

MINUTES
Flood Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Oceano Community Services District Meeting Room

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Committee members present: Gary Kobara (Chair), Vicki Cardoza, Glenda Guiton, Charlie Lackie, Tom Zehnder. Agency/Organization representatives: Nola Engelskirger and Jill Ogren/SLO County Public Works; Julie Thomas/CSLRCD; Barbara Mann/OCSD.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Announcements

No announcements were made.

IV. Review and approval of minutes.

The November 18, 2008 minutes were approved as written.

V. Advisory Committee Vacancy

Nola reported that the Dept of Public Works has only received one application, from Tom Zehnder to move from being an alternate to being a regular committee member, so the County will move forward with his application.

VI. Status reports by County Public Works:

A. Levee maintenance work.

Nola and Diana gave the following updates:

1. New levee gates: Replacement of the Los Berros flap gates has been completed. Diana Haines gave a slide show of the replacement process.
2. Levee encroachment: The County continues to pursue legal action on this matter.

B. Waterway Management Program (WMP) and EIR – update

Nola distributed a progress report from the Morro Group (attached). There was a discussion of need to do biological surveys outside immediate levee easement areas as part of the EIR process for levee improvement. The County plans to send a second letter to landowners providing further information about why these surveys are needed and why right of entry is being requested. The County may have a public information meeting. The County will sit down with the Morro Group in December, and set a date for this phase of work.

VII. Flood Emergency Planning Efforts

Nola reported that the County is completing the Dam and Levee Failure Plan. In the next few weeks, a flyer will be completed that describes the evacuation areas for people within the 100-year floodplain. For Zone 1/1A, the gathering place is the Community Center in Oceano. When the brochure is completed, it will be put on County and RCD websites. There will be a practice run for the emergency response agencies soon.

VIII. Annual levee inspection by NRCS, RCD and County – report.

On November 4, the annual levee inspection was conducted by Diana Haines (SLO County PW), Susan Litteral (NRCS), and Julie Thomas (RCD). No new concerns were noted. Diana will be putting together the annual inspection report.

IX. 2008 Vegetation Management Work – update

Julie reported that the CCCs have completed vegetation thinning and chipping for the 2008 season. Over the previous few weeks, crews were able to complete vegetation work west of the 22nd Street Bridge to the western end of Zone 1/1A by the Sanitation Plant. There were only a few sites that required avoidance to protect red-legged frog and bird nesting sites. In addition, with concurrence from Mike Hill of CDFG that this was authorized under the project's CDFG streambed alteration agreement requirement for removal of invasive species, Marc Lea of County Agriculture Department provided spot treatment of invasive species arundo, castor bean and pampas grass with approved herbicide. This will reduce resprouting and spread of the invasive plants. Marc's services were provided without any cost to Zone 1/1A.

X. Open Forum (Questions/Suggestions for next agenda)

There were no Open Forum items.

XI. Set Date for Next Meeting.

The next two meetings were set for January 20, 2009 and March 17, 2009.

XII. Adjourn.

CSLRCD: Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service

OCSD: Ocean Community Services District

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