

PMAC Flood Committee Report

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Project Report Roy
Brixen, Chair

1. Raising PCR levee wall by approximately 1 foot.
 - a. Initial project scheduled for early April was canceled because of insufficient number of sand bags delivered by County (1750 vs. 3500+), donated ground cover cloth to wrap sand bags was discovered to be only 3' wide as opposed to the necessary 8- to 10' wide, and because field adjacent to levee was still water logged from winter rains so that mowing of weeds and assuring safe footing for workers was impossible.
 - b. Committee is investigating costs of 8' wide ground cover cloth. Single roll cost appear to be about \$385. About three (3) rolls are needed.
 - c. Committee is investigating costs of sufficient sand and bags to fill an estimated 1750 more bags.
 - d. Labor is still available from the SMC Sheriffs Office

2. Investigate availability of funds to raise homes in floodway above 100-year flood levels.
 - a. Initial FEMA brochure and web site research completed.
 - b. Program still exists. Qualification of area may be a problem. Rules state that area must be flooded on a "periodic" basis.
 - c. Program requires community flood plan (details are available from FEMA) and it appears that, once started, all homes in the floodway must be raised. It appears that once a process is started, flood insurance through the national program will be denied homeowners not participating. This may place impossible to meet financial constraints on homeowners not choosing to participate in the raising effort. A meeting with FEMA officials in SF will be scheduled in early June to confirm details and to get a copy of their flood plan outline for Council consideration.