

MINUTES
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PUBLIC REVIEW

CIP SUBCOMMITTEE
November 30, 2016

Committee Members Present: James MacAdam, Ken Perry, Kumar Raut, Ian Sharp, Mike Todnem, John Wallace

Flood Control District Staff Present: Suzanne Shields, Director; Bill Zimmerman, Deputy Director; Eric Shepp, Deputy Director; Andy Dinauer, Division Manager; Tamara Jorde, Special Staff Assistant

Others Present: Robin Raine, P.E., Deputy Director, City of Tucson Transportation Department

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

Suzanne Shields stated District staff has been working with the City of Tucson (City) on their CIP Priority Projects requests. The City should be ready to make a presentation at the December 21, 2016 meeting.

Suzanne Shields distributed a memorandum from the County Administrator stating that the Tucson City Manager requested that the Regional Flood Control District Advisory Committee not review any of the projects submitted by the City and that the District work with City staff that may have purpose and validity related to flood hazard and property damage reduction and/or public safety benefits (see attached).

In addition, Suzanne Shields distributed and reviewed the District's current and completed list of CIP projects (see attached).

James MacAdam requested Ms. Shields to provide the official CIP projects list that was presented to the Pima County Board of Supervisors in 2016.

The next meeting is on December 21, 2016 following the Flood Control District Advisory Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 28, 2016

To: Suzanne Shields, Director
Regional Flood Control District

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **November 21, 2016 Email from Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega Regarding City Flood Control Projects**

The Tucson City Manager requests that the Regional Flood Control Advisory Committee not review, in any additional detail, any of the projects submitted by the City for consideration by the Regional Flood Control District (RFCD) for funding.

Mr. Ortega asks that RFCD staff work with City staff on projects that may have purpose and validity related to implementation in the provision of measured flood control benefits.

Obviously, any capital investments by the RFCD must have direct, measureable flood control benefits related to flood hazard and property damage reduction and/or substantial public safety benefits and not simply be related to convenience or standard highway drainage-related improvements.

It would be appropriate to remove from any further consideration of the RFCD Advisory Committee the flood control projects submitted by the City and have our staff develop a priority list of City projects that provide flood control improvements that could be made based on maximizing flood hazard reduction benefits.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: Michael Ortega, City Manager, City of Tucson
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Policy, Public Works

Chuck Huckelberry

From: Michael Ortega <Michael.Ortega@tucsonaz.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 7:45 AM
To: Chuck Huckelberry
Subject: City Flood Control Projects...

I was very disappointed to learn that the list of projects I sent to you for review and discussion ended up going to the FC Advisory Committee for review and consideration as the City's formal submittal. As you may have heard, the Committee asked for more info as the submittal was not complete and did not follow the formal process with the appropriate detail. Unfortunately, City staff was asked to be present when this list was discussed and they were clearly not ready to review the projects in any detail with the Committee as I had previously told them to wait to develop the formal submittal until we heard back from you and your staff on the approach I had suggested.

As a result, I would appreciate you asking these projects be taken from consideration by the Advisory Committee until we (City and FCD staff) have time to discuss them in more detail. To reiterate my thoughts, I am hoping our staff can work together to review the problem areas (projects) and work jointly to find solutions to the flooding these areas have experienced (along with taking them out of the established floodplain). The solutions and cost estimates are very conceptual in nature and intended to be starting points for discussions.

Once we have a general agreement/understanding of the project approach(es) we can develop the formal submittal.

Thanks in advance for your help on this. I will make myself available to discuss this in more detail as needed...

PIMA COUNTY
REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
Current and Completed CIP Projects
Amended Only As To Form

PROJECT NAME	FISCAL YEAR(S)	COMPLETED	COST
Airport Wash BMP Phase 1	2012-2014	✓	\$ 500,000
Airport Wash BMP Phase 2	2014-2016	✓	\$ 500,000
Alamo Wash BMP	2016-2018		\$ 850,000
El Corazón	2013-2018		\$ 8,500,000
High School Wash	2012-2015	✓	\$ 4,600,000
Pantano Wash: Speedway to Tanque Verde	2009-2013	✓	\$ 7,200,000
Pantano Wash: Tanque Verde to Ft. Lowell	2013-2017		\$ 8,500,000
Pantano Wash Sediment Study	2014-2015	✓	\$ 200,000
Paseo de las Iglesias	2011-2015	✓	\$14,000,000
Rillito River Property Rights	2013-2017		\$ 500,000
ROMP Channel	2013-2017		\$ 2,800,000
Ruthrauff BMP	2015-2017		\$ 800,000
Santa Cruz River Property Rights	2013-2018		\$ 700,000
Santa Cruz River (Upper) Risk Analysis	2015-2017		\$ 350,000

ADDITIONAL ANNUAL COSTS

PROJECT	COST
ALERT	\$115,000
United States Geological Survey Stream Gauges	\$125,000
University of Arizona Living River	\$ 50,000
WRDA (USACOE, Kevin Grove 404 Permits)	\$166,000