



**Zone 1A – Laguna de Santa Rosa/Mark West Creek Watershed  
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 12, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**General notes:** This was a regular meeting of the Flood Protection Zone 1A Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting was in-person at Sonoma Water’s administration office at 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Chase Takajo facilitated the meeting and Candace Messner recorded minutes.

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

- Sonoma Water’s website on November 30, 2023,
- Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder on November 30, 2023,
- Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board on November 30, 2023, and
- Press Democrat newspaper on December 3, 2023.

Notice of the meeting was also posted on Sonoma Water’s social media on December 2, 2023 including Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, and X (formally Twitter).

**Attendees:**

- Committee:
  - Paul Lockwood (District 1),
  - Arthur Deicke (District 4; arrived at 1:53 p.m.),
  - Justin Brandt (City of Rohnert Park authorized alternate),
  - Claire Myers (City of Santa Rosa authorized alternate), and
  - Garrett Broughton (Town of Windsor).
- City of Santa Rosa: Steve Brady.
- Sherwood Design Engineers: Sebastian Bertsch.
- Sonoma Resource Conservation District: Jessica Pollitz.
- Sonoma Water: Aaron Fulton, Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, Dave Cook, Jon Niehaus, and Grant Davis.
- Public: Jeanne-Marie Jasko and Natasha G.

**Absent Committee Members:** City of Cotati and City of Sebastopol.



## Agenda:

1. **Opening/Introductions.** Chase Takajo called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Attendees self-introduced. The Committee quorum was not present.
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** None.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Due to the lack of a quorum, a vote to approve the December 8, 2022 and March 2, 2023 Committee meeting minutes was not held.
4. **Laguna-Mark West Creek Watershed Master Restoration – High Priority Project.** Informational. Dave Cook presented an overview of the identified high priority project and discussed the proposed design, flood mitigation and habitat restoration benefits, and status. Clarifying questions and answers followed the presentation. The project presentation materials are on file.
5. **Stream Maintenance Program Update.** Informational. Chase Takajo presented a summary of the SMP sediment and vegetation management projects completed in 2023. The presentation also included a brief summary of the Sonoma OneRain and anticipated SMP projects for 2024. Clarifying questions and answers followed the presentation. The presentation materials are on file.
6. **Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Flood Control Budget.** Chase Takajo and Carlos Diaz presented the recommended fiscal year 2024/2025 flood control budget, including a brief description and status for budgeted projects and studies. Clarifying questions and answers followed the presentation. Due to a lack of a quorum, a Committee vote to approve the recommended budget was not held. The presented budget is on file.
7. **Reports and Comments by Sonoma Water and Committee.**
  - Arthur Deicke offered to comment in support of the recommended budget when it is presented to the Sonoma Water’s Board of Directors in spring 2024.
  - Chase Takajo clarified that the lack of a quorum and Committee approval of the recommended budget will not delay the remaining steps in the budget authorization process. Chase noted that Sonoma Water is working on filling the Committee position vacancies which, at the time of the meeting, included three community member vacancies (Districts 2, 3 and 5).
8. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.** None.



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- 9. Next Meeting and Adjourn.** The next regular meeting is planned for November/December 2024, date and time to be announced. Chase Takajo adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.