

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

Flood Control Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 – 3:00 to 5:00 pm

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

AGENDA

	<p>Welcome and Introductions beginning at 1500</p> <p>Members in attendance: Gary Kobarra, Charlie Lackie, Dianna Lackie, Victoria Cardoza, Greg Cobb</p> <p>Others in attendance: Nathan Claud, Brandon Zuniga, Courtney Howard, Alejandra Cielo, Joey Steil, Francesca Devlin (Public Works), Karen White, Charles Varney, Mike Silva, Jeremy Ghent (Community Members)</p>	<p>Gary Kobara, Chairman</p>
<p>1)</p>	<p>Announcements</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>2)</p>	<p>Review and approval of Past Minutes:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday, December 13, 2022</i></p> <p>Motion to approve: Charlie Lackie Seconded by: Gary Kobara Approved by: Approved by all present members</p>	<p>Advisory Committee</p>
<p>3)</p>	<p>County Presentation of Storm Season Timeline and Action Items Presented by Nathan Claud and Brandon Zuniga</p> <p>Questions: Charles Varney: What is the cost for emergency repairs? County: Approximately \$1.7 million has been spent so far.</p> <p>Gary Kobara: Is there a way to open the mouth of the creek before a storm? Is there a permanent agreement that we can open it at will when necessary for flood protection? County: Staff describes how the District was sued and the barriers with getting approvals required for manual breaching of the sandbar. The storm flows have removed most of it for now.</p> <p>Jeremy Ghent: Does the Flood Control Easement allow the channel to go all the way to the ocean? County: While the easement goes to the ocean, actions allowed are still limited and barriers to implementing a manual breaching program remain.</p> <p>Gary Kobara: We need to get rid of the bend and give it a straight away and this is not working. We just want it to flow and get rid of the sand dunes. We do not want to be flooded again. County: Approvals for that type of project are required at the state and federal levels.</p>	<p>County Staff</p>

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<p>Vickie Cardoza: In 2001 there were no trees. In 2006 it was completely forested. Jeremy Ghent: It was 1998 when we had our last clean cut County: Staff describes the change in environmental regulations that led to changes in maintenance. Vickie Cardoza: It was built for flood control, not habitat, in 2001 we lost flood control capabilities and has become habitat. The crossbars hold up the flow of water. County: Staff describes flood capacity restoration efforts.</p> <p>Charles Varney: Is it feasible to raise the levee? County: Staff describes the project to raise the levee a foot in 2020-2022 and physical and regulatory barriers to doing more.</p> <p>Vickie Cardoza: Is there a debris removal timeline? County: It is part of the first phase of repair efforts scheduled for August or September</p> <p>Community member: What would we have done if Lopez had spilled sooner? How can we fix this? Discussion ensues regarding the added impacts from Lopez spilling.</p> <p>Jeremy Ghent: With decreased channel capacity, is Zone 3 going to take more action to maintain a buffer? With a full lake currently, how will we deal with storms next year? County: Staff indicates that the reservoir was not built for flood control operations and offers to provide an update regarding this concept at the next meeting.</p> <p>Jeremy Ghent: As far as piping goes: for better pest control, can we get rid of the squirrels? Is the Water Resources division taking over the meadow creek project? County: Staff describes the barriers to pest control, indicates that Environmental Division staff is leading the Meadow Creek study, and offers to provide a detailed update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Karen White: Is any of the work from 2020-2022 still remaining? County: Staff describes work to remove sediment to get back to 2020-2022 conditions. 3 log structures have been damaged during the storm and 1 log structure was damaged during repairs. They are required habitat structures and are currently impacted with sediment.</p> <p>Charles Varney: How does an agency that does not pay for the upkeep of the project have rights to dictate what happens on the project? County: Staff describes the role of regulatory agencies.</p> <p>Vickie Cardoza: Are there current plans to fix Silver Spur Road and Creek Road? Can we get these roads levelled? County: Staff notes the emergency response impacts and will make plans to address them.</p> <p>Vickie Cardoza: Where do we plan on starting to clean up sediment and debris? County: The downstream reach seems to be where the most sediment has been deposited and the goal is for all logistics and work to be completed by October. Staff describes needs in Los Berros Channel and the intent to start where it's dry to deal with fewer logistics and avoiding increasing turbidity.</p>	
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	<p>Vickie Cardoza: Are we going to change the flap gates? They do not open. County: Staff discusses the alternatives being considered for flap gates.</p> <p>Community Member: With the creek flowing straight out in a developed channel, as it dries up, will the dunes once again divert it? County: It depends on the winds and flows over the next few years.</p> <p>Community Member: Do spawning steelhead trump work efforts? County: Staff discusses regulatory compliance efforts.</p> <p>Community Member: Are there any future plans to build flood control into Lopez Lake? County: Staff will provide an update at the next meetign. Jeremy Ghent: Suggests to start releasing the extra 60cfs to stop the overtopping sooner and get the channel cleared out so that work can begin sooner.</p>	
4)	Public Comment	All
5)	Open Forum (Questions / Suggestions for next agenda)	All
6)	Adjourn at 1620	All

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