



**Zone 3A – Sonoma Creek Watershed
Flood Protection Zone Advisory Committee Meeting
December 13, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

General notes: The meeting was held virtually and recorded on Zoom on December 13, 2022. The meeting was chaired by Chase Takajo 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,
- Press Democrat newspaper on November 22, 2022, and
- Sonoma Index Tribune newspaper on November 23, 2022.

Attendees:

- Zone 3A Flood Protection Advisory Committee (Committee): John Meserve.
- City of Sonoma: Erica Warren, Mike Berger, and Oriana Hart.
- Sonoma Ecology Center: Steven Lee
- Sonoma Water: Aaron Fulton, Andrea Rodriguez, Candace Messner, Carlos Diaz, Chase Takajo, Kent Gylfe, Mollie Asay, John Niehaus, and Parastou Hooshialsadat.
- Members of the public were also in attendance.

Absent Committee Members: Chris Pegg, Phil Busalacchi, Nicholas Babb, Laurie Glover, and Nicki Artieres.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Opening/Introductions.** Meeting commenced at 1:02 p.m. Attendees self-introduced.
2. **Public Comment.** Public comment was given.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Committee meeting were considered. Due to a lack of a quorum, a vote to approve the minutes was not held.



- 4. 2023 Sonoma Water Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update.** Informational presentation was given by Parastou Hooshialsadat regarding Sonoma Water's LHMP. The presentation summarized the LHMP history, purpose 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. Sonoma Ecology Center (SEC) Update.** Informational presentation was given by Steven Lee. The presentation described debris management activities and locations conducted by SEC in 2022 under contract with Sonoma Water, and gave updates for the currently funded Upper Sonoma Creek Gravel and Translocation Feasibility Study and Upper Nathanson Creek Stormwater Management Feasibility Study.
- 6. Stream Maintenance Program Update.** Informational presentation was given by Chase Takajo summarizing Sonoma Water's vegetation maintenance and beaver dam management 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; and description of the Sonoma OneRain rain and streamflow system and website were also given.
- 7. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Flood Control Budget.** Chase Takajo and Carlos Diaz presented and described the recommended budget. Due to a lack of a quorum, a vote to approve the recommended budget by the Committee was not held.
- 8. Reports/Comments by Committee Members and Sonoma Water Staff.** None.
- 9. Public Comment.** None.
- 10. Next Meeting.** Annual. To be announced.
- 11. Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.