April 25, 2019

Re: Gallinas Levee Condition Survey - May 6-22

Dear Homeowner and/or Resident along Gallinas Creek,

Marin County Flood Control District Flood Zone 7 is planning to conduct an elevation and condition survey of the levee surrounding the Vendola Drive neighborhood during the month of May. Pursuant to State Code 846.5, the County surveyor has the right to enter upon private property, however if you have a concern or special access request such as a pet that needs to be put inside the day of the survey, please contact (415) 473-6530 or floodinquiry@marincounty.org.

Having an accurate survey of the existing conditions is an important component of a project being contemplated to reconstruct the timber reinforced berm and bring the levee up to a consistent elevation. See the information included here for more information about the Zone and this proposed project.

The survey will be done by the Marin County Department of Public Works in-house surveying team and District staff. They will be measuring the elevation of several points along the top of the levee and one or two on either side. In order to do this, the surveyors will need to access the levee behind your house. They will try to connect their work by staying along the creek as much as possible, but in some cases they will have to enter and exit by your side-yard. The survey team will start at McPhail School on the east end of Santa Venetia and work west towards Meadow Drive. Concurrent with the elevation survey, District staff will be conducting an inspection of the levee condition to inform more immediate maintenance priorities. Examples of things we are looking for include rotted or broken pieces of the wooden berm, evidence of gophers or other structural threats to the levee’s ability to prevent flooding. We will not be looking for issues unrelated to flood risk.

Thank you.
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