

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

Approved Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026

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

<u>Members Attending:</u> Gary Kobara (Chair) Charlie Lackie Dianna Lackie Stanley Ikeda Greg Cobb	<u>Staff and Guests Attending:</u> Melissa Pasa, County Public Works AJ Maul, County Public Works Nick Teague, County Public Works Joey Steil, County Public Works Rachael Lee, County Public Works Jenny Williamson, County Public Works
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members and staff introduced themselves.

2. Announcements

County staff announced that the Engineer vacancy for the Zone 1/1A Unit has been filled.

County staff noted the current Committee vacancy, and that membership information and applications are available on the Zone 1/1A website.

3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, March 17, 2026

County staff asked for questions or comments on the March 17 meeting minutes.

Stanley Ikeda noted a correction to his name on page 1 of the minutes.

MOTION: Approve the March 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes as amended MOTION BY: Greg Cobb SECOND BY: Stanley Ikeda				
MOTION CARRIES	AYES: 5	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: 0

4. Ongoing Updates

County staff provided verbal updates on the following programs and projects, with written updates included in the meeting agenda packet:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/committees-programs/flood-control-zones/zone-1-1a-arroyo-grande-creek-channel/meeting-calendar/2026/zone-1-1a-advisory-committee-1e26a5dc0f0742fc32e603e35151baf3#docaccess-334f7ed3fece8a228001962fae132857>

a) Waterway Management Program (WMP)

County staff provided a verbal update on current WMP efforts, including the 2026 Annual Work Plan, maintenance priorities, adaptive management activities,

environmental work windows, and ongoing and upcoming vegetation, invasive species, and hazardous tree removal activities.

Greg Cobb asked about hazardous tree removal and how a tree is determined to be “hazardous.” County staff described the criteria used to classify a tree as hazardous, including broken or hanging trees that could fall and impede flow in the channel.

b) Arroyo Grande Creek Levees Project (Flood Study)

County staff provided a verbal update on the Arroyo Grande Creek Levees Flood Study, including the project scope, consultant contract, flood mitigation alternatives analysis, and coordination with long-term funding efforts.

Charlie Lackie asked whether a 10-foot buffer, rather than 15 feet, could be considered through the permitting process and evaluated as part of the Flood Study. County staff responded that this can be investigated and discussed in future permitting negotiations.

Greg Cobb asked if the Flood Study will consider how the flap gates at Meadow Creek Lagoon interact with the system. County staff confirmed that this will be part of the hydraulic analysis.

Gary Kobara asked about the purpose of the log structures, noting that they may hinder flow in the channel, and whether sediment can be removed from those areas. County staff noted that this will be reviewed as part of the study.

c) Zone 1/1A and Arroyo Grande Creek Watershed Programs Funding Project

County staff provided a verbal update on the Funding Project, including long-term program costs, updated funding assessments, consultant selection, and evaluation of future funding options and financial sustainability.

d) Meadow Creek Lagoon

County staff provided a verbal update on the Meadow Creek Lagoon Habitat Restoration Project, including habitat monitoring and success criteria, adaptive management, coordination with the Science Panel, and next steps for environmental permitting and project design.

Greg Cobb asked whether dredging is included in the planned work. County staff confirmed that it is.

e) Community Outreach

County staff provided a verbal update on community outreach opportunities and asked for suggestions on ways to share volunteer opportunities and flood preparedness information.

Committee members suggested keeping the website updated and reaching out to community groups, including the Oceano Community Beach Association, Boys & Girls Club, and Arroyo Grande High School.

f) Storm Response Planning

County staff provided a verbal update on storm response efforts, including FEMA reimbursement for 2023 storm repairs, updates to the Emergency Response Plan, maintenance of rain and stream gages, and emergency response contractor coordination.

County staff addressed Gary Kobara's inquiry from the March 17 meeting regarding creek scouring from the previous rain season, noting that hydraulic updates should be available by the September Committee meeting.

Greg Cobb commented on the importance of removing downed trees to prevent them from redirecting water flow that can contribute to overtopping.

5. Zone 1/1A Budget Status Update

County staff presented on the FY 2026/27 Zone 1/1A budget, including current revenues and expenditures, reliance on Zone General Fund loans and outside reimbursements, grant reimbursements, increasing maintenance and program costs, and the need to revisit assessments through the Proposition 218 process to support future operations.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Hydraulic model w/topography updates
- Consultant project/study updates
- Bylaws review

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:54 PM