



**Zone 2A – Petaluma River Watershed
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting
December 14, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

General notes: This was a regular meeting of the Flood Protection Zone 2A Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting was held in-person at the City of Petaluma Public Works and Utilities Office at 202 North McDowell Boulevard, Petaluma, CA 94954. Chair Edwin Orrett led and Chase Takajo facilitated the meeting. Candace Messner recorded minutes.

Public notice of the meeting and the meeting agenda were posted at the following locations and dates:

- Sonoma Water’s website on November 30, 2023,
- Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder on November 30, 2023,
- Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board on November 30, 2023
- City of Petaluma Public Works and Utilities Office on November 30, 2023
- Press Democrat newspaper on December 3, 2023, and
- Petaluma Argus-Courier newspaper on December 8, 2023.

Notice of the meeting was also posted on Sonoma Water’s social media on December 2, 2023 including Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, and X (formally Twitter).

Attendees:

- Committee: Bob Martin, Edwin Orrett, Emma Mann, John Fitzgerald, Mike Healy (City of Petaluma), and Paul Efron.
- Sonoma Water: Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, Grant Davis (arrived at 1:47 p.m.), Jon Niehaus, and Kent Gylfe,
- City of Petaluma: Gina Benedetti-Petnic, Oriana Hart, and Pamela Tuft.
- San Francisco Estuary Institute: Scott Dusterhoff (arrived at 2:15 p.m.).
- WEST Consultants: Dave Smith (attended via Zoom).
- Public: Rick Savel.

Absent Committee Member: Craig Jacobsen.



Agenda:

1. **Opening/Introductions.** Chase Takajo and Chair Orrett called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Present attendees self-introduced. The Committee quorum was present. Chair Orrett welcomed Emma Mann, and acknowledged that Emma was appointed to the Committee and completed her Oath of Office earlier that day.
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** Rick Savel gave comments regarding item #3 (approval of meeting minutes).
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** The Committee approved the minutes of the September 28, 2023 meeting providing the following: the year typo in item #3 (approval of meeting minutes) is corrected, and Rick Savel's proposed wording for comments under item #8 (public comment on non-agenda items) is included as Sonoma Water deems appropriate.
4. **Approval on New Committee Chair.** The Committed appointed member John Fitzgerald as the new Chair.
5. **Flood and Sea Level Rise Modeling and Maps.** Informational. Gina Benedetti-Petnic and Dave Smith presented the City of Petaluma's updated floodplain and sea level rise projection maps, and gave an overview of the modeling technology and input data used. Related discussion occurred during and following the presentation. The presentation materials are on file.
6. **Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) Update.** This informational item was skipped to ensure sufficient time for action item #7 (Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Flood Control Budget). Chase Takajo announced that a SMP update will be given at the next Committee meeting.
7. **Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Flood Control Budget.** Chase Takajo and Carlos Diaz presented the recommended fiscal year 2024/2025 flood control budget, including a brief description and status for budgeted projects and studies. Related discussion occurred during and following the presentation. **Action:** the Committee approved the recommended budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 as presented. The presented budget is on file.
8. **Reports and Comments by Sonoma Water and Committee.**
 - Grant Davis thanked Chair Orrett for his service on the Committee.



- Paul Efron thanked all in attendance for item #5 (flood and sea level rise modeling and maps) including the project's implementation and today's related presentation and discussion.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

- Rick Savel gave comments regarding two matters: Sonoma Water's Petaluma River Watershed Master Drainage Plan (updated 2003) and possible drainage issues related to private development in southeastern Rohnert Park. Note: the Rohnert Park matter was discussed at the July 14, 2022 Committee meeting.
- Scott Dusterhoff announced a public meeting of the Petaluma Water Collaborative on January 18, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., which will include discussion of the Sediment Solutions Project. The meeting contact is Stephanie Bastianon, Friends of the Petaluma River. Note: the Sediment Solutions Project was discussed at the September 28, 2023 Committee meeting.

10. Next Meeting and Adjourn. Chase Takajo announced that the next meeting would be held in March 2024, date and time to be announced. Chair Orrett adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.