

MINUTES
Flood Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee
Tuesday, June 2, 2009 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Oceano Community Services District Meeting Room

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Committee members present: Gary Kobara (Chair), Vicki Cardoza, Will Deschenes, Glenda Guiton, Charlie Lackie, Tom Zehnder. Agency/Organization representatives: Nola Engelskirger/SLO County Public Works; Vern Dahl/OCSD. Community: Tom Bowman, Sea Breeze MHP.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Announcements

No announcements were made.

IV. Review and approval of minutes

Tom moved and Charlie seconded to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

V. Status reports on:

A. Levee maintenance work update

Nola reported that the County is still working on north levee repair, submitting applications to the Coastal Commission for work west of the UPRR bridge. This portion of the levee has a nexus to State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) program, so the County recently received funding from the OHV program for levee maintenance; the County had applied for the funding 2 years ago, but only recently received the money.

In response to a question re potential funding through the Integrated Regional Water Management Program, Nola said that she has submitted language to the County's IRWM, and is planning to request \$1 million for the upcoming grant round.

B. Waterway Management Program and EIR

The Public Scoping meeting for the Notice of Preparation for the EIR is scheduled for June 25 at 6:30 pm at the OCSD meeting room. Nola said that the County is sending out the NOP to all Zone 1/1A property owners. The meeting will include review of Alternatives 3A and 3C, per the 2006 Alternatives Study. The NOP requests comments on what should be reviewed in the EIR. March 2010 is the "optimistic" anticipated completion date for the EIR. If permitting is in place, construction could potentially begin mid-2011.

Tom Zehnder requested a copy of the 30% plans for the Alternatives.

VI. Vegetation Management 2009 – Planning Update

- Permits. Julie reported that the Coastal Development Permit Waiver application to allow vegetation management work in the coastal zone had been submitted to the Coastal Commission on May 14. As this proposed work program was the same as for previous years, no difficulties were anticipated.
- CCCs planned work dates. A pre-project creek walk is scheduled for July 1, to include County, RCD, and CCCs supervisors staff to discuss details of the planned work. Julie has invited Mike Hill of the CDFG to come as well to answer get feedback about some difficult aspects of the vegetation management as it relates to the project's CDFG Streambed Alteration Agreement. Vegetation management work by the CCCs is scheduled to begin on July 6. (Schedule attached)
- Sensitive species monitoring. Biologist Cindy Cleveland will be doing California red-legged frog day and night surveys in the channel before the CCCs crews begin work. In addition, some CCCs crew members will attend training classes so that they can act as CRLF monitors during the day under Cindy's supervision, while crews are working (the CDFG permit requires that biological monitors be on site during work).
- Beaver-related issues. Julie discussed observations of increasing numbers of trees being felled/damaged by beavers. An unidentified person has been breaking up the existing beaver dams, so a possibility is that the beavers are having to take out more trees to rebuild their dams. She said that she and Cindy had been investigating the option of constructing beaver exclosures (using "hardware cloth" or chicken wire) around large trees, especially sycamores, alders and cottonwoods, to protect them from the beavers. After further discussion, the group decided that it would be best to wait until the long-term management plan was completed before investing funds in addressing the beaver issue.

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

There were no Open Forum items.

VIII. Set Date for Next Meeting.

The next two meetings were set for July 21 and September 22.

IX. Adjourn.

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NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service

OCSD: Ocean Community Services District

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