



**Zone 1A – Laguna de Santa Rosa/Mark West Creek Watershed  
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 17, 2024**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**General notes:** This was a regular meeting of the Flood Protection Zone 1A Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting was held in-person at the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) administrative office at 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Chase Takajo facilitated the meeting and Candace Messner recorded minutes.

**Attendees:**

- Committee: Paul Lockwood (District 1), Arthur Deicke (District 4), Sean McNeil (City of Santa Rosa), and Garrett Broughton (Town of Windsor).
- City of Santa Rosa: Claire Myers, Kyle Spongberg, and Steve Brady.
- Sonoma Resource Conservation District (Sonoma RCD): Jessica Pollitz.
- County of Sonoma Floodplain Manager: Steve Snow.
- Sonoma Water: Aaron Fulton, Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, Jon Niehaus, Natasha Marsden, and Sasha Ponomareva.
- Public: Duane.

**Absent Committee Members:** Craig Scott (City of Cotati), Dante Del Prete (City of Sebastopol), and Mary Grace Pawson (City of Rohnert Park).

**Agenda:**

1. **Opening and Introductions.** Chase Takajo called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Attendees self-introduced. The Committee quorum was not present.
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** Duane gave comments.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** The Committee quorum was not present and a vote to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting was not held.
4. **Stream Maintenance Program.** Chase Takajo presented a summary of the stream maintenance activities completed in 2024 and Sonoma Water's real-time rainfall, river-stream and reservoir data website (<https://sonoma.onerain.com>). The presentation was discussed by attendees. The presentation slides are one file.
5. **Reports and Comments.**
  - a. Aaron Fulton reported on the status and next steps for the Central Sonoma Watershed and Matanzas Dam Rehabilitation projects. The report was discussed by attendees.
  - b. Sasha Ponomareva reported on the Countywide Flood Risk Management Assessment Project findings and final report. The report was discussed by attendees.
  - c. Claire Myers, Kyle Spongberg and Steve Brady reported on the City of Santa Rosa's Creek Stewardship Program, Stormdrain Master Plan, and Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Risk Mapping Project. The report was discussed by attendees.

- d. Garret Broughton reported on the status of the Town of Windsor's ongoing Michael A. Hall Park Stormwater Detention Basin Project. The report was discussed by attendees.
- e. Arthur Deicke reported on recent flooding and observations of drain inlets and culverts clogged with vegetation in Rohnert Park near the Rohnert Park Expressway. The report was discussed by attendees.

6. **Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Flood Control Budget.** Chase Takajo and Carlos Diaz presented the recommended fiscal year 2025/2026 flood control budget and summarized the purpose and status of each budgeted item. The budget was discussed by attendees. The Committee quorum was not present and a vote to approve the recommended budget was not held. The presented budget is on file.

7. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. Jessica Pollitz reported on Sonoma RCD's effort, in partnership with Sonoma Water, towards developing public outreach materials for private landowners regarding permitting and other necessary steps to implement bank stabilization and stream maintenance activities on their property. The report was discussed by attendees.
- b. Duane gave comments. The comments were discussed by attendees.

8. **Closing.** Chase Takajo gave closing comments and adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.