

MINUTES
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PUBLIC REVIEW
January 15, 2020

Committee Members Present: Chris Langham, James MacAdam, Mark Murphy, Gus Myers, John Spiker, John Wallace, Ann Youberg

Flood Control District Staff Present: Eric Shepp, Deputy Director; Brian Jones, Division Manager; Greg Sax, Environmental Planning Manager; Joseph Cuffari, Program Coordinator

Others Present: David Pfordt, Galo Galovale, Town of Sahuarita

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee approved the November 20, 2019 minutes.

QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE

No business.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 202 Committee Officers

The committee voted the following committee members as officers in 2020:

Chris Langham, Chairman
John Wallace, Vice Chairman
John Spiker, 2nd Vice Chairman

Floodplain Management Plan Update

Greg Saxe reviewed the Floodplain Management Plan Review of Activities with the committee (attached).

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Regulatory Updates – State and Federal

a. ADEQ 404 Update

Eric Shepp stated that we are waiting for the federal definition of Waters of the US:

In an attempt to bring clarity following the recent Supreme Court decision—which as noted in our prior post will result in expiration of the nationwide stay of the 2015 revised definition of “waters of the U.S.” that was imposed two years ago by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals—EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a final rule extending the applicability date of the 2015 revised definition to February 6, 2020. With this final rule, the Agencies seek to ensure that the pre-2015 “waters of the U.S.” definition will remain in place consistently throughout the country while the Agencies consider possible revisions. As expected, the final rule has already been subject to judicial challenge, further ensuring that the scope of “waters of the U.S.” will continue to remain uncertain in the near future as these challenges play out.

There is a PAG Watershed Planning Subcommittee meeting on January 27, 2020 with short presentations and a panel for discussion on the WOTUS/WOAS.

b. Report from Committee Members

John Spiker stated that the Town of Oro Valley just submitted a \$3.4M request to FEMA/DEMA for Highland Wash.

In addition, the Town will form a subcommittee to review a draft of the Town's new Drainage Criteria Manual.

REPORT FROM FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF

BOS Action Summary

✓ **December 3, 2019**

Rio Nuevo Multipurpose Facilities District, to provide for sediment placement on A-Mountain Landfill, no cost/2 year term. Approved

✓ **December 17, 2019**

Desert Gold 4845, L.L.C., to provide for a Sales Agreement and Special Warranty Deed for property located south of the Rillito River, north of Shamrock Commercial Subdivision, a portion of Tax Parcel No.104-01-118A, in Section 15, T13S, R13E, G&SRM, Pima County, AZ, contract amount \$7,700.00 revenue. Approved

Susan M. Przewlocki, a.k.a. Susan Przewlocki, to provide for an Agreement to Donate Real Property and Special Warranty Deed, Tax Parcel Nos. 205-29-0170, 0180, 0190, 0200 and 003A, located in Section 16, T13S, R16E, G&SRM, Pima County, AZ, Flood Control Non-Bond. Approved

✓ **January 14, 2020**

Town of Marana, to provide for the El Rio Preserve Bank Protection Project, no cost/18 year term. Approved

Regional Flood Control District Projects and Programs Update

a. Santa Cruz River Management Plan

The District completed the public meetings. The stakeholder meetings begin February 9, 2020.

b. Floodplain Management Plan

N/A

c. CIP

Eric Shepp stated that the District has started work on next year's CIP list, and will reach out to the jurisdictions separately. In addition, the District is working on constructing two grade control structures on the Pantano Wash and one on Rincon Creek.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Brian Jones stated the District is revising the Technical Policies along with providing new ones. The public review process will start by the end of January, and then go to the Board of Supervisors for approval in approximately two months.

AGENDA ITEMS – February 19, 2020 MEETING

1. Technical Policies Revisions District Update

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.