

**MINUTES OF
THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE FIVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006,
STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER
32 BELVEDERE AVENUE, STINSON BEACH**

Board Members Present

John Washington
Phil O'Brien
Kevin Lorne
Jamie Sutton
Barry Harris

County Staff Present

Tracy Clay
John Wooley

ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting opened at 10:05 a.m. In addition to staff and Board members, approximately a dozen members of the public attended. No representatives from any regulatory agencies or environmental groups attended. Introductions were made all around. Tracy Clay explained the roles of the Advisory Board and Staff.

ITEM 2 – THE NEW YEAR'S FLOOD EVENT; WHAT HAPPENED

Staff gave a brief description of the New Year's event and reported that as soon after the storm as possible the County Roads Division cleared sediment from as many road crossings as they could get to. County DPW paid for clearing the crossings of County Maintained Roads and Zone Five paid for clearing the non-County maintained crossings.

ITEM 3 – HISTORY OF FLOODING AND ZONE FIVE

Staff explained that Zone Five had been originally created back in the 1950s to remove sediment from the creek that was coming from the large slide above town and nothing had really changed since. The slide, now considerably enlarged, continues to pour gravel and sediment into the creek severely reducing its capacity. In addition, the natural overflow channel from the creek was filled in some decades ago to create more parking for the beach. Staff explained that although the Zone had dredged the creek several times in the past, without an overflow by-pass, no amount of dredging would ever make the creek capable of carrying all of the water from even a "normal" Pacific storm, let alone one like the New Year's event.

Staff also explained that this had all been studied at least twice before and several possible actions identified that could reduce the severity and frequency of flooding. Some of those possible elements were no longer viable for various reasons but some were still very possible including raising Calle del Arroyo above flood level and constructing a new overflow by-pass.

ITEM 4 – WHAT NEXT; SHORT TERM ACTIONS

Staff reported that of the various possible actions, only one could be moved on quickly; clearing sediment from the road crossings. Staff reported they had already met with some of the Regulatory Agencies and Environmental Organizations and believed that, if properly planned and carried out, there would be no objections. As per the Board's previous directions, Staff intends to move ahead with obtaining formal approval and if such is obtained in time, clearing the crossings in late summer.

ITEM 5 – OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Staff reviewed three options for future actions:

No Project Option

- No physical improvements.
- Use Zone funds to do studies & environmental assessments to help residents with permitting should they want to raise their homes or improve their road crossings.
- Continue to enforce Floodplain Management Ord. requiring raising improved structures.
- Annually remove sediment at road crossings.

Minimal Plan: Same as No Project Option plus

- Work with Public Works to raise Calle del Arroyo.

Plan C: Same as Minimal Plan plus

- Construct Overflow By-Pass to Ocean

Staff also reviewed the Zone's finances and reported that reserves have built up over the past several years and the Zone now has cash reserves of approximately \$185,000, an annual income of approximately \$40,000, and minimum annual expenses of \$10,000. Staff also reported that, although better than in the past, the Zone's reserves and income are still not much relative to the cost of designing, permitting and constructing the by-pass and to carry out such a project the Zone will have to look for additional funding. Discussion ensued as to how this might be accomplished through grants and/or a local tax and there was strong support for seeking grant funding. Staff pointed out that to have a real chance of obtaining grant funding the community must coalesce behind a specific plan and provide some matching funds. Board member Jamie Sutton and Village Association Manager Scott Tye noted that "paramount and universal support" for what is listed above as Plan C was expressed at the community meetings held after the New Year's event.

It was M/S – JW/PO To reaffirm the Board's direction to Staff to proceed with Plan C and to move as quickly as possible with respect to simplifying and streamlining the permit process for those residents wanting to raise their homes.

Ayes: All

Nay: None

Abstain: None

ITEM 6 – OPEN TIME

Several members of the audience spoke strongly in favor of moving ahead forthwith on all fronts including those with multi-year timeframes.