

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ZONE 1/1A ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

Meeting materials can be viewed at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A>

Members Attending:

Gary Kobara (Chair)
Linda Austin
Stanley Ikeda
Charlie Lackie
Dianna Lackie

Staff and Guests Attending:

Brandon Zuniga, Public Works
Jenny Williamson, Public Works
Angela Ford, Public Works
Courtney Howard, Public Works
Karen White, Community Member

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members, staff, and guests introduce themselves.

2. Announcements

None

3. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

County staff ask for questions or comments from the Committee; there are none.

Motion to approve: Charlie Lackie
Seconded by: Linda Austin
Approval: Motion passes by unanimous vote

4. Ongoing Updates

a) Storm Response Efforts

County staff provide a verbal update on recent storm response efforts.

Charlie Lackie: What is the status of repairs in the area of the railroad right of way.

County staff: The scope of repairs to the rock slope are currently being evaluated and

will be included as part of the Union Pacific TRM work planned for later this year.

Stanley Ikeda: What was the contract cost for this work?

County staff: The total contract cost, including the contingency amount, is approximately \$4.7M.

Dianna Lackie: Do you have any updates regarding the recent cleanup efforts in the Santa Maria River?

County staff: We have reached out to the district and are waiting for a response from the department in charge of the project. We'll hopefully have an update on this for the next meeting.

b) Annual Workplan Efforts

County staff provide a verbal update on Annual Workplan efforts.

c) Emergency Response Plan

County staff provide a verbal update on emergency response planning efforts.

d) Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project

County staff provide a verbal update on the Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project.

e) Other Flood Protection Planning Efforts

County staff provide a verbal update on other flood protection planning efforts.

Karen White: Does the Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed extend to Guadalupe? Does it include the whole basin?

County staff: The watershed does not extend that far south and only includes a portion of the basin.

5. Zone 1/1A Budget Status Update and Presentation

County staff present on the proposed approach to the Zone 1/1A Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 budget request and future needs ([click here](#) to view the presentation).

Dianna Lackie: Is there a way for Committee Members to access this report and presentation online?

County staff: We will send the PowerPoint presentation for Committee Members to review.

Committee Members and staff discuss the metrics and data used to determine if a community is considered disadvantaged or socially vulnerable.

Karen White: Oceano recently conducted a study that may be helpful in determining Oceano's status as a disadvantaged community.

Gary Kobara: Asks for clarification on reimbursement of the loan that the Flood Control District provided to Zone 1/1A for the emergency projects.

County staff: The Flood Control District reserves were enough to cover the upfront bills of the emergency projects. These costs will be paid back to the Flood Control District once funds from the grant have been received.

Gary Kobara: Will Zone 1/1A pay for the bulk of the Meadow Creek Project, or will other agencies help pick up the costs.

County staff: The expectation is that Zone 1/1A will fund this as a mitigation project. It's possible that these costs could be offset by future grants.

Karen White: Is the Meadow Creek Project on schedule?

County staff: The permitting agencies that are involved with the project are aware of the current timeline.

Charlie Lackie: Are there any plans or drawings for the Meadow Creek Project?

County staff: We will send these out with today's PowerPoint presentation.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Open Forum (Questions/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items)

Karen White: Can staff provide an overview of the construction/repairs made over recent years and how they have performed?

County staff: The District is still in recovery mode and plans to do an assessment/adaptive management strategy after the projects are complete (assuming this winter is mild).

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:48 PM