



# Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program

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## *A Partner's Perspective*



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# San Anselmo is Prone to Flooding

❖ Historical Flooding: 1925, 1943, 1982 & 2005



December 31, 2005 (4 foot depth)





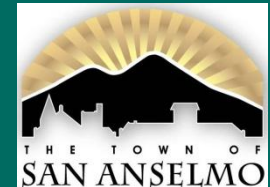
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- ❖ ***MEMBERS:*** Larkspur, Ross, San Anselmo & Fairfax and County of Marin
- ❖ ***Goal:*** To find solutions to historic flooding
- ❖ **Local funding provided through a flood fee**
- ❖ **Capital Improvement Program developed with 180 measures**



# Principles of Operation

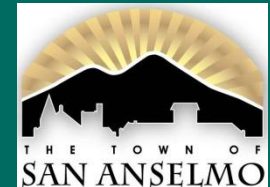
- ❖ Time is of the essence
- ❖ Broad benefit
- ❖ Watershed approach
- ❖ Stakeholder's engagement
- ❖ Transparency





# Principles of Operation (Continued)

- ❖ Maximum benefit at minimum cost
- ❖ Do no harm
- ❖ Pursue funding opportunities
- ❖ Protect the environment
- ❖ Multi-objective, multi-benefit
- ❖ Incorporate measures into CIP's





# Current Status of Program

- ❖ Over \$20 million in grants secured
- ❖ Memorial Park Detention Basin, San Anselmo
- ❖ Three bridges to be replaced
- ❖ Building Bridge 2 -- Grant Ready
- ❖ Army Corp's Unit 4 and Phoenix Lake, Ross



# Opportunities

- ❖ **Bundle projects for greater community benefit**
- ❖ **Leverage local money with grants and flood fee**
- ❖ **Opportunity for complimentary grants**
- ❖ **Needed infrastructure projects can progress**
- ❖ **Reduce flooding, renovate community facilities, improve environment.**





# Challenges

- ❖ **Scope of work increases**
- ❖ **Cost estimates vary widely**
- ❖ **Project management difficult for small agencies**
- ❖ **CEQA process more complicated**
- ❖ **Multi-agency coordination can be difficult**



# Conclusion

*Integrated projects require:*

- ❖ Dedicated partners
- ❖ Perseverance
- ❖ Hard work
- ❖ Process

