

**AGENDA
CITY OF FERNDALE – HUMBOLDT COUNTY CALIFORNIA – U.S.A.
DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Location:	Ferndale City Hall	Date:	December 4, 2025
	834 Main Street	Time:	2:30 pm
	Ferndale, CA 95536	Posted:	December 1, 2025

We welcome you to the meeting. Members of the Public may be heard on any business item on this Agenda during the Drainage Committee consideration of the item. The public may also directly address the Committee on any item of interest to the public that is not on the Agenda during the public comment time; however, the Committee generally cannot take action on an item not on the agenda.

A person addressing the Committee will be limited to five (5) minutes unless the Chair of the Committee grants a longer period. While not required, we would appreciate it if you would identify yourself with your name when addressing the Committee.

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TO SPEAK ON ANY ISSUE, BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIR BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE PODIUM, STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD (optional), AND DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS ONLY TO THE COMMITTEE.

1. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN
2. ROLL CALL – PHILLIP OSTLER, TOM STEPHENS, JAMES BASS, BILL BECKER, WAYNE AMBROSINI, MICHAEL SWEENEY, AND JOHN MAXWELL
3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Minutes of the September 9, 2025, Drainage Meeting
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. *(This time is for persons who wish to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Committee has jurisdiction - Drainage. Items requiring action not listed on this agenda will be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration, unless a finding is made by at least 2/3rds of the Committee that the item came up after the agenda was posted and is of an urgent nature requiring immediate action.*
6. BUSINESS
 - A. Arlington Drainage Project Update – Brett Vivyan
 - B. Discuss Recent Storm Activity
 - C. East Side Drainage – Performance
 - D. Mattole Road Culvert Maintenance
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. COMMENTS
8. ADJOURN

**The next regular meeting of the Ferndale Drainage Committee will be on
TBD**

MINUTES

CITY OF FERNDALE – HUMBOLDT COUNTY U.S.A.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

September 9, 2025

Chair Tom Stephens opened the meeting at 2:31 pm. Those present were Tom Stephens, John Maxwell, Jim Bass, Michael Sweeney, Councilman Philip Ostler, Acting City Manager Kristene Hall, and Deputy City Clerk Lauren Boop

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of July 10th 2025 Meeting Minutes (**Ostler/Sweeney**) Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS:

A. East Side Drainage Walk

Chair Tom Stephens outlined the results of a walk with Acting City Manager Kristene Hall, Committee Member Bill Becker, and the head of Public Works David Franceschi to plan the work in this area. Property Owner Joseph Alexander is expected to lend his equipment and perform the work within the coming weeks.

B. Annual Francis Creek Debris Removal Summary

Chair Tom Stephens gave an update on the work performed August 12th 2025. The cleanup was a success with over 30 volunteers, most of whom are in the Ferndale High Football program. Chair Tom Stephens noted that the Coach McClurgh of the football team will be taking on the organization of the cleanup next year, Stephens and City Staff will meet with him at a future date to go over the logistics of the project.

C. Mattole Road, County Culvert Maintenance

Acting City Manager Kristene Hall gave an update on the planned emergency work in the next few weeks on the Wildcat to address the road slippage.

D. Prop 218 Drainage Fee Increase

Acting City Manager Kristene Hall gave an update on the viability of the 218 process to raise Drainage Assessment fees on City of Ferndale parcels. The city cannot use this process to generate the needed revenue to address the city's drainage issues. City of Ferndale would need to undergo costly studies before putting it on the ballot where it would need a 2/3 majority vote to raise rates. Discussion was had about current rates' revenue, what amount would be needed, and feasibility of such a measure passing. Acting City Manager Kristene Hall was doubtful of the city's ability to pay for such a study and if the taxpayers would be amenable to a raise in rates.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMENTS: Chair Tom Stephens requested Planwest come to a meeting to discuss grants to acquire the "Lake Christie" property and it was decided that a joint Study Session with the Drainage Committee and City Council was needed to discuss options.

ADJOURN: Chair Tom Stephens adjourned the meeting at 3:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deputy City Clerk Lauren Boop