



**Zone 2A – Petaluma River Watershed
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting
December 11, 2025**

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 (City) office at 1318 Redwood Way, Suite 120, Petaluma, CA 94954.

Attendees:

- Committee: Bob Martin, Emma Mann (Committee Vice Chair), Mike Healy (Committee Chair), and Karen Nau.
- City: Dan Herrera, Gina Benedetti-Petnic, Jason Archer, Kent Carothers (joined after introductions), Oriana Hart, and Pamela Tuft.
- Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water): Candace Messner (recorded minutes), Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, and Kent Gylfe.
- Public: Don and Gregg.

Absent Committee Members: Craig Jacobsen and Paul Efron.

Agenda:

1. Opening and Introductions.

Chair Healy called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. Self-introductions were given by attendees. The Committee quorum was present.

2. Public Comment.

Public comment on agenda items was opened.

Speakers: None.

3. Previous Committee Meeting Minutes.

The Committee approved the August 14, 2025 meeting minutes as corrected.

4. Reports and Comments.

City of Petaluma staff, Sonoma Water staff, and Committee members gave the following informational reports:

- a. Pamela Tuft reported on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted by the City in 2020 and status of updating the plan.
- b. Oriana Hart reported on the City's Creeks Maintenance Program including recently completed and upcoming work.
- c. Gina Benedetti-Petnic reported on the City's updated floodplain mapping project, next steps for 2026, and anticipated schedule for finalizing the updated maps.

- d. Kent Gylfe reported on Sonoma Water's changing involvement in flood and drainage review for new developments within cities' limits in Sonoma County.
- e. Chase Takajo gave a summary of work completed under Sonoma Water's Stream Maintenance Program in 2025.
- f. Gina Benedetti-Petnic reported on the City's rating in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS).
- g. Pamela Tuft reported on the land use on an 18-acre parcel located within City limits between Orchard Lane and Highway 101, known as the Hummel Parcel, and the process and funding that would be required to evaluate the potential for this parcel to increase flood retention and offset peak flows to areas downstream in the watershed.
- h. Bob Martin submitted written comments and commented on flooding and potential actions that could lower flood elevations in the areas on both sides of Highway 101 north of Corona Road.

The reports and comments were discussed by attendees.

Committee action: The Committee requested that Sonoma Water hold a workshop meeting in 2026 to develop ideas for flood improvement in the areas including but not limited to Corona Road near Highway 101.

5. Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Flood Control Budget.

Chase Takajo and Carlos Diaz presented Sonoma Water's recommended fiscal year 2026/2027 flood control budget and summarized the purpose and status of each budgeted item. The budget was discussed by attendees.

Committee action: The Committee approved the recommended budget with the following amendment: that the United Anglers of Casa Grande agreement (\$40,000) and Friends of the Petaluma River Watershed Cleanup agreement (\$44,000) be listed as separate line items. The amended budget is on file.

6. Public Comment.

Public comment on agenda items was opened.

Speakers: Don.

7. Closing.

Chair Healy adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.