

**MINUTES**  
**FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PUBLIC REVIEW**  
**September 19, 2018**

**Committee Members Present:** Ken Perry, Jennifer Christelman, Kieran Sikdar, John Wallace, Ann Youberg

**Flood Control District Staff Present:** Eric Shepp, Deputy Director; Brian Jones, Division Manager; Greg Saxe, Environmental Planning Manager

**Others Present:** N/A

The meeting was held at 201 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The committee approved the June 20, 2108 minutes.

**QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE**

No business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Monsoon Update**

Eric Shepp reviewed the activities related to the monsoon storms (see attached).

**Information/Updates from Jurisdictions and/or Members**

John Wallace reviewed the current activities within Board of Supervisors District 3 (see attached).

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Regulatory Updates**

Eric Shepp state that in April 2018, Governor Ducey signed SB14931 into law granting the state the authority to develop rules to assume the program consistent with the Clean Water Act . The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality wants to assume the dredge and fill program established in the CWA 404 permitting process. ADEQ's stance is:

As ADEQ has proven its ability to improve permit processing times, and due to its desire to align Clean Water Act (CWA) programs across the state, the agency is considering state assumption of the dredge and fill program established in CWA § 404. ADEQ has demonstrated its process and customer service improvement capabilities over recent years and intends to incorporate these capabilities into the CWA § 404 permitting process.

The District will provide an update at the October meeting.

**REPORT FROM FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF**

**BOS Action Summary**

✓ **August 7, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - **FC5**, of the Flood Control District Board of Directors, authorizing the Pima County Attorney to condemn real property or real property interests for flood control purposes in Section 22, T12S, R13E, G&SRM, Pima County, Arizona. (District 1) Approved

Southwest Gas Corporation has requested an extension of an easement across Pima County Flood Control District owned property lying within Section 18, T14S, R14E, G&SRM, Pima County, Arizona, \$100.00 revenue and \$1,200.00 reimbursement for appraisal fee. (District 2) Approved

Staff requests approval to sell surplus property consisting of a main house containing approximately 1,704 square feet with horse facilities on 1.741 acres of land, located at 4700 E. Calle Chueca, Tax Parcel No. 109-24-0200, by auction to the highest bidder. (District 1) No business.

✓ **August 20, 2018**

John R. Hufault and C. Cathryn Hufault as Trustees of the John R. & C. Cathryn Hufault Trust, to provide an acquisition agreement for the Floodprone Land Acquisition Program, Tax Parcel Nos. 306-11-0020 and 306-11-0030, Flood Control Non-Bond Project Fund, contract amount \$303,000.00 including closing costs/5 year term (CT-PW-19-79). Approved

Daniel K. Wong, **Pima County Regional Flood Control District** and Pima County, to provide a donation agreement for real property consisting of approximately 172 fee acres, Tax Parcel Nos. 208-15-051A, 0520, 0530, 0500 and 0490, 304-05-030A and 3010, Finance Special Projects and Flood Control Capital Projects Non-Bond Funds, contract amount \$5,000.00/\$28,435.00 revenue (CT-PW-19-74). Approved

Eric Shepp stated that the Regional Flood Control District (District) wants to create a Pima County-wide Floodplain Management Plan (Plan) for floodplain management and flood control capital improvements. In order for this Plan to be appropriately acknowledged by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Plan must be initiated by the Board of Supervisors (BOS), sitting as the Flood Control District Board of Directors (Board) followed by a public process with final adoption of the Plan by the Board. This resolution is to initiate the process.

The District currently participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) and is considered a Class 5 community. This ranks Pima County as among the best in the nation and results in Pima County residents' ability to receive up to a 25% flood insurance premium discount. The creation and adoption of this Plan will allow for Pima County and the District to engage the public in a discussion about flood hazards and the appropriate structural and non-structural strategies to mitigate these hazards. The goal of this process is to create a comprehensive plan, by watershed, that will direct both floodplain management and capital improvement priorities.

In addition to furthering the District's goal of providing comprehensive floodplain management services for the maximum benefit to the residents of Pima County, the Plan and the process to create it will help inform the public about flood hazards as well provide an opportunity for discussion regarding the District's strategy for addressing these hazards. Successful completion of this process and adoption of this resolution will provide an opportunity for Pima County to further improve its CRS ranking, potentially elevating the community to one of the top 15 in the country. The current Plan does not meet

the prerequisite criteria for a Class 4 community. Improving the CRS ranking will increase the flood insurance premium discounts that residents enjoy.

The Plan is scheduled for the October 2, 2018 Board meeting.

Greg Saxe informed the committee that the Pima County Multi-Jurisdictional Workshop will be held on October 11, 2018 (see attached).

Mr. Shepp also mentioned that as part of the District's Program for Public Information and its flood insurance promotion component, the District collaborated with District 2 Supervisor Ramon Valadez to produce two separate videos regarding the need for flood insurance and road safety when it comes to the unique flood hazards in Pima County. These videos were filmed by the County Communications Department and were shot on location at the Arroyo Chico basins, which are constructed within District 2. The flood insurance public service announcement (PSA) encourages homeowners or renters in at-risk areas to protect their investments against future flood losses, and the road safety PSA aims to deter drivers from crossing flooded roads or to find alternate routes during flood events.

Supervisor Valadez offered to film the videos in both English and Spanish in order to reach a more broad audience where existing District public outreach efforts has lacked. In total, six videos were produced with the PSA spots ranging from 15-seconds to 30-seconds and are currently publically viewable on the County's YouTube page:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=pima+county+flood+insurance](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pima+county+flood+insurance) &  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=pima+county+road+safety](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pima+county+road+safety)

The District worked with KOLD News 13 to come up with a rotating schedule to run the PSAs as commercials during daytime and evening hours. The current airing schedule will begin in October, 2018 and end August, 2019. The District anticipates also working with TV Azteca to air the Spanish versions of the PSAs.

#### **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

No business.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS – September 19, 2018 MEETING**

1. ADEQ 404 Update
2. PC-Hydro Update
3. Information/Updates from Jurisdictions and/or Members
  - a. Jennifer Christelman – Marana Update

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.