

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.
IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE ROOM
1415 MELODY LANE, BLDG. G, BISBEE, ARIZONA**

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 10:21 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 English opened the Call to the Public. No one wished to address the Board and Chairman English closed the Call to the Public.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

ITEM 1

Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting for August 5, 2013.

Director Searle made a motion to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda. Director Call seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

ACTION

Community Development

ITEM 2

Adopt Resolution FCD 13-03, granting the variance from elevation requirements for the proposed home improvements, requested by Mr. Smullins, prospective property owner, for the property located in the Richland Ranchettes area as the entire area around the existing house will be removed from the floodplain based upon the new maps approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Ms. Karen Riggs, County Engineer, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Riggs gave an overview of area with maps and described the floodplain mapping zones and corresponding color codes and the area that has been incorrectly zoned for approximately 15 years. The Flood Control district finally hired an engineer to review/map for free; had approval that was rescinded 2-1/2 years ago because of an internal FEMA issue but has since been approved. Ms. Riggs described the non-permitted areas, new mapping area, Zone A, and said well over half of the area will be removed from the FEMA floodplain within 18 months. She showed the parcel in question, discussed variance request, remodeling and addition and added the applicants are here for any questions. She said failure to grant this variance would be a hardship for the applicants and staff is recommending approval because it will be removed from floodplain and should never have been mapped in Zone A.

Supervisor Call made a motion to adopt Resolution FCD 13-03, granting the variance from elevation requirements for the proposed home improvements, requested by Mr. Smullins, prospective property owner, for the property located in the Richland Ranchettes area as the entire area around the existing house will be removed from the floodplain based upon the new maps approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Vice-Chairman Searle seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Searle agreed the parcel was not in floodplain and the applicants were no longer leasing but had purchased the property.

Chairman English said some areas are not distinguishable regarding flooding unless there is water present.

Vice-Chairman Searle commended the staff on getting the map revised and moving forward.

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

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ITEM 3

Discuss the acquisition of parcels in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed for water conservation and flood control purposes.

This Executive Session is authorized under ARS 38-431.03, subsection (A) 7, discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

Mr. Ortega recommended that the Board move into Executive Session.

Motion made by Supervisor Call and seconded by Vice-Chairman Searle to move into Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously and the Board convened in Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:04 a.m.

The Board took no action at this meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board