



**Zone 1A – Laguna de Santa Rosa/Mark West Creek Watershed
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting
March 2, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

General notes: This was a special meeting of the Zone 1A Flood Protection Advisory Committee (Committee) held on March 2, 2023. The meeting was held in-person at Sonoma Water’s Administrative Office, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and virtually on Zoom. The meeting was facilitated by Chase Takajo and minutes were recorded by Candace Messner. The full meeting is available via the Zoom recording.

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

- Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder on February 21, 2023;
- Sonoma Water’s website on February 24, 2023;
- Press Democrat newspaper on February 24, 2023; and
- Sonoma Water’s social media (Facebook and Twitter) on February 27, 2023.

Attendees:

- Committee:
 - Arthur Deicke (District 4) (in-person),
 - Craig Scott (City of Cotati) (virtual),
 - Justin Brandt (City of Rohnert Park designee) (virtual),
 - Sean McNeil (City of Santa Rosa) (virtual), and
 - Veronica Siwy (Town of Windsor designee) (virtual).
- City of Santa Rosa: Flannery Banks, Kyle Spongberg, and Steve Brady.
- Natural Resources Conservation Science (NRCS): Liz Colby.
- Sonoma Public Infrastructure: Johannes Hovertsz.
- Field Representative for California’s 2nd Congressional District, Jared Huffman: Ciara Emery.
- Sonoma Water: Aaron Fulton, Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, Cynthia DeLeon, Jon Niehaus, Kent Gylfe, Mike Thompson, and Sherry Barbic.
- Public: 3 members.

Absent Committee Members: Paul Lockwood (District 1) and City of Sebastopol.



Meeting Agenda:

1. **Opening/Introductions.** Meeting commenced at 2:03 p.m. All attendees were self-introduced.
2. **Public Comment.** None.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Due to a lack of an in-person quorum, a vote to approve the December 8, 2022 Committee meeting minutes was not held.
4. **Central Sonoma Watershed Project (CSWP)**
 - Project update by Sonoma Water staff. Project update and presentation was given by Carlos Diaz, Sonoma Water Principal Engineer. The presentation provided background for the 1958 CSWP and associated flood facilities; and described Sonoma Water's current CSWP planning project and vulnerability assessment of critical CSWP facilities in-depth. The presentation detailed the work and technical studies that have been completed for the CSWP planning project to date, identified CSWP facilities vulnerabilities/deficiencies, and options for moving the project forward for Committee review and input.
 - Committee discussion and comments. Time for Committee discussion and comments was given after the presentation concluded. The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding the CSWP and current CSWP efforts, and answers were given by Sonoma Water.
5. **Matanzas Dam Rehabilitation Project**
 - Project update by Sonoma Water staff. Project update and presentation given by Aaron Fulton, Sonoma Water Engineer. The presentation provided background for the Matanzas Creek Dam (a CSWP flood facility constructed in 1964) and described Sonoma Water's current dam rehabilitation project in-depth. The presentation detailed the project work and technical studies that have been completed to date, next steps, identified dam vulnerabilities, and alternatives for addressing the identified dam vulnerabilities—including the locally preferred alternative—for Committee review and input.
 - Committee discussion and comments. Time for Committee discussion and comments was given after the presentation concluded. The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding the Matanzas Dam Rehabilitation Project and answers were given by Sonoma Water.
6. **Public Comment.** Public asked questions and gave comments for the Matanzas Dam Rehabilitation Project (agenda item #5). Questions were answered by Sonoma Water.
7. **Next Meeting.** To be announced.
8. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.