

**San Luis Obispo County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District**

Flood Control Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 16, 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

MINUTES

1)	Welcome and Introductions Members in attendance: Gary Kobara, Linda Austin, Charlie Lackie, Greg Cobb, John Carter, Paul Karp Other in attendance: Nola Engelskirger (County Public Works), Larissa Clark (Coastal San Luis RCD)
2)	Public Comment – none
3)	Announcements – none
4)	Review and Approval of Past Minutes Member Linda Austen made a motion to approve the October 17 meeting minutes, and Member Charlie Lackie seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
5)	Advisory Committee Member Appointment County Staff Nola Engelskirger reported that Paul Karp, representing the Sanitation District, was appointed a member of the committee on December 5.
6)	Channel Maintenance County Staff Nola Engelskirger reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trash cleanup completed in November was successful and the channel continues to stay clean. Sheriff is continuing to do sweeps and the objectives of keeping the channel clean and clear seems to be working.• PW performed pre-storm inspections on the levee before the Jan 8-9 storm.• Rich cleared iceplant from front of Sand Canyon Flap Gates and replaced locks on gate hoist. Flap gates are clear and able to function as designed.• There were no issues in the channel during the recent storm on January 8-9 which resulted in almost 2-inches of precipitation in the watershed; and the Arroyo Grande Creek breached to the ocean in the morning on the 9th. Lagoon levels have dropped below pre-storm elevations with the breach open and continuing to flow.• PW is working on repairing Delta Street grade, clearing ditches and vegetation so

that Delta Street culvert and flap gate are able to function to drain area to AG Creek and reduce inflow to lagoon area.

Members Greg Cobb and John Carter inquired about the Highway 1 and 13th Street Drainage Project. District Staff Nola Engelskirger shared that the project has funding delays due to construction bids coming in over budget. The County is seeking grant funds from FEMA and FEMA has accepted the County's application as complete and at this time has sufficient money to award funding to all applications received to date. Delays to the project will be experienced to complete the FEMA funding process which includes completion of another NEPA that FEMA will prepare.

Member John Carter expressed his appreciation for the tremendous amount of work that the County completed in 2017, specifically highlighting the agency coordination between Sheriff and Public Works to remove 8 tons of trash from the channel.

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

County Staff Nola Engelskirger provided the following project update:

- We received a final Biological Opinion from National Marine Fisheries Service on November 29 and have accepted its terms (permit conditions).
- All elements of the project have remained substantially the same with the following adjustments:
- Increase the buffer width from 10 to 15 feet on each side of the low flow channel in AG Creek; from 5 to 10 feet in Los Berros Channel. This resulted in a capacity loss in the range of 500 cfs (equates to 0.5 feet in water surface elevation). But, it also reduced the area for sediment management and increased canopy for the channel which met NMFS permit requirements.
- Limited scope of annual on-going sediment management activities. We will still be able to conduct annual sediment maintenance but it will be limited to 10% of the channel each year (each management area will be a maximum 500 feet in length, and separated by at least 500 feet distance along the channel centerline). Sediment management will only be performed in areas where sediment has accumulated and reduces the flood capacity of the channel.
- Addition of a lagoon restoration component. This will involve 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 final revised project alternative meets the project goals and objectives to provide 10-year flood protection.

NEXT STEPS:

- Next phases will be final design and right of way acquisition (Temporary Construction Easements and any permanent maintenance easements).
- Plans will need to be revised to incorporate revised project alternatives and re-distributed to the other permitting agencies so that the permit process can resume.

GRANT:

- Grant funds are still untouched and designated for the WMP projects. Staff

	<p>continually provides updates on project status to Department of Water Resources grant administrators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is currently working with DWR to extend the Prop 84 Grant Agreement which terminates on May 30, 2018. The requested extension will be through June 30, 2022.
8)	Open Form / Suggestions for next agenda None
9)	Set date for next meeting - March 20
10)	Adjourned 4:30 pm.

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