Zone 7’s Regional Flood Protection Program

LAFCo Meeting, January 15, 2015
Zone 7 Highlights

- Service Area: 425 Square Miles
- Regional flood control and stream management services
- Local water resource management (local run-off and groundwater)
- Wholesale treated drinking water to retailers serving over 200,000 people in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and the Dougherty Valley of San Ramon
- Untreated water supplier to irrigate about 3,500 acres, primarily South Livermore Valley vineyards ($200 million annual industry in Valley)
- Imports 80% of water supply from the State Water Project (South Bay Aqueduct)
Zone 7’s Flood Protection Programs

- Regional Flood Protection Planning
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling
- Capital Improvement Program
- Facility Maintenance
- Watershed Protection
- Emergency Response
- Collaboration with Local Agencies
- Integration of Water Resources
Leadership in Flood Protection

- Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP):
  - Zone 7 currently represents the Flood Protection/Stormwater Management Functional Area for the entire Bay Area, and
  - Zone 7 represents Alameda County for the BAIRWMP Eastern Subregion

- Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association (BAFPAA):
  - Both the County and Zone 7 participate, representing respective zones, and
  - Zone 7 previously acted as chair
  - Zone 7 started annual meetings which have become very successful
Zone 7’s Flood Protection Leadership, e.g., BAFPAA

- BAFPAA’s First Annual Workshop, held Feb 21, 2013 at Zone 7
- Very successful; annual workshops have expanded and continue
- 2015 Annual Workshop on Sea Level Rise is being co-hosted by BAFPAA and CHARG
Integrating Water Resources

Flood Control Channels are multi-purpose facilities:

- Flood flows
- Sediment management
- Habitat corridors
- Linear trails
- Water Recharge
- Water Quality

Future Chain of Lakes will also serve multiple purposes such as:

- Peak storm flow detention
- Groundwater recharge
- Salt-loading abatement
- Habitat corridors
- Regional trail connectivity

Examples include Zone 7’s Stream Management Master Plan, Lake Use Plan and Water Supply Evaluation
SMMP: Effective Integration

- Flood Protection and Drainage
- Erosion and Sedimentation
- Water Supply
- Water Quality
- Habitat and Environment
- Trails, Recreation & Public Education
Integration: Chain of Lakes’ Primary Uses

- Surface water storage and conveyance
- Stormwater detention
- Groundwater recharge
Integration: Chain of Lakes’ Secondary Uses

SECONDARY USES

- Habitat/Conservation
- Active recreation
- Education/Passive recreation
- Recycled water storage
Working with the Other Flood Zones

- Thanks to County’s initial help, Zone 7 has a very effective, stand-alone flood protection program
- Zone 7 does its own planning, design and, through contract services, construction of flood assets
Collaborating on Grants

- Zone 7 collaborated with the City of Dublin on two Urban Greening grant applications for low-impact development technologies, groundwater quality monitoring, and stream restoration.
- Zone 7 has collaborated with others such as the City of Livermore and EBRPD in seeking funding for linear trails along Zone 7’s flood facilities.
- Zone 7 collaborated with the RCD/NRCS on pilot projects for slope stability through biotechnical engineering.
- Zone 7’s Living Arroyos Program is a public-private partnership with City of Livermore and Urban Creeks Council, facilitating volunteer days.
Maintenance Activities: Opportunities to Improve and Integrate

- Completed 33 bank repairs, four biotech brush walls, 2,019 linear feet of access roadway and drainage renovation
- Planning, permitting, design and construction management was performed by Zone 7 staff
- Summarized integrated water resource activities in annual flood report presented to the board in May 2014 and posted on the Zone 7 website
- Emergency repairs including failed utility crossings

Before

After
Routine Maintenance Activities

- Debris removal
- Vegetation management
- Graffiti abatement
- Fence & gate repair
- Planting and erosion control
- Homeless encampment cleanup
Questions?

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