



**Zone 1A – Laguna de Santa Rosa/Mark West Creek Watershed
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting
December 8, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

General notes: The meeting was held virtually and recorded on Zoom on December 8, 2022. The meeting was facilitated and minutes were taken by Candace Messner.

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

- Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder on November 17, 2022,
- Sonoma Water’s website on November 17, 2022, and
- Press Democrat newspaper on November 22, 2022.

Attendees:

- Zone 1A Flood Protection Advisory Committee (Committee):
 - Paul Lockwood (District 1),
 - Craig Scott (City of Cotati),
 - Justin Brandt (City of Rohnert Park designee),
 - Sean McNeil (City of Santa Rosa),
 - Toni Bertolero (City of Sebastopol designee), and
 - Shannon Cotulla (Town of Windsor designee).
- City of Santa Rosa: Claire Myers, Flannery Banks, and Kyle Spongberg.
- City of Sebastopol: Kari Svanstrom.
- Sonoma Resource Conservation District: Jessica Pollitz.
- Town of Windsor: Garrett Broughton and Veronica Siwy.
- Sonoma Water: Aaron Fulton, Andrea Rodriguez, Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz (joined after introductions), Chase Takajo, Gregory Guensch (joined after introductions), Jon Niehaus, Kent Gylfe, Mike Thompson, and Parastou Hooshialsadat.

Absent Committee Members: Arthur Deicke (District 4).

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Opening/Introductions.** Meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m. Attendees self-introduced.
2. **Public Comment.** None.

- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Committee meeting were considered. Four Committee members acknowledged that they were not present at the meeting and abstaining from a vote to approve the minutes. Due to a lack of a quorum with the non-abstaining Committee members, a vote to approve the minutes was not held.
- 4. 2023 Sonoma Water Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update.** Informational presentation given by Parastou Hooshialsadat. The presentation described Sonoma Water's LHMP purpose, history, and content; and the status of the 2018 LHMP implementation. The presentation also outlined the 2023 LHMP update, timeline, and upcoming opportunities for stakeholder and public participation.
- 5. Central Sonoma Watershed Project (CSWP).** Informational presentation given by Aaron Fulton. The presentation described the history and purpose of the CSWP, the draft results of Sonoma Water's recent vulnerability assessment on critical CSWP facilities, and the schedule for developing alternatives that target identified vulnerabilities. The presentation also described and gave updates for the related but separate Sonoma Water Matanzas Dam Rehabilitation Project including the project purpose and current status, identified dam vulnerabilities and draft alternatives to address these. Next steps were described and include, but are not limited to, finalizing the economic analysis for the alternatives and convening/engaging the Committee for input.
- 6. Stream Maintenance Program Update.** Informational presentation given by Jon Niehaus. The presentation summarized Sonoma Water's sediment removal, vegetation management, and trash cleanup activities conducted along flood control channels and streams in 2022. An overview of foreseen SMP items that will be upcoming/ongoing in 2023, such as the ongoing USACE permit renewal and effort to find suitable sediment disposal locations, was also given.
- 7. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Flood Control Budget.** Candace Messner and Aaron Fulton presented and described the recommended fiscal year 2023/24 flood control budget. **Action:** the Committee approved the recommended budget as submitted.
- 8. Reports/Comment.** Opportunity for reports and comments by Committee members and/or Sonoma Water staff was given. No reports or comments were made.
- 9. Public Comment.** None.
- 10. Next Meeting.** Tentatively February or March 2023 and to specifically discuss the Matanzas Dam Rehabilitation Project in more detail. Date to be determined.
- 11. Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.