

San Mateo County
Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District
1700 S. El Camino Real, Miller Ream Hall
San Mateo, CA
January 27, 2020
MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Vice Chair Ruddock called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Interim Clerk Boland took the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Directors Present:

Debbie Ruddock, Representing Coastside (Vice Chair)
Donna Colson, Representing Northern San Mateo County cities
Maryann Moise Derwin, Representing San Mateo County cities at-large
Lisa Gauthier, Representing Southern San Mateo County cities (arrived 4:25 p.m.)
Don Horsley, Representing Board of Supervisors, District 3
Diane Papan, Representing Central San Mateo County cities

Directors Absent:

Dave Pine, Representing Board of Supervisors, At Large (Chair)

Staff Present:

Larry Patterson, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Brian Kulich, Esq., County Counsel
Jim Porter, County of San Mateo Director of Public Works
Rochelle Kiner, Deputy Director, Public Works
Erika Powell, Flood Resiliency Program Manager
Danielle Lee, Deputy Director, Office of Sustainability
Colin Martorana, Associate Engineer
Christine Boland, Interim Clerk of the Board

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Action to Set the Agenda

Motion/Second: Horsley/Derwin moved to set the agenda as posted.

Ayes: Colson, Derwin, Horsley, Papan, Ruddock

Noes: None

Absent/Abstain: Gauthier, Pine

Vote: 5-0-2

4. Consent Calendar

Motion/Second: Horsley/Colson moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Colson, Derwin, Horlsey, Papan, Ruddock

Noes: None

Absent/Abstain: Gauthier, Pine

Vote: 5-0-2

4.1 Approved Minutes of January 10, 2020 District Board Special Meeting

4.2 Approved Minutes of January 13, 2020 District Board Meeting

4.3 Adopted Resolution 2020-4, Approving FY 2019-20 Budget

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Introduce an Ordinance Setting Forth Rules, Regulations, Standards, and Procedures for Appointment, Suspension, and Termination of Employment

Interim CEO Patterson stated the employment policies must be set by Ordinance and were necessary to establish the new District.

Director Derwin inquired about a possible end of year holiday furlough, similar to what other agencies offer. Mr. Patterson stated it could be addressed at a later time once the District is up and running. He noted that the Ordinance would be brought back at the next meeting for adoption and would become effective 30 days from the date of adoption.

Motion/Second: Colson/Horsley moved introduction of Ordinance No. 1, Setting Forth Rules Regulations, Standards and Procedures for Appointment, Suspension and Termination of Employment.

Ayes: Colson, Derwin, Horlsey, Papan, Ruddock

Noes: None

Absent/Abstain: Gauthier, Pine

Vote: 5-0-2

5.2 Discuss Conflict of Interest Code and Reporting Requirements

Mr. Patterson stated State law requires elected officials to file a Conflict of Interest form (Form 700-Assuming Office) within 30 days of taking office as a Board Member. He stated the District then would be adopting its own Conflict of Interest Code in February and certain designated positions would also be required to file the State form initially and on an annual basis.

County Counsel Kulich stated that Board Members could file an "expanded statement" to include the Flood District filing among their other filing obligations as elected officials.

Board members discussed the option of filing electronically through the Fair Political Practices Commission website or through the County of San Mateo's electronic filing system, Netfile.com

5.3 Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive Study of the San Mateo County Bay and Coastal Shorelines Under the 1975 Water Resources Development Act and Instructing the Chief Executive Officer to (1) Revise the Language of the Existing Authorization Under the Water Resource Development Act of 1975 to Include the San Mateo County Coastal Shoreline and, if Appropriate, The City and County of San Francisco and County of Marin, and (2) Communicate the Board's Interest In Initiating the Study Under the 1975 Water Resources Development Act to the Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Patterson stated the Board received a presentation at its last meeting regarding the potential inclusion of the San Mateo County bay and coastal shorelines under the 1975 Water Resources Development Act in an upcoming Army Corps of Engineers study. He outlined provisions contained in the Resolution encouraging such an inclusion as well as including the City and County of San Francisco and County of Marin.

Director Horsley inquired about the cost, scope and timing of the project. Responding, Erika Powell, Manager Flood Resiliency Program, stated the affordability factor would be determined by the Board of Directors and that local matching funds of 50 percent of the study costs would be required to participate.

Mr. Patterson called upon Brian Perkins, representing Congresswoman Speier's Office, to discuss the timing of the project. Mr. Perkins confirmed that the project could commence following Congressional appropriation of the funds. However, it could take up to three legislative cycles to secure funding. The board discussed inclusion of San Francisco and Marin counties in the study and the benefit-cost ratio.

Public Comment

Len Materman, Executive Director, San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, discussed the schedule for such a study.

Motion/Second: Horsley/Papan moved to adopt Resolution 2020-5, Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive Study of the San Mateo County Bay and Coastal Shorelines Under the 1975 Water Resources Development Act and Instructing the Chief Executive Officer to (1) Revise the Language of the Existing Authorization Under the Water Resources Development Act of 1975 to Include the San Mateo County Coastal Shoreline and, If Appropriate, the City and County of San Francisco and County of Marin, and (2) Communicate the Board's Interest in Initiating the Study Under the 1975 Water Resources Development Act to the Army Corps of Engineers

Ayes: Colson, Derwin, Horsley, Papan, Ruddock

Noes: None

Absent/Abstain: Gauthier, Pine

Vote: 5-0-2

6. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Ruddock discussed several climate resilience bonds, legislation moving forward and the Bay Area Collaborative meeting held recently.

7. Interim CEO Report

Mr. Patterson provided the following updates:

- Board members' binders containing the enabling legislation would be augmented with District policies and other pertinent information;
- Discussed the history of the Colma Creek advisory committee after making contact with Helen Fisicaro from the Town of Colma;
- The new District office at 1700 S. El Camino, Suite 502, San Mateo, is now operational;
- The District is properly covered by insurance as of January 1, 2020;
- The District's website of www.oneshoreline.org is under construction and that www.resilientsanmateo.org would be used temporarily for board packets and other District information.

At that time, Director Gauthier entered the meeting.

8. Advisory Committee Reports

8.1 Ad Hoc CEO Recruitment Subcommittee Report

Director Colson stated the ad hoc CEO Recruitment subcommittee would meeting again on January 28.

8.2 Colma Creek Advisory Committee

Jim Porter, Director of Public Works, County of San Mateo, provided a brief update on the work of the Colma Creek advisory committee.

8.3 San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

Mr. Porter stated the San Francisquito joint powers agreement in being updated.

9. Board Member Reports

Director Derwin reported on a volunteer opportunity she participated in recently.

10. Items for Future Agenda

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.