

# MINUTES

## SCWA FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 2A – Petaluma River Watershed ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING & TOUR

July 19, 2018 ~ 2:00 P.M.

City of Petaluma- Water Resources Office  
202 No. Mc Dowell Blvd., Petaluma CA

### 1. OPENING/INTRODUCTIONS

Susan Haydon, Sonoma Water, called meeting to order. Participants were self-introduced. Vice Chairman, John FitzGerald was excused. Attendees: Ned Orrett, Bob Martin, Teresa Barrett, Craig Jacobsen, Andy Rodgers, Chris Cheek, Paul Efron, Stephanie Bastianon, Jeff Schreiber, Jason Beatty, Tim Moresco, Susan Haydon, Kara Kelly, and Chase Takajo.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Friends of Petaluma River, Stephanie Bastianon, Ex. Director, reported on successful spring clean-up event. Friends and Sonoma RCD, along with community volunteers, removed over 4,500 lbs of trash from river and tribs expanding locations from previous years. 2018 event enjoyed an increase in volunteers. Trash continues to pollute the river and environs with single use bottles and plastic bags being highly prevalent.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Teresa Barrett motioned to approve minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting with one correction. Motion seconded by Ned Orrett. Motion carried.

### 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Teresa Barrett nominated Ned Orrett as Chairman. Ned accepted nomination with condition to integrate climate change, recognizing that Petaluma has unique opportunity and should be addressing its flooding issues under this important lens. Unanimously approved.

### 5. FIELD TOUR

Group toured two sites to view project sites and discuss recent and future work.

Site 1: **Adobe Creek Sediment Basin**; Group visited one of the most active sediment basins in the watershed. Discussion included sediment delivery and sediment and vegetation management activities conducted annually at the sediment basin up and downstream of So. McDowell Blvd.

#### Site 2: **Denman Reach, Petaluma River**;

City staff led discussion of history of flood management work along the Denman Reach. Group picked up trash and viewed the successful vegetation management activities (blackberry removal, native plant installation, riparian corridor enhancements) and stormwater management improvements. Group discussed current Petaluma River project (funded under Prop 1E) elements underway (property acquisition, detention basin, riparian habitat enhancements and sediment removal) and other City improvements including river access trail improvements.

### 6. NEXT MEETING

December 2018, date to be determined.