

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 1/1A ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location: Sheriff's South Patrol Station, 1681 Front Street Oceano, CA

Meeting Agenda

1.	Welcome & Introductions	All
2.	Announcements	All
3.	Continued Item: Review and Approval of Past Minutes: a) Tuesday, September 17, 2024	Advisory Committee
4.	Receive and File Past Minutes: a) Tuesday, December 10, 2024	Advisory Committee
5.	Ongoing Updates: a) Storm Response Efforts b) Annual Workplan Efforts c) Emergency Response Plan d) Other Flood Protection Planning Efforts e) Meadow Creek Lagoon f) Emergency Watershed Protection Program - Property Buyout Option	County Staff
6.	Waterway Management Program Hydraulic Performance Update	County Staff
7.	Public Comment	All
8.	Future Agenda Items 1. Budget Planning (Spring 2025)	Advisory Committee

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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 I and 1A.

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ZONE 1/1A ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes (Receive and File) – Tuesday, December 10th, 2023

Meeting materials can be viewed at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A>

Members Attending:

Gary Kobara (Chair)

Linda Austin

Greg Cobb

Staff and Guests Attending:

Karen White, Community Member

Peter Brown, Oceano Community Services District

Kyle Anderson, County Public Works

Alejandra Celio, County Public Works

AJ Maul, County Public Works

Joey Steil, County Public Works

Jenny Williamson, County Public Works

William Fox, County Public Works

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members, staff, and guests introduce themselves; quorum not met.

2. Announcements

Victoria Cardoza has stepped down as Zone 1/1A Committee Member.

3. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

No action taken. Approval of this item will be rescheduled for March 18, 2025.

4. Approval of the 2025 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

No action taken. Committee Members provide brief comments on preferred meeting dates and frequency.

5. Ongoing Updates

County staff provide verbal updates on the items listed below and respond to brief questions/comments.

a) Storm Response Efforts

b) Annual Workplan Efforts

c) Emergency Response Plan

- d) Other Flood Protection Planning Efforts
- e) Meadow Creek Lagoon
- f) Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Property Buyout Option

Written updates on were provided in the staff report which can be viewed here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/committees-programs/flood-control-zones/zone-1-1a-arroyo-grande-creek-channel/agendas-minutes/2024/2024-12-10-agenda-packet-zone-1-1a>

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Future Agenda Items

1. Continued Item: Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 17, 2024
2. Post projects levee performance update (Planned for 2025)
3. Budget Planning (Spring 2025)

TO: Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee

FROM: County Staff

DATE: March 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Item 5: Ongoing Updates

a) Storm Response Efforts

Arroyo Grande Creek Channel Emergency Levee Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project

Odin Environmental Services completed Phase 2B of the AG Creek Channel Emergency Levee Rehabilitation Project in November. The scope of this project was construction of four hydraulic barrier walls down the centerline of damaged sections of the levee to protect from future seepage and erosional damages. Staff continues to coordinate with FEMA regarding reimbursement for temporary and permanent repair work, including emergency repairs completed in January 2023, Phase 1 and Phase 2A and 2B.

Staff also continues coordinating with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) regarding the AG Creek Channel Additive TRM and Breach Site Stabilization Project. The contractor is currently completing the final training requirements to get authorization to work within the UPRR ROW.. Authorization is anticipated in the next few weeks. The District is also coordinating with regulatory agencies to acquire permits for completing the work within jurisdictional areas. This project includes (1) installation of turf reinforcement mat (TRM) adjacent to existing TRM on the external slope of the south levee; and (2) installation of additional rock slope protection on the internal slope of the south levee.

b) Annual Workplan and Maintenance Efforts

District staff is coordinating with Consultants on the Annual Work Plan for 2025, which is due to the District for review in March. The Consultants have recently completed monitoring of the log structures, alcoves, and sediment management zones to incorporate their observations into developing the upcoming Work Plan. The Annual Work Plan will be submitted to the regulatory agencies in April and will outline the District's planned channel maintenance activities, including log structure and alcove maintenance, sediment removal, and vegetation maintenance. .

Staff also continues to complete property maintenance activities, including clearing flap gates, , homeless encampment removal and addressing any issues that may impact the integrity of the flood control system.

c) Emergency Response Plan

Last season's storms are being used as an opportunity to refine the hydrologic computer model and other predictive tools for flood monitoring. A more comprehensive update of the Emergency Response Plan will be prepared as needed after model updates and construction of the projects.

d) Other Flood Protection Planning Efforts

In March 2024, federal funds were appropriated under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Congressionally Directed Spending grant program to support the District's AG Creek Channel flood protection efforts. This prompted District Staff to submit an application in coordination with the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to fund a project scoping activity that will evaluate feasible flood mitigating solutions for increasing flood protection of properties surrounding the AG Creek Channel. It is anticipated that FEMA will complete their review and obligate funds in 2025.

Staff is continuing to coordinate with members of the Arroyo Grande Creek and Watershed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement on the Watershed Plan update project. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19th, and the agenda can be found [here](#).

e) Meadow Creek Lagoon

The District is continuing the review of the Draft Alternatives Report prepared by Stillwater Consulting which details project requirements for restoring habitat in Meadow Creek Lagoon (Alternative 3) or Arroyo Grande Creek Lagoon (Alternative 4). The Science Panel met on September 13th and December 9th and received input and feedback from the Panel on the two alternatives. Another meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 26th to get further direction from the Panel prior to moving forward with an alternative.

f) Emergency Watershed Protection Program - Property Buyout Option

The District has signed an agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to voluntarily purchase a property located on the south side of the Arroyo Grande Creek and ultimately remove all structures to restore the floodplain to its natural functioning condition. Staff continues to work with engineering consultants on draft demolitions plans. Demolition is expected in Summer 2025 after construction plans are completed and the appropriate permits are acquired.

TO: Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee

FROM: County Staff

DATE: March 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Item 6: Waterway Management Program Hydraulic Performance Update

District staff will present preliminary results of hydrologic and hydraulic modeling analyses of the performance of the leveed flood control channel under real world conditions. This effort incorporates best available information from the January and March 2023 flood events, including discharge estimates, to evaluate benefits and limitations of Zone 1/1A projects to date. Discussion will include considerations for ongoing implementation of the Waterway Management Program and future flood risk management planning.