Minutes
Flood Control District Advisory Committee/Public Review
February 17, 2021

Committee Members Present: Galo Galovale, Chris Langham, James MacAdam, Gus Meyers, Mark Murphy, Chris Rod, John Spiker, John Wallace, Ann Youberg

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

Others Present: Phone call-in, no name

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The Committee approved the January 20, 2021 minutes, as amended by Mark Murphy to clarify that he mentioned “television stations, not fire stations.”

QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE
N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Technical Policies Update
Brian Jones stated revisions started about a year ago on a number of policies, updated the Committee regarding changes to Technical Policies 005, 006, 007, 011, 014, 015, 018, 022, 024, 026, 033, 108, 110, and explained that Technical Policy 024, regarding riparian habitat, is somewhat new and helps to clarify the riparian avoidance requirements as stated in the Floodplain Ordinance. Stakeholders and interested persons have been able to make comments on the updated policies, and final comments are expected soon. All of the draft policies are available for review on the District’s website located at: https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=530808.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Regulatory Updates – State and Federal
Eric Shepp stated that ADEQ was not allowing the District to implement retrofit options, but now the State is on board for allowing retrofits under MS4 requirements in urban areas. The District will be working with the City of Tucson on joint compliance and joint efforts. John Spiker, Town of Oro Valley, stated that there is still a lack of direction on WOTUS and its subsequent rules. There is draft language for “Waters of the State” instead of WOTUS to help bridge the gap between all entities.

Report from Committee Members
N/A

REPORT FROM FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF

BOS Action Summary

February 2, 2021
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to provide for the Brawley Wash Watershed Plan, U.S. Department of Agriculture Grant and Flood Control Tax Levy Fund, contract amount $744,494.48/2 year term. (CT-FC-21-290). Approved
Staff requests approval to sell surplus property consisting of 9,100 square feet of an existing access easement/driveway located south of Orange Grove Road, east of Oracle Road, Tax Parcel No. 102-20-001A, by auction to the highest bidder. (District 1). Approved

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United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service, to provide for the Emergency Watershed Protection Project - Pima Wash installation of a berm and riprap chute, $53,718.75/$17,906.25 Flood. Approved

Regional Flood Control District Projects and Programs Update

CIP Update
Once the CIP is developed for next year, it will be shared with the Advisory Committee.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE
Brian Jones stated that Erin Boyle, National Weather Service, reached out to the District in regards to preparedness for the upcoming monsoon. The District has also begun to update the Floodplain Management Plan and Program for Public Information.

AGENDA ITEMS - March 17, 2021 MEETING
1. Floodplain Management Plan and Program for Public Information Update
2. Black Mountain and Oro Valley FEMA Work Overviews – John Wallace

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.