

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

TOWN OF CORTE MADERA

Flood Control Board

Monday April 29, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Interim Town Council Chambers

240 Tamal Vista Blvd., Suite 108, Corte Madera, CA 94925

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPEN FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS
3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2023
4. SPECIAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS
 - A. DRAFT STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN
 - B. SHORELINE ADAPTATION ENGAGEMENT EFFORT
5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
6. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

1. Draft Action Minutes of December 11, 2023 Meeting
2. Draft Storm Drain Master Plan available for download: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/1224/2024-Storm-Drain-Master-Plan>

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Attachment 1

Draft Action Minutes of December 11, 2023 Meeting

FLOOD CONTROL BOARD
DECEMBER 11, 2023
INTERIM TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AND VIA ZOOM
DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Board members Bob Bundy, Chair
Present: Nathan Blomgren
 David Bell
 Sachi Itagaki
 Brian Schnarr

Board members Ramon Garcia
Absent:

Staff Present: Public Works Director R.J. Suokko
 Town Manager Adam Wolff
 Senior Engineer Chris Good
 Community Development Director Amy Lyle
 Climate Action Coordinator Phoebe Golden

1. Call to Order

Chair Bundy opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. Open Forum for Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

3. Approval of Action Minutes – June 12, 2023

M/s, Schnarr/Bell, and approved unanimously (Garcia absent) to approve the Action Minutes of June 12, 2023 as submitted.

4. Presentation

A. Introduction to the Shoreline Adaptation Engagement Effort

Town Manager Wolff presented the staff report and Public Works Director Suokko gave a PowerPoint presentation that included the following: 1) Welcome and Meeting Overview; 2) Background; 3) Engagement Overview and Goals; 4) Materials; 5) Next Steps.

Staff answered questions regarding the number of people on the email list; Phase I and Phase II.

Chair Bundy opened the meeting to public comments.

Ms. Norma Ashton, Harbor Drive, stated she moved into her home in 1962 and has experienced flooding three times. The Town has made improvements and she has seen less flooding. She was concerned about the ability of the Public Safety Departments to respond during a flood.

Mr. Dave Johnson, Golden Hind, thanked the Town for this dialogue. It would be helpful to post an explanation of the tide levels on the Town Website.

Mr. Scott Shell, Golden Hind Passage, was concerned about losing his view of the water if a sea wall were to be built. He would prefer an incremental, low impact approach including bringing in fill to raise the rear yard. Street flooding seems to be a separate issue.

Mr. Manny Albano, Golden Hind Passage, stated he works in emergency management and they are working with Public Works Departments to obtain FEMA recovery and mitigation money. He asked about interventions.

Mr. Roger Sullivan, Golden Hind Passage, stated people want to know what the Town plans to do. He discussed the State projections for sea level rise and was opposed to using the “1 in 200 chance” of sea level rise. He cited a projection of one foot rise eighty years from now. It is rainfall that causes flooding- not the tides.

Ms. Marta Dedamissa appreciated the comments made by Mr. Sullivan. She would like the conversation to be based on accurate data. She referred to the slide regarding settlement and asked how the measurements were taken. She wanted more information regarding the areas of vulnerability and potential solutions.

Mr. John Carlo thanked staff for posting signs throughout the neighborhoods notifying residents about this meeting. He is concerned about protecting his access to the water and being able to get out on the bay.

Mr. J. R. Giribaldi, Yolo Street, thanked staff for the improved outreach. Pinning down the storm drain and infrastructure piece was very important. He enjoyed having access to the water. He favored an incremental approach.

Mr. Nabile Tajani stated there are a variety of stakeholders, goals, and impacts.

Mr. Dana Brown, Staghorn Passage, stated high tides and heavy rains are the most immediate need.

Chair Bundy closed the meeting to public comments.

Public Director Suokko responded to some of the comments made by the public.

Chair Bundy stated the Town of Corte Madera and the Flood Board are all focused on finding long-term solutions that would allow residents to enjoy the benefits of living in the community. The “perfect storm” is a King Tide with a large storm that dumps a bunch of rain.

Board member Blomgren agreed that more information should be included on the Town’s Website including an explanation of how the tides work, the impacts of large storms, etc. The definitions of the data, including elevations, needs to be made clear. He referred to the slide titled “Projected sea-level rise in San Francisco”, and stated it is inaccurate. They have the wrong basis for discussion what the mitigations will be based on.

Board member Schnarr stated residents in flood prone areas have received mailings regarding FEMA data and threshold elevations. He asked staff to make sure the Town is notifying residents about upcoming King Tides.

5. Project Updates

A. Sand Bags Placed on Marina Village Levee

Public Works Director Suokko presented the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation that included photographs. He answered a question from the Board regarding the life expectancy of the sand bags.

Board member Schnarr thanked staff for installing the sand bags and noted they were protecting property values.

B. Brief Schedule Update on Storm Drain Master Plan

Public Works Director Suokko presented a PowerPoint presentation that included the following: 1) Consultants have completed CCTV work; 2) Refining GIS maps and modeling of storm scenarios; 3) Draft document ready in January with presentation to the Board in February. Staff answered a question about the installation of a duck bill valve.

Chair Bundy opened the meeting to public comments.

A resident who lives on Chickasaw asked staff to notify the lagoon residents when the plan would be presented to the Board. There is a concern about siltation.

Chair Bundy closed the meeting to public comments.

6. Future Agenda Items

Chair Bundy stated the following would be on an upcoming agenda: 1) Update on the changes to the Ebb Tide Pump Station; 2) Report on the channel that was created on the southbound freeway exit.

7. Adjournment- Chair Bundy adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.