

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

Location:	Ferndale City Hall	Date:	April 2, 2026
	834 Main Street	Time:	2:30 pm
	Ferndale, CA 95536	Posted:	March 30, 2026

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 December 4, 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. Discuss Drainage Assessment Fees
 - B. Discuss Lake Christie Acquisition & Appoint two Members to Research
 - C. Discuss Winter Storm Events
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. COMMENTS
8. ADJOURN

**The next regular meeting of the Ferndale Drainage Committee will be on
 May 7, 2026**

MINUTES**CITY OF FERDALE – HUMBOLDT COUNTY U.S.A.****DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING****Minutes**

December 4th, 2025

Chair Tom Stephens opened the meeting at 2:30 pm. Those present were Tom Stephens, John Maxwell, Jim Bass, Michael Sweeney, Councilman Philip Ostler, Interim City Manager Kristene Hall, and Deputy City Clerk Lauren Boop

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of September 9th, 2025 Meeting Minutes (**Becker/Bass**) Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS:

- A. Arlington Street Drainage Project Update:
Brett Vivyan of GHD came to discuss the status of the “Ferndale Water Quality and Drainage Improvement Project,” a State Water Board funded grant the city is in the process of completing. He summarized the project for the committee and discussed issues to get the grant complete. There has been a delay getting final approval of the project from the Ferndale Fairgrounds Board, and it was determined a meeting is needed with City of Ferndale Staff and Humboldt County Public Works’ head Tim Madsen, County Supervisor Rex Bohn, and the Fair Board to get on the same page in regards to the scope and results of the proposed project, and to finalize MOU provisions.
- B. Recent Storm Activity
Chair Tom Stephens noted there was 2.28 inches of rain “pretty much overnight” and the Francis Creek reached a height of 7.1 feet. He further noted another hour of rain could have seen flooding. The creek monitoring system is still non-operational.
- C. East Side Drainage
Joseph Alexander provided his large excavator and cleared the affected area. Chair Tom Stephens noted that the area is draining well.
- D. Mattole Road Culvert Maintenance
The culvert on Mattole Road is currently being investigated for repair by Humboldt County Public Works. The committee agreed this may help in mitigating the flooding on Francis Street.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMENTS: Chair Tom Stephens requested update on any City of Ferndale action on the 218 Process and Francis Street Drainage situation. City Manager Hall told him Prop 218 is not the process needed to raise Drainage rates to address issues in city, but she will have a joint meeting where Ryan Plotz, city counsel, City Council, and the Drainage Committee can discuss next steps to address the issue. City

Manager Hall also told Chair Tom Stephens the city will not be addressing any flooding issues on Francis Street until more information is gathered and any action from the concerned parties moves forward.

ADJOURN: Chair Tom Stephens adjourned the meeting at 3:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deputy City Clerk Lauren Boop