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**AGENDA FOR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM  
1415 MELODY LANE, BUILDING G, BISBEE, AZ 85603

**ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**ROLL CALL**

*Members of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors will attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing.*

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**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda.*

**CONSENT**

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve Minutes of the January 29, 2013 Flood Control District meeting.

**ACTION**

**Community Development**

2. Adopt Resolution FCD 13-02 to approve a Federal Lands Grant Application to the Central Federal Lands Highway Division for improvements to the Ash Canyon Creek Crossing on Coronado Memorial Road.

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**"PUBLIC PROGRAMS, PERSONAL SERVICE"**

**Flood Control District Meeting**

**Meeting Date:** 02/26/2013

Approve Minutes

**Submitted By:** Arlethe Rios, Board of Supervisors

**Department:** Board of Supervisors

**Presentation:** No A/V Presentation

**Document Signatures:**

**NAME** n/a  
**of PRESENTER:**

**Mandated Function?:**

**Recommendation:**

**# of ORIGINALS**

**Submitted for Signature:**

**TITLE** n/a  
**of PRESENTER:**

**Source of Mandate  
or Basis for Support?:**

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**Information**

**Agenda Item Text:**

Approve Minutes of the January 29, 2013 Flood Control District meeting.

**Background:**

Minutes

**Department's Next Steps (if approved):**

n/a

**Impact of NOT Approving/Alternatives:**

n/a

**To BOS Staff: Document Disposition/Follow-Up:**

Route signed Minutes to Recorders for microfilming; file original when returned.

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**Attachments**

Minutes

**COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2013**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control Board was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona. In attendance were Richard Searle, Chairman; Pat Call, Director; Ann English, Director; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator, Adam Ambrose, Civil Deputy County Attorney; and Arlethe Rios, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board.

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING**

**ROLL CALL** – All three directors were present.

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC** (MATTERS RELATED TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT - LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER PERSON OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN)

Chairman Searle opened the Call to the Public. No one wished to address the Board and Chairman Searle closed the Call to the Public.

**CONSENT**

**Board of Supervisors**

**ITEM 1**

Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2012 Flood Control District meetings.

Director Call made a motion to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda. Director English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Community Development**

**ITEM 2**

Adopt Resolution FCD 13-01 revising the Floodplain Regulations as shown in Attachment A to ensure compliance with State and Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) requirements, effective March 1, 2013.

This item was presented by Ms. Karen Riggs, Community Development Interim Director, using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Riggs explained that changes were made in order for the County to comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). She said the importance in being in compliance was continuing to be a member in good standing, which lowers costs for flood insurance for our citizens. She said that once this resolution is approved the County would be in compliance with all FEMA regulations.

Chairman Searle inquired about penalties for building in a floodplain without a permit.

Mr. Ambrose stated that no statutory mandates were changed in the process, therefore if this was in statute before it would continue to be so.

Director English made a motion to adopt Resolution FCD 13-01 revising the Floodplain Regulations as shown in Attachment A to ensure compliance with State and Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) requirements, effective March 1, 2013. Director Call seconded the motion.

Chairman Searle called for the vote, approved 3-0.

There being no other business before the Flood Control District Board, Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Katie A. Howard, Clerk of the Board

(SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OFFICE)

**Community Development**

**Flood Control District Meeting**

**Meeting Date:** 02/26/2013

Federal Lands Grant Application

**Submitted By:** Frances Marinez, Community Development

**Department:** Community Development

**Presentation:** PowerPoint

**Recommendation:** Approve

**Document Signatures:** BOS Signature Required

**# of ORIGINALS Submitted for Signature:** 1

**NAME of PRESENTER:** Karen Lamberton

**TITLE of PRESENTER:** County Transportation Planner

**Mandated Function?:** Federal or State Mandate

**Source of Mandate or Basis for Support?:** A.R.S. §48-3602-3609 & Resolution No. 80-49

**Docket Number (If applicable):**

**Information**

**Agenda Item Text:**

Adopt Resolution FCD 13-02 to approve a Federal Lands Grant Application to the Central Federal Lands Highway Division for improvements to the Ash Canyon Creek Crossing on Coronado Memorial Road.

**Background:**

MAP-21 (the federal transportation reauthorization bill) provided funds for transportation projects that provide access to Federal Lands. A request for projects was issued by the Central Federal lands Highway Division in January of this year. Grant criteria prioritized those projects that provide access to high-use Federal recreational sites or economic generators. Staff reviewed the Federal Land sites that are the County's highest tourist destinations and identified the county-maintained roadways that accessed them. This selection was then narrowed by screening out those that did not have obvious economic factors adjacent or within those sites, were not connected to major routes or had known cultural resource or environmental constraints.

A needed project was identified at the Ash Canyon Creek crossing located at milepost 1.73 on Coronado Memorial Rd. that met the grant criteria. Coronado Memorial Rd. provides sole access to the Coronado National Forest and the Coronado National Memorial Park. However, due to the 2011 Monument Fire the watershed of Ash Canyon Creek has been severely damaged. High stormwater flows have damaged this crossing washing away completely the concrete headwalls and apron. The culverts are also damaged and cannot carry the increased water flows. Flooding now tops over the roadway causing the roadway to be completely closed numerous times during monsoon season. There is no other reasonable route that can be used as a detour which these events occur causing travelers to be stranded on either side of this wash until the flooding subsides and County road crews can clear the roadway.

The proposed project would increase the size of the culverts to 48" diameter; replace the concrete headwalls and apron, raise the upstream edge of pavement and create a concrete dip crossing at this location.

The grant application deadline is February 28, 2013. An Arizona Programming Decision Committee, coordinating with Federal Land Management Agencies, will make project selections and schedule the approved projects into a 5-7 year funding program.

**Department's Next Steps (if approved):**

The County will submit an application for potential federal funds for this project. If selected, the County will enter into a Project Agreement with the Central Federal Lands Highway Division for initial scoping of the project. Once the project has been fully scoped out a project delivery plan and construction estimate will be completed and scheduled for construction.

**Impact of NOT Approving/Alternatives:**

The County will not submit an application for potential federal funds for this project. A lower cost interim alternative improvement, funded entirely by Cochise County, will be planned until funds are available for reconstructing the creek crossing.

**To BOS Staff: Document Disposition/Follow-Up:**

Once signed, return both originals to Karen Lamberton, Highway Dept. The grant application deadline is 2/28 and the signed resolution and certification of project eligibility is needed at your earliest opportunity.

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**Fiscal Impact**

<b>Fiscal Year:</b>	2014
<b>One-time Fixed Costs? (\$\$\$):</b>	
<b>Ongoing Costs? (\$\$\$):</b>	
<b>County Match Required? (\$\$\$):</b>	5.7%; Not to Ex
<b>A-87 Overhead Amt? (Co. Cost Allocation \$\$\$):</b>	
<b>Source of Funding?:</b>	HURF

**Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources (if known):**

This grant requires a 5.7 percent match and in-kind staff support to implement the project, if awarded. These funds will be provided from the Floodplain line item for drainage structure construction.

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**Attachments**

[Application Federal Lands Grant Application](#)  
[Resolution Federal Land Grant](#)  
[PowerPointPresentation Federal Lands Grant](#)

## Arizona Access Program Project Application

*Project endorsement can be printed, signed and submitted as separate PDF, or signed electronically.*

### **K. Project Endorsement - Agency with Title or Maintenance Responsibility**

By signing this sponsorship form, the FLMA representative certifies that the projects provides access to, is adjacent to, or are located within a Federal recreational site or Federal economic generator.

1. Agency submitting application: Cochise County

2. Name of authorized agency official: Ann English

3. Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

4. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date: February 26, 2013

6. Email: aenglish@cochise.az.gov

7. Telephone: 520-432-9200

8. Comments on proposed project (letter of support allowed, please attach):

Please see attached Resolution.

**RESOLUTION FCD 13 - \_\_\_\_**

**SUPPORTING A FEDERAL LAND GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
CENTRAL FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION FOR  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ASH CANYON CREEK CROSSING ON  
CORONADO MEMORIAL ROAD IN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA**

**WHEREAS**, Federal lands consist of 25.45 percent of the land mass of Cochise County, Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous county-maintained roadways provide access to these Federal lands; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the county-maintained roadways, Coronado Memorial Road, provides access to the Coronado National Forest and Coronado National Memorial Park in which significant recreational opportunities are enjoyed by area residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, activities generated at and from Federal recreational lands are a significant economic factor in the Cochise County economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2011 Monument Fire resulted in impaired watersheds that included the Ash Canyon Creek which crosses the Coronado Memorial Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the storm flows have increased significantly through this watershed damaging the crossing culverts and washing away the headwalls and apron as well as undermining the roadway pavement; and

**WHEREAS**, Cochise County has had to completely close this roadway and the access to the adjacent federally owned lands multiple times due to flooding over the roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, Cochise County received a 2012 Emergency Watershed Protection grant from USDA/NRCS to provide critically needed channel clearing and culvert cleaning at this crossing; and

**RESOLUTION FCD 13-**

**Re: Supporting A Federal Land Grant Application To The Central Federal Lands Highway Division For Improvements To The Ash Canyon Creek Crossing On Coronado Memorial Road In Cochise County, Arizona**

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WHEREAS, to help prevent flooding, erosion damage and road closures and to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by the 2011 natural disaster and sudden impairment of the watershed, an improved culvert crossing to carry the increased water flows of Ash Canyon Creek under the Coronado Memorial Roadway is needed; and

WHEREAS, if funded, Cochise County has available, and will provide, necessary and required matching funds and will be responsible for continued maintenance of the improvements at the Ash Canyon Creek Crossing,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that this proposed project for improvements to Coronado Memorial Road at or near the Ash Canyon Creek crossing facilitates access to a Federal recreational site that provides economic benefits to the County, region, State and nation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby supports an application to the Central Federal Lands Highway Division for improvements on Coronado Memorial Road at or near the Ash Canyon Creek crossing.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, Arizona, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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Ann English, Chairman  
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

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Katie A. Howard,  
Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

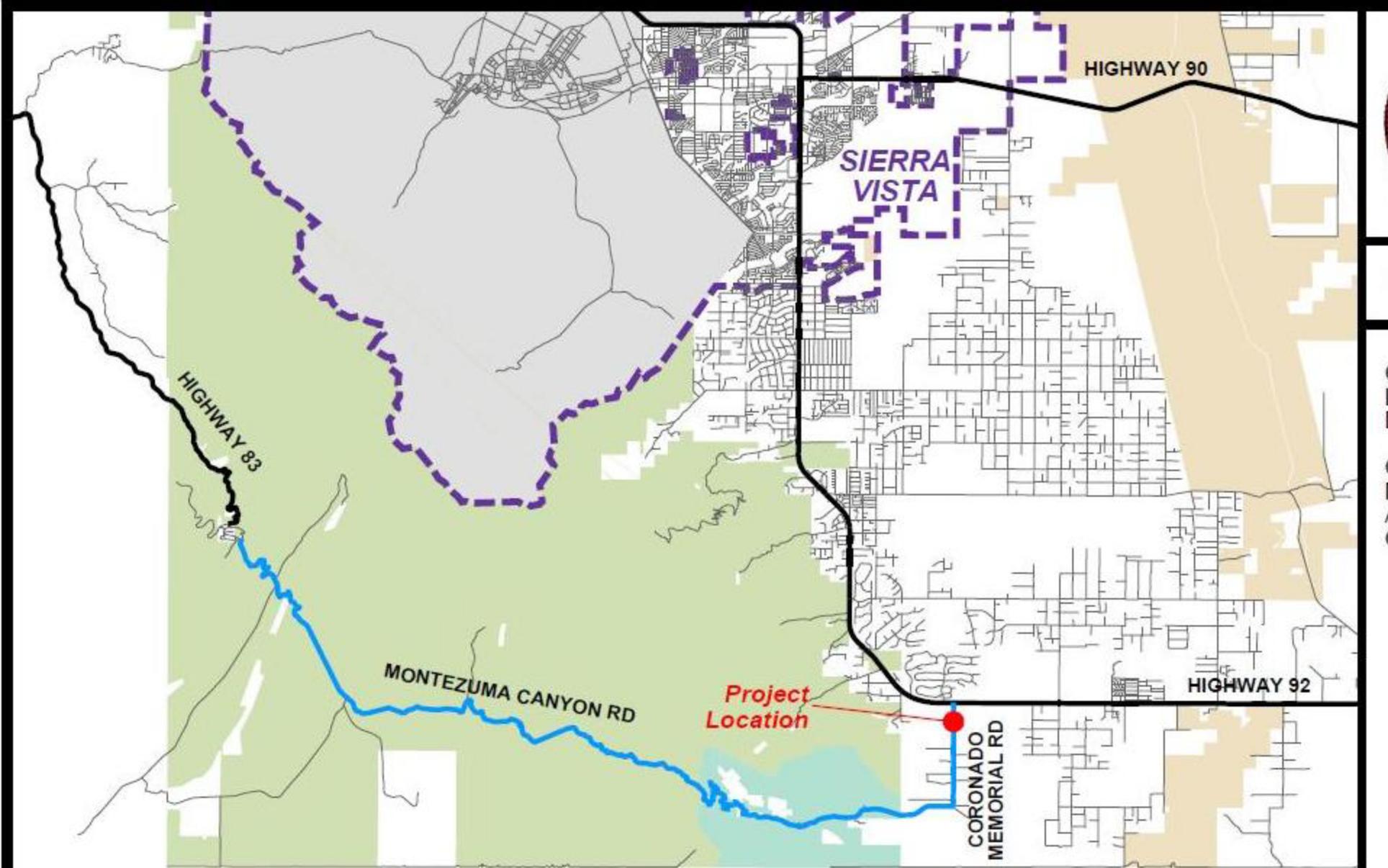


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Britt W. Hanson,  
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney



**FEDERAL LANDS GRANT  
ASH CANYON CREEK CROSSING  
Coronado Memorial Rd.**



### Legend

Land Jurisdiction:

-  BLM
-  Fort Huachuca
-  National Forest

# **PROPOSED PROJECT**

## **Ash Canyon Creek Crossing**

**Replace Existing Culverts**  
**Replace Concrete Headwalls**  
**Replace Concrete Apron**  
**Elevate Upstream Edge of Pavement**  
**Construct Concrete Dip Crossing**



# **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**To sign Project Endorsement certifying the eligibility of the proposed project.**

**To approve a Resolution supporting the application for a Federal Lands Grant.**

