

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Richard R. Searle, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Director

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator  
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator  
Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board  
Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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***CONSENT***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting for October 27, 2015.

Vice-Chairman Call moved to approve item 1 on the consent agenda. Director English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

**Community Development**

2. Adopt Flood Control District Resolution 15-03 approving the revisions to the County Floodplain Regulations.

Mr. Joaquin Solis, Highways & Floodplain Assistant Director, Community Development, presented this item. Mr. Solis said that the Floodplain Regulations Ordinance was updated in January 2013, but staff was in the process of updating the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain maps (Effective Date February 3, 2016), which meant the regulations would have to be updated. He noted that the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) and County Attorney's Office had reviewed the current draft, which reflected needed changes/clarifications and would put the County in good standing with FEMA

– National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR/State liaison for FEMA).

Mr. Solis then listed the changes made: Grammatical/Formatting changes; Key sections/definitions missing from ADWR Model Ordinance & consistency with Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) requirements; Unlawful Acts (Section 3.9); Violation Section revised (Section 3.11) to follow ARS; Substantial Improvement & Substantial Damage Assessments (Section 4.2B); Adverse Impacts (Section 5.1D); Combined Standards for: General Land Disturbance, Commercial & Industrial Developments (Section 5.6); and Added Appendix A for Drainage Report Requirements.

He added that the impact of not approving would cause the County to be suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Denial of floodplain map revisions updates (Hereford, Benson, & Richland Ranchettes Areas) and Loss of our Community Rating System (CRS) rating (which provides all citizens of Cochise County a 5% discount on flood insurance with the opportunity to receive greater discounts).

Chairman Searle opened the public hearing.

No one chose to speak and Chairman Searle closed the public hearing.

Mr. James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator, clarified that a fee schedule change had not been included in this revision as staff has to do more research on consultant fees since most of them require additional advertising.

Mr. Solis said that staff would be revising the fee schedule and bringing it before the Board during the upcoming year.

Director English moved to adopt Flood Control District Resolution 15-03 approving the revisions to the County Floodplain Regulations. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

Chairman Searle called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

## ***ACTION***

### **Community Development**

3. Approve grant award from The Nature Conservancy of \$70,375 to Cochise County Flood Control District for streamflow monitoring for Palominas Recharge Project and two potential future recharge sites and for match for the next approved recharge project analysis and conceptual design.

Ms. Karen Riggs, Highway & Floodplain Director, Community Development Department, presented this item. Ms. Riggs gave the background on the item and said that this item was for the Board to accept the funds into the Flood Control District. She noted that there was detailed language in the agreement about how the County would match funds and how those funds would be used and added that staff would bring back detailed project proposals during the upcoming year, which would include actual scopes of work and costs.

Director English asked what form of water would be monitored.

Ms. Riggs said that the water coming into the recharge project is what would be monitored.

Chairman Searle asked what type of monetary match the County would be asked to make.

Ms. Riggs said that the funds and matches would be discussed when staff brought the actual contracts before the Board and noted that there were funds left over from other recharge projects that could be used, so essentially the matching funds would come from The Walton Foundation grants.

Director English asked about the Kings Ranch project.

Ms. Riggs said that after further review staff noted that this was no longer a viable project, but were researching other purposes for these parcels.

Director English moved to approve grant award from The Nature Conservancy of \$70,375 to Cochise County Flood Control District for streamflow monitoring for Palominas Recharge Project and two potential future recharge sites and for match for the next approved recharge project analysis and conceptual design. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

Chairman Searle called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Searle opened the call to the public.

No one chose to speak and Chairman Searle closed the 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.*

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board