

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

Location:	Ferndale City Hall	Date:	September 4, 2025
	834 Main Street	Time:	2:30 pm
	Ferndale, CA 95536	Posted:	August 28, 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 July 10, 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. East Side Drainage – Walk Summary
 - B. Annual Francis Creek Debris Removal Summary
 - C. Mattole Rd, County Culvert Maintenance
 - D. Prop 218 Drainage Fee Increase
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. COMMENTS
8. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Ferndale Drainage Committee will be on
October 2, 2025

MINUTES

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DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

July 10, 2025

Chair Tom Stephens opened the meeting at 2:33 pm. Those present were Tom Stephens, John Maxwell, Bill Becker, Michael Sweeney, City Manager Jay Parrish, and Deputy City Clerk Lauren Boop

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of June 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes with the changes to Item B which should read “No Update.” **(Becker/Sweeney)** Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUSINESS:

A. Francis Creek Inventory Walk

Chair Tom wanted to note that it was more of an “unofficial survey” with Public Works and John Maxwell. Francis Creek was broken in to sections for appraisal and we received details on locations needing to be addressed from both Chair Tom Stephens and Committee member John Maxwell. A further meeting between Maxwell and Stephens was scheduled for July 11th to go through maps and make a list of property owners for the City to send letters to regarding the removal of creek debris from their section of the creek. The cleanup is scheduled for August 12th.

B. East Side Drainage

The city is planning to address this area come September 2025. There is still the possibility of the property owner helping with their equipment but the city will rent the necessary equipment and do the needed work if not. City Manager Jay Parrish will direct City Engineer Brian Ontiveros to flag the correct pathway for effective drainage of the area.

C. Van Ness Gauging Station

Cal Poly Humboldt will be installing the new equipment starting August 1st, 2025.

D. Lake Christie Update

Michelle from Planwest was unable to attend the meeting but City Manager Jay Parrish says she continues to look for possible grants to assist the city in acquiring the property.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Chair Tom Stephens adjourned the meeting at 3:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deputy City Clerk Lauren Boop