

**San Luis Obispo County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District**

Flood Control Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 -- 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Meeting Location: This meeting was held online via GoToMeeting webinar link. Participants joined by telephone or online. Unfortunately, physical attendance by the public was not able to be accommodated given the current circumstances and the need to ensure the health and safety of staff and the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide recommendations to the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control District regarding appropriate actions to provide flood protection for the properties within the boundaries of Flood Control Zones 1 and 1A.

- Excerpt from Bylaws endorsed by Steering Committee, June 2001

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1)	Welcome and Introductions Members in attendance: Linda Austen, Gary Kobara, Charlie Lackie, and Dianna Lackie. Others in attendance: Deputy Danny Miller (Sheriff), Nathan Claud (Public Works), and Nola Engelskirger (Public Works)
2)	Public Comment – None
3)	Announcements – None
4)	Review and Approval of Past Minutes The January Minutes were approved unanimously.
5)	Channel Maintenance County Staff Nathan Claud provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grazing has been suspended upstream of 22nd street due to the WMP project.• Some grazing was done downstream of 22nd st.• Grazing will be unnecessary this year in the Los Berros diversion channel due to extensive mowing for the WMP.• Th flap gates are being inspected and maintenance activities will be performed as we draw closer to the fall seasin.• I am working with contractors to remove vegetation impacting the operation of the Los Berros flap gate and will be performing that work late in September as environmental conditions allow.• I have contacted the contractor that will be doing the trimming within the levees and he is ready to start in late summer.• Levee tops have been mowed.• Trash is being monitored and removed.

6)

AG Creek WMP Project Alt 3A and Mod. 3C Projects

County Staff Nola Engelskirger provided the following project updates:

- Phase II construction contract was awarded to Raminha Construction in the amount of \$2,782,905, and was 35% below the Engineer's Estimate.
- Phase II construction began June 15 and is expected to be completed by October 31.
- Phase II construction will involve raising portions of the levee 1-2 feet along Arroyo Grande Creek and Los Berros Channel, removing vegetation and sediment and constructing log habitat structures in the stream channel, and installing slope reinforcement on south levee to mitigate potential erosion damage from overtopping events. This work will complete the final phase of the long-term project to improve flood capacity of the Arroyo Grande Creek Channel.
- Construction progress:
 - Contractor has cleared a majority of the sites.
 - Sediment removal has been completed in sites 12 to 15. This sediment removal generated enough material to raise south levee. The remainder of the sediment removed has been stockpiled and is planned to be used as topsoil on top of the turf reinforcement mat that will be placed on outside slope of south levee.
 - The south levee has been raised with material, and is being shaped and prepped for placement of the turf reinforcement mat. Levee reach between Cardoza property and UPRR is prepped and ready for turf reinforcement mat.
 - Sediment removal will occur in sites 16 to 19 next. Material generated from these sites will be used to raise the north levee.
- Grants:
 - The project (Phase I and II) is being funded by Zone 1/1A assessment revenues, Stormwater Flood Management Proposition 1E State Grant (\$2.8M), Integrated Regional Water Management Program Proposition 84 State Grant (\$2.2M), and a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (\$3.0M). A loan from Flood Control General was required to cover cash flow until grant reimbursements are available.
 - At this time, staff will be working with State and Federal Grant Administrators to maximize use of grant funds to reimburse eligible project costs and repay Flood Control General loan.

7)	<p>Meadow Creek Watershed Lagoon Restoration Plan</p> <p>County Staff Nola Engelskirger provided the following project updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County of San Luis Obispo applied for a Watershed Restoration Grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in the amount of approximately \$900,000 to fund planning efforts involving convening of a science panel and hiring of professional consultants to develop plan alternatives, perform associated CEQA review, and complete applicable environmental documents. Awards were announced in May and we were not successful for a second time. Staff is seeking feedback from CDFW on our grant application. • New grant opportunity through Prop 1: Coastal Watershed Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program. Concept proposals are due August 7. • Science panel has met – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information gathering stage ○ Determining restoration targets / design criteria / based on project goals and objectives for enhancing 8 acres of the lagoon • Continuing work on scope of services for an RFP for qualifications to hire a consultant to perform hydraulic analysis and develop design alternatives that will meet restoration targets and flood management goals. District is close to releasing a RFP for the planning and design of the Meadow Creek Lagoon Restoration Plan.
8)	<p>Open Forum (Questions / Suggestions for next agenda)</p> <p><i>Next meeting September 15.</i></p>
9)	<p>Adjourned 4:00 pm.</p>

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Website: www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works and follow the links to Committees & Programs, Flood Control Zones, Zone 1/1A

Also, for historic information before 2010 go to <http://www.coastalrcd.org/zone1-1a/>