



County of San Diego

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2003

Commissioners Present: Mary Allison, Joe Gerry, Hadley Johnson, Mike Sholders, Kent Trimble, and Kenneth Wood

Commissioners Absent: Harriet Acton

Staff Present: Jack Cohen, Doug Isbell, Rodger Johnson, Joe McDivitt, and Jiljean Walther

The regular meeting of the San Diego County Flood Control District Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Joe Gerry at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2003, at the Department of Public Works, County Operations Center, Building 2, Room 260.

1. Minutes of September 12, 2002 Meeting

ACTION: Commissioner Allison moved to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2002; Commissioner Wood seconded the Motion; Commissioner Trimble and Commissioner Johnson abstained; Motion carried, 4-0-2.

2. Expenditure and Status Report

FC4010 – District Master Plan – Chairman Gerry stated that the expended and encumbered amounts do not add up; Rodger Johnson stated that the corrected encumbrance amount is \$170,442.

FC3020 – Waterway Maintenance – Doug Isbell stated that the budgeted monies are about 50% spent and includes the clearing of Harbison Canyon, but does not include the charges from the California Conservation Corps (CCC), who is doing the fieldwork. CCC estimated costs to date are \$76,000 and the work is approximately 50% complete. There is an item before the Board seeking one-time funding to offset those costs.

FC4117 – Design and Procedure Manual – Commissioner Sholders questioned the budgeted amount of \$15,000. Rodger Johnson stated that the Manual was budgeted at \$15,000 for the preliminary work because the actual cost was unknown at the time of the original budget. A budget adjustment was planned once the actual costs were determined and that adjustment will be made in the third quarter. The Flood Control Commission currently has \$75,000 available in the special projects reserve to fund the project.

DPW staff will negotiate a fee for the Design and Procedures Manual and take it to the Board of Supervisors as more fund balance monies need to be appropriated.

FC3021 – Arundo Eradication in Los Cocheros Creek – Joe McDivitt stated that the Lakeside Fire District is implementing a program and will clear out the arundo under the Weed Abatement Ordinance on private property and the County will spray afterward to keep the arundo from re-establishing.

FC4116 – MS4 Inventory Program – Mr. McDivitt stated that the budget was originally estimated at \$250,000 and to date approximately \$140,000 has been spent and that additional obligations have not yet been invoiced.

FC4090 – Woodside Avenue – Mr. Isbell stated that discussions are still going on between attorneys to negotiate a purchase price for that lot.

3. Rancho Santa Fe Road Culverts Report

Mr. McDivitt stated that the City of San Marcos is in the process of widening Rancho Santa Fe Road and the Flood Control District is going to reimburse the City of San Marcos for improvements to certain County maintained drainage facilities (FC4098 – Rancho Santa Fe Road Culverts). Negotiations are underway on an agreement to reimburse the City for the design/construction of those facilities. Estimated costs are approximately \$200,000. The project has started and the completion date is around the end of 2003.

4. Revision to Drainage Fee Ordinances

Mr. McDivitt distributed “Proposed Amendments to Existing Drainage Fee Ordinance”¹. Mr. McDivitt stated that the idea is to revise the Drainage Fee Ordinance to be equitable to the County and the developers. The suggestion is that the reimbursement for the on-site facilities be modified to limit credit to the developers for the cost of on-site improvements to amount paid in flood control fees in conjunction with the project and to reimburse the developer the costs associated with 100% of the off-site improvements to the extent of improvements identified on, and implemented per the County Master Plan. The current Ordinance requires the SDAs to reimburse 50% of the on-site improvements and 100% of the off-site improvements based on improvements consistent with master plan facilities.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding language of the Ordinance, which changes will be reflected in a revised Ordinance and mailed to the Commission, along with a drafted Board letter, prior to the March meeting.

5. 2003 Meeting Schedule

The "2003 Meeting Schedule" ² was distributed. The Commission agreed with and accepted the proposed meeting dates for 2003.

6. Ferry Ranch Drainage Project – Additional Funding

Mr. Isbell stated that DPW staff went before the Board of Supervisors and received \$30,000 more to authorize the contractor to install a fabric to retain the one-foot of dirt that was on top of the culvert from sliding down. The fabric was also hydro-seeded underneath.

7. Other Business

Commissioner Sholders asked what the progress is on the long-term funding for stormwater facilities. Mr. Isbell stated that a mechanism has been developed and implemented for short-term funding. Developers can form a sub-area within the flood control district for maintenance of stormwater BMPs as part of the project conditioning for those facilities deemed a benefit to the public. It is processed as a Special District assessment and on a project-by-project basis, with a fee of approximately \$25/month to maintain the BMPs such as detention basins.

For long-term funding, the County is working with the City of San Diego to develop a regional approach in which property owners would be assessed a monthly fee of \$2.50-\$5 range (estimated) that would generate \$5-\$10 million for the stormwater program. This would require some form of vote and the County is currently doing an assessment study through a consultant to determine a basis and amount of monthly fee.

Commissioner Allison stated that Calmat/Vulcan reclamation in Lakeside was approved by the Planning Commission. Also, the adopted 1992 alignment of the River has been completed except for the Hanson property; the 100-year occurrence flood protection will then be implemented.

Chairman Gerry adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

DOUGLAS M. ISBELL, Secretary
San Diego County Flood Control
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JOE GERRY, Chairman
San Diego County Flood Control
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1. Proposed Amendments to Existing Drainage Fee Ordinance
2. 2003 Meeting Schedule

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