



**Zone 3A – Sonoma Creek Watershed
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting
December 10, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

General notes: This was a regular meeting of the Flood Protection Zone 3A Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting was held in-person at the Valley of the Moon Water District office at 19039 Bay Street, El Verano, CA 95476. Chase Takajo facilitated the meeting and Candace Messner recorded minutes.

Attendees:

- Committee: Ian Anderson (City of Sonoma official alternate), John Meserve, Laurie Glover, and Phil Busalacchi.
- Environmental Science Associates (ESA): James Gregory.
- Sonoma Ecology Center (SEC): Lauren Claussen.
- Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water): Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, and Jon Niehaus.
- Public: Bill.

Absent Committee Members: Nicholas Babb and City of Sonoma (second representative).

Agenda:

1. Opening and Introductions. Chase Takajo called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Attendees self-introduced. The Committee quorum was present.
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** None stated.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** The Committee approved the minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting as submitted.
4. **Sonoma Valley Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling Project.** James Gregory presented a summary of the project background, application of the model, preliminary flood reduction project alternatives, ongoing work and next steps. Related discussion by attendees occurred during and following the presentation. The presentation slides are one file.
5. **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>). Related discussion by attendees occurred during and following the presentation. The presentation slides are one file.
6. **Reports and Comments.**
 - a. Lauren Claussen reported on SEC's streamside trash and debris removal efforts in 2024 and the status of Watershed Partnerships Program-funded habitat restoration projects along Nathanson, Rodgers, and Calabazas creeks.
 - b. Carlos Diaz reported on the Countywide Flood Risk Management Assessment Project findings and final report.

- c. The City of Sonoma and Committee were given the opportunity to give reports and comments. No comments were stated.
- 7. **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. **Action:** the Committee approved the recommended budget for fiscal year 2025/2026 as presented. The presented budget is on file.
- 8. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.** None stated.
- 9. **Closing.** Chase Takajo gave closing comments and adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.