

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Supervisor

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Sara Ransom, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Brian McIntyre, County Attorney
Dan Coxworth, Development Services Director
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer
Jacob Kartchner, Pomerene Irrigation District
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

This executive session is authorized under pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02(B), 38-431.03(3) & (4)

Special session and potential executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02(B), 38-431.03(3) & (4) to allow the County Attorneys' Office and County Administrator to provide updates and, where necessary, obtain approval and direction from the Board of Supervisors on the following water-related matters:

1. Developments in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area ("SPRNCA") contested matter,
2. County participation in a proposed mapping project related to water users in the St. David and Pomerene Irrigation Districts,
3. Cochise Conservation & Recharge Network ("CCRN") Projects, including potential Flowtopography Agreement and potential agreement with the City of Bisbee, and
4. County's participation as a cooperating agency on the Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan related to the SPRNCA.

Ms. Ransom said that the purpose of the meeting was to update the Board on several water issues

and receive guidance on possible agreements needed to continue to move forward with certain water projects.

She added that since Mr. Kartchner was in attendance she would discuss item number two first.

She said that the County was not involved in the proposed mapping project, but today staff wanted guidance on whether or not the County could assist the St. David and Pomerene Irrigation Districts. She stated that the project would focus on analyzing current maps to compare boundaries in place with boundaries from the Arizona Department of Water Resources, which impact water rights.

Mr. Coxworth said that staff could assist, but would require further information from the districts to complete the project.

Ms. Ransom clarified that the County would only be providing analysis and would not be subject to litigation between the districts and the State.

Vice-Chairman Call said he thought it would be of value to help the districts.

Mr. Gilligan said staff could provide this service.

Supervisor Judd moved to allow County staff to assist in a proposed mapping project related to water users in the St. David and Pomerene Irrigation Districts with a limit of 40 hours a week. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Ransom moved on to item 1.

She gave an update and stated that she was presently working to exclude County owned lands from the outcome of the federal litigation. She said that the County was a cooperating agency of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and would be given the opportunity to revise the plan and make suggestions through their commenting period. She also clarified that cooperating agencies had confidentiality requirements and she wanted everyone involved to understand that.

Ms. Ransom moved on to item 4.

She said that BLM had been responsive to communication and that she was hopeful that the County's input would continue to make an impact on their decision making. She said she had limited information and would update the Board as soon as she had more information.

Ms. Ransom moved on to item 3. She recommended that the Board go into executive session for the Flowtography Agreement discussion.

Vice-Chairman Call moved to go into the Executive Session. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion and the Board went into Executive Session at 2:34 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 2:59 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Call moved to direct Mr. Gilligan to acknowledge a waiver of conflict to allow the County Attorney's Office to proceed with negotiating and drafting an agreement with the City of Bisbee related to use of its effluent in support of Cochise Conservation & Recharge Projects. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

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

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board