



**Zone 2A – Petaluma River Watershed
Flood Control Advisory Committee Meeting
December 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

General notes: The meeting was held virtually on Zoom. The meeting was facilitated by Chase Takajo. Meeting minutes were recorded by Candace Messner.

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

- Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder on December 2, 2021;
- Sonoma Water’s website on December 2, 2021;
- City of Petaluma Water Resources Office on December 2, 2021;
- Petaluma City Hall on December 2, 2021;
- Press Democrat newspaper on December 4, 2021;
- Sonoma Water’s Facebook and Instagram platforms on December 8, 2021; and
- Petaluma Argus-Courier newspaper on December 9, 2021.

Attendees:

- Zone 2A Flood Control Advisory Committee (Committee): Andy Rodgers, Craig Jacobsen, John Fitzgerald, Ned Orrett, Paul Efron and Teresa Barrett;
- City of Petaluma Public Works: Gina Benedetti-Petnic;
- District Supervisor’s Office: Arielle Kubu-Jones and Hannah Whitman;
- Friends of the Petaluma River: Stefanie Bastianon;
- Sonoma Resource Conservation District: Katie Robbins;
- Sonoma Water: Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, Jon Niehaus and Kent Gylfe; and
- Public: Rick Savel.

Agenda:

1. **Opening/Introductions.** All participants were self-introduced. Committee member Bob Martin was absent. The Committee meeting quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by Chair Orrett following introductions at 1:13 p.m.
2. **Public Comment.** Public comments were given. **Action:** the Committee supported including the following two topics on the agenda for the next regular meeting, whereas the staff from the appropriate agencies have sufficient time to prepare and review relevant information for consideration: 1) drainage issues at the intersection of Old Redwood Highway and Railroad Avenue north of Penngrove, and whether or not Sonoma County Transportation Authority’s project for the signalization of that intersection considers the drainage issues;

and 2) reported ground-disturbing work conducted in the early 2000s along a parcel in southeastern Rohnert Park near Valley House Drive and whether or not that work may have re-directed storm water runoff leaving the site in a manner affecting Flood Control Zone 2A.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the March 25, 2021 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Friends of the Petaluma River (FOTPR) Update.** Two informational presentations were given by Stefanie Bastianon. The first provided an overview of the work completed/managed by FOTPR including river cleanup and community engagement events, and educational programs. The second outlined FOTPR's stewardship goals for the Petaluma River, potential obstacles and proposed next steps.
5. **Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) Update.** Informational presentation given by Candace Messner summarizing environmental compliance for Sonoma Water's SMP including permitting, mitigation, monitoring and reporting.
6. **Zone 2A Fiscal Year 2022/23 Recommended Budget.** Chase Takajo presented the recommended budget, providing overview and explanation of budget categories and requests. Sonoma Water staff recommended adding \$10,000 for the FOTPR Visioning and Stewardship Plan item to cover staff time preparing and managing the associated contract. **Action:** Teresa Barrett moved to add \$10,000 (increase the budget from \$40,000 to \$50,000) for Sonoma Water staff time for the FOTPR Visioning and Stewardship Plan item and approve the recommended budget for fiscal year 2022/23 with that change; the motion was seconded by Paul Efron and carried [votes: aye (6), no (0), absent (1)].
7. **Public Comment.** None.
8. **Next Meeting.** Tentative date: March 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.