



**FLOOD COMMITTEE AND
PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION (PPI) MEETING
November 3rd, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Eric Cutter, Kathy Schaefer, Vlad Iojica, Gerhard Epke, Erik Stromberg, Glenn Dearth

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present Scott Schneider, Erica Freeman, Maribel De La Cruz, Dmitriy Laptev, Lavinia Bortis

1. Call meeting to order

2. Approve minutes of October 21, 2020 meeting

Minutes were approved.

3. Update on the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project – *Scott*

The Town continues to work with the County. The County is planning to temporary install baffles to keep water in the creek with construction expected next year. There are delays with the FEMA process. The Town secured partial funding to redo Creek Park. The Madrone and Nokomis bridge replacement projects are in the final stage of the environmental phase.

4. Status of the Marin Flood Control Projects

Gerhard gave an update on the Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project in Kentfield/Ross. Grant funding originally allocated for the Phoenix Lake detention project was migrated to the Corte Madera concrete channel area. County has approved the environmental impact report which includes removal of the concrete channel bottom, addition of flood walls and pump station, and removal of fish ladder. Construction to start summer of next year.

5. Update of Community Rating System (CRS) and PPI – *Maribel*

The annual class recertification was submitted in August. The Town had the 5-year cycle meeting with the ISO/CRS Specialist in September and they are reviewing new activities that were submitted that would help achieve a Class 8. Gerhard emphasized the importance of educating the public about the misconception that tides affect San Anselmo when in reality they don't. This can be added to the PPI document.

- 6. Risk Rating 2.0 - Insurance will go up for some, go down for others – Kathy**
Starting October 1st, FEMA is using a new methodology for pricing the risk called Risk Rating 2.0. It uses same technology used by private insurers and uses catastrophe models instead of FEMA maps. FEMA maps will be used for building requirements or to determine if flood insurance is required. This new methodology will cause insurance rates to increase for some people and decrease for others.
- 7. The Governor’s Latest \$15 Billion budget addendum opportunities – Kathy**
There are grant opportunities coming for stormwater management plans. The Strategic Growth Council and the Department of Water Resources received funding, but opportunities might be limited to low-income and environmental justice communities. Small communities might be eligible. Scott is reviewing the Town’s Stormwater Master Plan from 1970 and is re-prioritizing, he will report back to the committee on potential projects.
- 8. Atmospheric River Storm response (10/24) – Scott**
The atmospheric river brought over 10 inches of rain. Several trees fell in the Brookside neighborhood, no damage to structures. The creek rose quickly and breached at Center/Sycamore. Businesses were alerted, floodgates were installed. The flood horn was sounded at about 3:45pm and downtown was closed after that. No flooding on San Anselmo Ave, but there was some localized flooding on Ross Ave. Gerhard reported that some properties in the Madrone neighborhood flooded. Eric C. also reported localized flooding on Austin Ave due to overwhelmed storm drains.
- 9. Committee requests for future agenda items, questions and comments to staff, staff miscellaneous items**
Erik S. agrees on having distributed tasks to help with CRS and would also like to add an item for next meeting’s agenda to discuss the Towns of Ross, San Anselmo and Fairfax flood horn coordination. Kathy would like to include ‘Community-based insurance program’ as an item for next meeting.
- 10. Open time for public expression**
No one spoke at this time.
- 11. Next meeting date**
February 2022
- 12. Adjourn**