

FINAL MINUTES

SLO County Flood Control Zone 1/1A Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Oceano Community Services District Meeting Room

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Committee members present: Gary Kobara (Chair), Glenda Guiton, Charlie Lackie, Tom Zehnder, Vicki Cardoza.

Agency/Organization representatives: Nola Engelskirger & Angelina McKee/SLO County Public Works; Nicole Smith/CSLRCD; Andrew Zilke/State Parks; W. Nolan/California Conservation Corps

Community members: Greg Cobb (Honolulu Avenue)

2) **Public Comment**

Greg was concerned about how State Parks maintains the Meadow Creek area of their property specifically the sand management. Greg also wanted to know what State Park responsibilities were and how they were helping with the flooding issues. Andrew Zilke replied that State Parks maintains the wind fences on the dunes and the vehicle entrance at Pier Ave. State Parks is also working through the permitting process to protect human resources from flooding. They are pushing for breaching of AG Creek with the regulatory agencies. Gary Kobara said that the Arroyo Grande work could be a good example for future efforts in Oceano.

Vicki reported that the duckbill valves did not work, and requested information on the County's plan for operating them this winter. She also wanted to know what the County was doing to remove beaver dams for the coming winter. Nola replied that the County knows that one of the duckbill valves is damaged. It is temporarily clamped shut and a plan for replacement is in process, but no schedule or what type of replacement was known as of the meeting. There was and still is a beaver dam downstream of the duckbill valve that had restricted flows during a storm last season. The County removed the beaver dam, but did not remove the beaver and so the dam has been rebuilt. The County will be performing an inspection on the channel and will check all inlets/flap gates and will locate/remove all beaver dams prior to the winter. The County will be looking into getting a beaver removal permit, as well.

There was a question of whether there would be changes with Steven Tyler leaving the Coastal Commission.

3) **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

4) **Review and approval of minutes**

The minutes of the May 17 meetings were approved.

5) County Public Works Update

Nola reported the following:

- A) Channel Maintenance and Vegetation Thinning
 - 1. KD Janni is contractor; contract amount is \$24,205
 - 2. Work started 8/15; contractor will work T-F until project completed
 - 3. Contractor goal is to complete by 9/30
 - 4. Priority areas is downstream of the UPRR and between 22nd and Hwy 1
 - 5. Work began on downstream end of channel; working downstream to upstream
 - 6. Contractor anticipates clearing 200 feet of channel per day

- B) 2011-12 Storm Preparations
 - These are short-term projects intended to help mitigate flooding this storm season.
 - 1. AG Creek Levee Protection
 - i. Higher risk of levee overtopping this year due to Lopez Reservoir at 95% capacity.
 - ii. Raise short sections of north and south levees, located downstream of UPRR
 - iii. Install a turf reinforcement mat along south levee between 22nd Street and Highway 1
 - iv. Focus Veg Thinning efforts and ensure that all vegetation that can be cleared per the permit in these areas is cleared.
 - 2. Oceano Lagoon Flood Mitigation Alternatives
 - i. Sand Bar Management - #1 priority and determined most effective measure
 - ii. Alternatives to pump water out of the lagoon and to the beach or to AG Creek are the preferred measures
 - iii. Pumping and discharge locations will be evaluated on the least grade and shortest piped distance

- C) WMP, Alternative 3a Project
 - 1. Still hope to implement 1st Year Veg/Sed Management next summer
 - 2. No update on Prop 84 final funding recommendations (\$2.2 M draft)
 - 3. No news on Prop 1E funding recommendations as of the meeting
 - 4. Recently applied for CALEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation funds \$2.8M (50% of project cost)
 - 5. On July 28, the coastal development permit was at the planning commission and it passed. If there are no appeals, the County will move forward with obtaining the other agency permits and we will still be on track for a 2012 summer implementation date.

W. Nolan introduced himself as a new CCC project coordinator and one of the C1s to work on the vegetation management in the past.

Gary Kobara thought the County should try to add Carpenter Creek to the permits they were submitting for AG Creek sand breaching. This could relieve some of the pressure coming from Meadow Creek watershed.

Greg Cobb thought that it was good that the County disregarded the idea of a temporary levee around the Honolulu neighborhood because water seemed to come up from the ground. A levee would just hold the water in.

6) Open Forum

There were no questions or suggestions.

7) Set dates for upcoming meetings

Next regular meeting: October 18, 2011 and December 13, 2011.

Adjourn.

Websites:

SLO County Zone 1/1A website: www.slocountywater.org and follow the links to Zone 1/1A.

Coastal San Luis RCD Zone 1/1A website: <http://www.coastalrcd.org/Zone1-1A.html>

Acronyms:

CSLRCD: Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

OCSD: Ocean Community Services District

CCSE: Central Coast Salmon Enhancement

CCCs: California Conservation Corps