San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Flood Control Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 -- 3:00 to 5:00 pm Meeting Location: Sheriff's South Patrol Station, 1681 Front Street Oceano, CA

The purpose of the Committee is to provide recommendations to the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control District regarding appropriate actions to provide flood protection for the properties within the boundaries of Flood Control Zones 1 and 1A.

Excerpt from Bylaws endorsed by Steering Committee, June 2001

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1)	Welcome and Introductions
	Members in attendance: Gary Kobara, Stan Ikeda, Charlie Lackie, Dianna Lackie
	Other in attendance: Nola Engelskirger, County Public Works, Karen White, Cynthia Replogle, Oceano Beach Community Association
2)	Public Comment - None
3)	Announcements – None
4)	Review and Approval of Past Minutes
	Member Charlie Lackie made motion, Stan Ikeda seconded, and the May Minutes were approved unanimously.
5)	International Coast Cleanup Day, September 15
	 The Oceano Beach Community Association, in conjunction with Surfrider SLO, is interested in holding a cleanup at Arroyo Grande Creek in Oceano for International Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15. They would like permission to access the creek area at 22nd Street and pick up litter along and near the levees headed towards the beach. Because the channel is within easements on private property, the following concerns regarding access through private property were brought up by the committee:
	 Dumpsters for collecting trash would need to be removed the same day otherwise they become areas for dumping;
	O Volunteers need to stay in channel areas and not venture into private property;
	 Restrooms should be identified for volunteer use and it should be mentioned in the training that the channel is not a bathroom.
	Member Charlie Lackie made a motion, and Member Stan Ikeda seconded, to support the planned work for International Coast Cleanup Day and requested that Public Works

coordinate the necessary activities including property owner notification, obtaining right of entry agreements, scheduling pre-work biological surveys and environmental awareness training for volunteers.

Cynthia Replogle with Oceano Beach Community Association thanked the committee for their consideration and assured the committee that work would be conducted in a respectful manner by volunteers who care about their community and environment.

6) Advisory Committee Member Appointment

County Staff Nola Engelskirger reported that Paul Karp resigned from the Committee to make room for new delegates at the Sanitation District. The Sanitation District recently hired Jeremy Ghent to be their General Manager.

7) Channel Maintenance

County Staff Nola Engelskirger reported the following:

- The County recently hired The Goat Girls to perform the annual weed abatement in the channel. They are scheduled to perform the work starting July 16 and it is estimated to take 56 days. We hired The Goat Girls with an optional renewable contract through 2023, which will reduce annual administration costs to seek and hire a herding contractor. Fees to perform the annual weed abatement are capped at \$25,000. The first-year fee is \$21,400.
- Five contractors have indicated interest in bidding on the annual vegetation thinning work. This work is scheduled to begin in August.
- Karen White reported that there is a significant clump/growth of castor bean growing upstream of the Highway 1 Bridge on the west side of the channel. Nola Engelskirger said that she would make sure the area is reviewed and managed during the scheduled vegetation maintenance that will begin in August.

8) Waterway Management Program Alt 3a/Mod 3c

County Staff Nola Engelskirger provided the following project update:

- We have received our first permit for the project from the Army Corps. This permit is contingent upon receipt of a Coastal Development Permit and the RWQCB 401 Certification.
- Staff has resubmitted permit applications to regulatory agencies, including revisions resulting from the NMFS biological opinion; we are currently working on responding to comments from CA Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Staff is also working on completing design efforts. Cannon has been hired to update topographic information and prepare easement documents. Cannon is currently working on completing boundary survey so that they can prepare needed easement documents.
- Cal OES/FEMA grant program administrators met with our project team on June 15. Cal OES considered that meeting a project kickoff meeting and indicated that they would be obligating the requested \$3M shortly. (We recently requested an additional \$1M above the \$2M already awarded.)

• DWR is extending the Prop 84 Grant Agreement for a period of one year. At that time DWR will reconsider extending the Grant Agreement again for the Modified 3c project (flood walls and levee slope protection components).

9) Meadow Creek Lagoon Restoration Plan –

County Staff Nola Engelskirger provided the following update:

- This project is mitigation for the Jeopardy Opinion we received from NMFS for the AG Creek WMP project. This project involves restoring the AG Creek Lagoon / Meadow Creek Lagoon system to provide approximately 8 acres of restored habitat that will:
- Restore historic connectivity between Meadow Creek Lagoon and Arroyo Grande Creek Lagoon;
- Increase habitat for growth and survival of migrating smolts/juvenile steelhead;
- The Lagoon Restoration Project is required to commence when the Army Corps Section 404 Permit is issued final. We have received the draft Section 404 Permit, but it is not valid until we also receive the Coastal Development Permit and RWQCB 401 Certification.
- Within 90 days following the date of the Corps permit, the District must convene a science panel who will inform through recommendations, the Districts development and completion of an alternatives analysis and environmental review of a preferred alternative to restore AG Creek Lagoon.

10) Open Form / Suggestions for next agenda

11) Set date for next meeting - September 18

12) Adjourned 4:10 pm.

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Also, for historic information before 2010 go to http://www.coastalrcd.org/zone1-1a/