

**San Lorenzo Creek Task Force
MEETING SUMMARY**

**HARD Building
1099 E Street
Hayward, 94541
December 6, 2007
7:00- 9:00pm**

Sign In

7:00 Welcome

- 1 Review Agenda
- 2 Approve Meeting Notes from November 1st and November 15th
- 3 Announcements

7:05 Update on FEMA Maps from Rohin Saleh of ACPWA

Daniel Woldesenbet: FEMA has declared San Lorenzo Creek unable to handle a 100-year flood. We are working on a funding strategy that is agreeable to the community to resolve the issue of evacuating people from the lower creek flood plane, and we would like for this committee to be the sounding board for our efforts in this.

Rohin Saleh: San Lorenzo Creek Watershed is about 40 square miles and is part of Zone 2. There are two peaks for rainfall, about an hour apart from the rural and urban areas of the creek. If the two peaks coincide, it will be a big problem. (Rohin proceeded to point to various parts of the maps to show what kinds of flooding we can expect from 50, 100, and 500-year flood events). Possible solutions are: improving Cull and Don Castro dams, lengthening flood walls in the lower reaches of San Lorenzo Creek, and desilting. Insurance rates for home owners will be much higher once the maps pass the "preliminary stage".

Daniel Woldesenbet: The reason FEMA says the lower reaches of the creek cannot handle big floods is because they were designed with very limited information in the '50s, and since they were built much development has occurred upstream, greatly increasing runoff volume.

Follow-up or Action Items: Discussion and decision on whether the Task Force will serve as a sounding board for PWA on this matter will be tabled to next agenda.

7:20 Update from Ordinance/Policy/Plan Review Workgroup

Presentation: A bibliography of creek-related ordinances and documents was handed out (as a work-in-progress) and discussed. If a plan is not already an ordinance, it may not be enforceable.

7:25 Presentation from Interim Measures Workgroup

1. Presentation of draft document prepared by workgroup: This group was given the task of finding interim measures to use in existing ordinances to work until the moratorium expires. They recommend that:

- the Board of Supervisors implement and monitor current plans and ordinances

- the employees of Public Works/ planning departments receive proper education on the watercourse ordinance
 - the public and community groups be given advance warning by the director of Public Works about permit development in order to appeal if they so choose
 - the planning departments recognize the definition of "creek" as the one outlined in the current moratorium
 - assessor parcel maps clearly define creek areas, and that grading permits be given only after the appropriate steps have been followed
 - creek setback areas should be strictly enforced
2. Group discussion and feedback: What happens if grading is required for emergency maintenance?

7:55 **Work Plan, Schedule and Budget for San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force**

- 1 Review modified work plan and question modify as necessary

Howard recommends getting to the business of reviewing ordinances. Are we going to spend a year on setbacks before we get to the other issues? Are the same four people going to form the work groups? Implementation issues must be rectified before the moratorium expires.

- 2 I.D next steps
- 3 Discuss schedule/timeline (maybe tabled)
- 4 Discuss budget (maybe tabled)

Follow-up or Action Items:

8:50 **Public Comment**

- 1 Hear from interested members of the public

Follow-up or Action Items:

8:55 **Meeting Evaluation**

- 1 Share ideas, concerns, suggestions on how to improve future meetings
Howard recommends that agenda-setting should be done at the end of each meeting.

Follow-up or Action Items:

9:00 **Adjourn**