

MINUTES
Flood Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee
Tuesday, March 17, 2009 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Oceano Community Services District Meeting Room

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Committee members present: Gary Kobara (Chair), Vicki Cardoza, Glenda Guiton, Charlie Lackie, Tom Zehnder, Stan Ikeda. Agency/Organization representatives: Nola Engelskirger/SLO County Public Works; Vern Dahl/OCSD. Steph Wald/CCSE taking minutes on behalf of Julie Thomas/CSLRCD

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Announcements

No announcements were made.

IV. Review and approval of minutes

Vicki moved and Glenda seconded to approved. Motion carried.

V. Status reports on:

A. Advisory Committee Vacancy

Nola reported that Tom is now a full member of the Advisory Committee and no longer an alternate. A vacancy was posted for his alternate member position.

B. Levee maintenance work update

Swing gates installation to control vehicle access to the levees. Nola provided a map (Figure 1), on which red dots show where gates have already been installed .



Figure 1. Swing gates to control vehicle access on levee: red dots indicate gates already installed, yellow dots to be installed shortly.

Yellow dots indicate gates that were not yet installed but anticipated to be by the end of the month. She wanted to check on where group wanted remaining gates to be installed to ensure it is agreeable. Stan indicated there could be a problem for tractor access on most easterly gate. Tom suggested moving it slightly west to allow for access. Gary suggested putting it across existing gate on north side. Diana will call Stan to review location for gates and whether it is wide enough for access.

Levee Repair: Using OHV funding in-lieu fees in the amount of \$100,000, north levee repair and smoothing south levee downstream of RR has been done. Can go up to original design elevation in terms of adding to the top of the levees. Can go toward fixing low spots as well. The north side is higher than south side given previous work. Permits needed from Coastal Commission on work downstream of RR toward ocean.

Encroachment: Illegal encroachment fence is still there. Owner has yet to remove completely. There are other encroachments that will need to be dealt with on an individual basis after the Waterways Management Plan is complete and being implemented.

C. Waterway Management Program and EIR

Nola provided a memo from Keith Miller (March 12, 2009 - attached), Project Manager with Morro Group, with an updated schedule. The County extended the modeling that Swanson did for the 2006 report to include the area upstream of Valley Road Bridge to Century Lane Bridge. The results of this model did not affect the scope of the Alt. 3A projects, but did slightly change the scope of the Alt. 3C project. Now the 3C project will include some protective measures for Los Berros Road between Valley and Century because according to the extended model, the 20_year flood goes over Los Berros Road. All other aspects of program remain the same.

The Waterways Management Program is being drafted. Design issues such as encroachment will be worked on in the interim. The County hopes to have all issues like this closed up by the end of April. The new schedule estimates that the final EIR would be ready by March 2010 and permits

for work in July/August 2010. Agency preliminary comments have been gathered. If schedule is kept, grants/loans will be sought. Nola indicated that USDA grant/loan application now being sought for the zone 1/1A in the amount of \$8M to fund Alt. 3c. (\$2.6M in grant, rest in loan). The low interest loan would be paid back with the current assessment. Also pursuing IRWMP funds.

D. Flood Emergency Planning Efforts

The Public Works Standard Operating Procedure for the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee Failure Emergency Response Plan is final. Comments from the committee were incorporated (e.g., verify that dam releases are shut off). The SOP will be evaluated and updated as needed annually.

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

There were no Open Forum items.

VII. Set Date for Next Meeting.

The next two meetings were set for May 19th (changed to June 2 subsequently), and July 21.

VIII. Adjourn.

Adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service

OCSD: Ocean Community Services District

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