

MINUTES
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PUBLIC REVIEW
November 17, 2010

Committee Members Present: Keith Brann, Andy Dinauer, Carl Larson, Dave Parker, David Pfordt, Doug Shakel, Linwood Smith, Justin Turner, Mike Zeller

Flood Control District Staff Present: Suzanne Shields, Director; Chris Cawein, Deputy Director; Terry Hendricks, Chief Hydrologist; Greg Saxe, Environmental Planning Manager; Bill Zimmerman, Planning & Development Division Manager; Tamara Jorde, Special Staff Assistant

Others Present: Laith Alshami, Fritz Laos, Elizabeth Leibold, City of Tucson; Marcela Fontes, City of South Tucson

The meeting was held at 97 E. Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, 3rd Floor Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee approved the meeting minutes of October 20, 2010.

QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE

No business.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

D-FIRMs Update

Terry Hendricks gave an update to the committee as follows:

1. All Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs) effective before September 30, 2010 will be woven into the next Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (D-FIRMs). LOMRs with effective dates between September 30, 2010 and the next D-FIRMs will be re-issued after the D-FIRMs are effective.
2. The Letters of Final Determinations (LDFs) are scheduled to be issued December 16, 2010. LOMR submittals after this date for Flood Zones AE and AH must have base flood elevations on the NAVD 88 vertical datums. After receiving the LDFs, the District will send an email to the engineering community informing them of the datum change. Engineering companies preparing LOMRs and Conditional Letters of Map Revisions (CLOMRs) should investigate and consider using the Preliminary D-FIRM data.
3. On approximately April 16, 2011, the communities will get one copy of the paper maps with the next Flood Insurance Study. The District will also get the digital data from FEMA. It will take the District two weeks to process the data into the GIS system and to re-tool the D-FIRM website. After the District has processed the D-FIRM data, we will begin supplying the data in AutoCAD or ESRI formats to engineering companies preparing LOMRs and CLOMRs on a panel by panel request basis. We will not supply the entire data set to outside companies in that the data is dynamic and will be modified frequently with new LOMAs and LOMRs.
4. The map determination companies who have subscriptions to the FEMA Map Clearing House will also be getting the D-FIRM data around April 16, 2011. **Lenders are not allowed to send notifications to property owners about new mapping and associated insurance requirements until the effective date of the new D-FIRMs.**
5. Within 7 weeks of the effective date, FEMA will hold off issuing any new Letters of Map Amendments (LOMAs) and LOMRs until the next D-FIRMs are effective.
6. Two weeks prior to the effective date, the final Letters of Map Changes (LOMCs) will be mailed to the communities which will list the LOMAs to be revalidated and the LOMRs to be re-issued. Currently there are 670 properties across Pima County that the LOMC may revalidate LOMA data.
7. The D-FIRMs are scheduled to become effective June 16, 2011.

Note: It is unlikely that the D-FIRM timeline will change. However, if it does the LFD letters will be issued in January 2011 and the D-FIRMS will become effective 6 months later.

Regulatory Updates

Keith Brann, Town of Marana, stated that a variance was approved by the Marana Town Council on November 16, 2010:

Resolution No. 2010-111: [Marana Town Council acting as the Floodplain Management Board]: Relating to Floodplain Management; request for a variance to Title 21, Floodplain and Erosion Hazard Management Code, for property located at 6046 W. Quail Nest Place.

Andy Dinauer, City of Tucson, stated that the City's Draft Stormwater Permit was received and is currently under review.

Suzanne Shields stated that on November 16, 2010 the Pima County Board of Supervisors approved:

Co7-10-03, PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT – LEE MOORE WASH STUDY AREA SPECIAL AREA POLICY PLAN AMENDMENT

Request of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District, to amend the Pima County Comprehensive Plan Regional, Rezoning and Special Area Plan Policies by amending Special Area Plan Policy S-18, Floodplain Management, to add a new section to reference and incorporate the June, 2010 Lee Moore Wash Basin Management Study (LMWBMS) and to provide for a comprehensive Flood Control Protection Program and appropriate guidelines for development. Planned Land Use Intensity would remain unchanged. The 101,253 acre unincorporated Pima County portion of the 136,320 acre LMWBMS Area defines the amendment area, which is generally bounded by Interstate 10 and the City of Tucson on the north, Sonoita Highway/State Route 83 on the east, Coronado National Forest and Santa Rita Experimental Range on the south and S. Nogales Highway, the San Xavier District and the Town of Sahuarita on the west. The amendment site covers all or part of: T15S, R4E, Sections 31 and 32; T16S, R14E, Sections 1-15, 18-20, 22, 28-30 and 32-36; T16S, R15E, Sections 7, 10-15, 17, 18, 22-27, 32, 34 and 36; T16S, R16E, Sections 15, 16, 18-22 and 26-35; T17S, R14E, Sections 1-5, 8-17, 20-28 and 34-35; T17S, R15E, Sections 1-36; T17S, R16E, Sections 1-35; T17S, R17E, Sections 18 and 19; T18S, R14E, Sections 1, 2 and 11-13; T18S, R15E, Sections 1-27, 35 and 36; and T18S, R16E, Sections 3-8 and 17-19 in the Rincon-Southeast/Santa Rita and Upper Santa Cruz Subregions. On motion, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 6-0 (Commissioners Poulos, Membrilla, Smith and Steinbrenner were absent) to recommend **APPROVAL** subject to Rezoning Policies (RP). Staff recommends **APPROVAL**. Motion carried to approve (5/0).

Technical Policy 27 – Private Driveways

Eric Shepp will meet with the City of Tucson and will provide a summary of changes to the committee.

REPORT FROM FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF

Board of Supervisors Action Summary

Suzanne Shields let the committee know that Pima County held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Arroyo Chico Project on October 14, 2010.

October 12, 2010

- ✓ Award of Contract, Requisition No. 1002439, PSOMAS, (Headquarters: Los Angeles, CA), the respondent receiving the highest combined score for design engineering services for Paseo de las Iglesias Phase 1: Santa Cruz River Bank Protection, Ecosystem Restoration and Linear Parkway for Ajo Way to Silverlake Road. The contract shall be for a 36 month period in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. The contract may be extended for project completion. In the event a fee agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranked firm, staff requests authorization to negotiate with the next highest ranked firms in the following order: AECOM and Stantec Consulting, Inc., until a contract is executed or the list is exhausted. Funding Source: 2004 Bond Fund. Administering Department: Regional Flood Control District. Motion carried to approve (4/1).

October 19, 2010

- ✓ Staff requests approval of a combination of onsite and offsite mitigation (Mitigation Plan and In-lieu

Fee Proposal) for property located at 3605 E. Calle Agassiz, located within important riparian area with underlying Xeroriparian Class C Habitat. Motion carried to approve (5/0).

November 2, 2010

- ✓ Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) and (4), for legal advice and direction regarding the proposed Southgate Shopping Center Settlement Agreement. Motion carried to approve (5-0).

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No business.

AGENDA ITEMS – DECEMBER 15, 2010 MEETING

1. 2010 FCDAC Officers – Nominations and Vote
2. Ajo/Silverlake Project Presentation

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.