drainage hotspots to discuss the challenges and answer questions about opportunities for improvement.

During the walking tour, the meeting attendees asked questions that addressed the following topics:

- How Marin City's geographic landscape (wetlands, groundwater, altitude, tides) impacts flooding
- How Marin City's status as an unincorporated area impacts drainage ownership
- The severity of the flooding in Marin City and its impacts on residents' health
- How members of the public can track flooding
- Solutions to address flooding, including marshlands, low impact development (landscaping), rain barrels, greywater, greenway

III. Flood Mapping Exercise

To indicate flooding hotspots, meeting attendees were invited to place stickers on a map that showed one of the following flooding impacts:

- Flooding in the roadway
- Sediment, erosion, or dirt
- Flooding of a structure/property
- Debris/blockage
- Other

In total, 30 flooding hotspots were identified by meeting attendees.

IV. Facilitated Q&A

After the walking tour, meeting attendees were invited to participate in a facilitated Q&A session. The goal of this Q&A was to address any questions and comments that arose throughout the meeting.

During the facilitated Q&A, the following topics were discussed:

- The relationship between public and private easements and the responsibility for drainage system maintenance
- Prioritization of creating safe spaces in the community—perhaps in the greenway or implementing sustainable gardening
- Outreach tactics to inform the community about this plan
- Public health as it relates to an underground contamination assessment and more broadly in the Stormwater Plan
- Existing conditions about Donahue drainage

V. Next Steps

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Thursday, June 1, 2023 | 5:30-8 PM



This was the first of three community meetings to discuss the Marin City Stormwater Plan. Members of the community are encouraged to remain engaged throughout the process by visiting the Project website <https://marinflooddistrict.org/marin-city-stormwater-plan/>.

Presentation

The presentation that was shared at the meeting is located at this link:

<https://marinflooddistrict.org/marin-city-stormwater-plan-documents/>



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