

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

Location:	City Hall	Date:	January 6, 2022
	834 Main Street	Time:	2:30 pm
	Ferndale CA 95536	Posted:	January 3, 2022

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by members of the City Council, City staff, and the public by teleconference, videoconference, or both.

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1. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN
2. ROLL CALL – PHILLIP OSTLER, TOM STEPHENS, JAMES BASS, JEFF FARLEY, BILL BECKER WAYNE AMBROSINI, AND MICHAEL SWEENEY
3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Minutes of the October 7, 2021 and November 4, 2021 Meetings.
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. Recent Storm Activity
 - B. Drainage Master Plan Update
 - C. Priority Site Improvement Cost Estimates
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. COMMENTS
8. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Ferndale Drainage Committee will be on
February 2, 2022

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October 7, 2021

Chair Tom Stephens opened the meeting at 2:35 pm. Those present were Phillip Ostler, Michael Sweeney, Bill Becker, and Jim Bass, along with City Staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, City Engineer Brian Ontiveros, and City Clerk, Kristene Hall. There were no modifications to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the July 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes. (Sweeney/Becker)
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comment

BUSINESS

Francis Creek Walk Update: Chair Stephens went over the Francis Creek debris removal and clean up. Stephens stated the cleanup took about 2 days and there were approximately 14 dump truck loads removed.

Action Taken: None

Westside Drainage Study Group: Stephens stated it had been discussed in previous meetings to develop a study group for Westside Drainage. Stephens discussed the current flow and the need in finding a suitable route that will alleviate flooding problems. Committee Members discussed grants that could help with this area.

Action Taken: None

Drainage Master Plan Update: City Engineer Brian Ontiveros stated that they are still working on this. Ontiveros stated he had come up with a couple models. Ontiveros went over some of the issues with the storm drains and improvements and maintenance needed. Ontiveros stated he would continue to work on the DMP and update the committee.

Action Taken: None

Grant Avenue: Chair Stephens stated that some improvements had been done. Stephen questioned the engineer on this project. Ontiveros stated that a property owner removed some dirt and created a small swale to help with the drainage problems. Parrish also added that the property owner's drainage goes to Grant Street. Stephens went over findings on the groundwater in the area. Stephens stated that from these findings, he firmly believed it is perched ground water from immediate rain.

Action Taken: None

Fern Ave Bank Failure: Chair Stephens stated that the bank failure looks to be bigger than previously thought. Stephens stated that it should be kept an eye on.

Action Taken: None

NOAA Storm Forecast: Chair Stephens stated that the NOAA forecast shows a wetter than normal winter.

Action Taken: None

5th Street Drainage Grant Applications: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the various grants the city is currently trying to obtain. Parrish also briefly explained the different projects each grant would possibly cover. Committee Members discussed the projects and how these projects would help with flooding in certain areas.

Action Taken: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMENTS: Councilman Ostler stated he would be filling in for Councilman Lund from now on. Ostler also questioned a drainage map that could be sent to him.

Chair Tom Stephens adjourned the meeting at 4:01pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kristene Hall
City Clerk

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November 4, 2021

Chair Tom Stephens opened the meeting at 2:30 pm. Those present were Phillip Ostler, Michael Sweeney, Bill Becker, and Jim Bass, along with City Staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, City Planner Krystle Heaney, and City Clerk Kristene Hall. There were no modifications to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comment

BUSINESS

Recent Storm Activity: Chair Stephens collected data from the Van Ness gauging station from July - October. Stephens stated that the data shows minimal rise in the stream flow, the highest being a ½ ft rise. Stephens went over how the gauging station data is collected and what it means. Stephens added that the data is available online for viewing through Humboldt State University. City Manager Parrish went over the sand bag process and how this year's process may be a little different. Stephens stated his concerns on Debris on the higher banks that has built up due to lack of higher flows. Stephens added that it could be problematic when we do finally get a higher flow with built up debris causing potential dams.

Action Taken: None

Drainage Master Plan (DMP) Update: Chair Stephens questioned when the DMP may be ready. City Planner Krystle Heaney stated that she had received a message from City Engineer Brian Ontiveros that the models were almost completed. Heaney added that once the model is complete, they will start the text portion. Heaney added that the text portion will not begin until January with a completion time frame around summer. Stephens questioned the timeline. Committee Member Sweeney questioned cost estimates on projects for the DMP. Sweeney also questioned the Land Use Element and how it ties into the DMP. Planner Heaney went over some of the Land Use priorities and multi-family units and affordable housing. Heaney also stated the importance of Drainage to these projects and the density for the housing.

Action Taken: None

Fern Ave Bank Failure: Chair Stephens mentioned again that the bank failure was larger than previously stated. Stephens explained the cause of bank failure. Committee Member Sweeney questioned funding to repair the failure. Stephens stated that the funding would either come

from the property owner, or possibly FEMA or other disaster funding if the bank fails causing significant damage.

Action Taken: None

5th Street Drainage Grant Applications: City Manager Jay Parrish went over two grants that could potentially assist the 5th Street Drainage as well as the Fairgrounds. Parrish explained the different drainage improvements from each grant. Chair Stephens questioned the cities potential on getting these grants. Parrish stated the city is hopeful for these grants and believes it has a very good chance of obtaining them. Chair Stephens questioned the subdivision process and if a property owner would need to have a Drainage Plan or any sort of CEQA due to the drainage issues. City Planner Heaney stated she would look into it and report back.

Action Taken: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMENTS: None

Chair Tom Stephens adjourned the meeting at 3:56pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kristene Hall
City Clerk