



County of San Diego

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

Commissioners Present: Hariet Acton, Mary Allison, Joe Gerry, Mike Sholders, and Kent Trimble

Commissioners Absent: Hadley Johnson and Kenneth Wood

Staff Present: Doug Isbell, Rodger Johnson, Joe McDivitt, Cid Tesoro, Chandra Wallar, 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 9:32 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2003, at the Department of Public Works, County Operations Center, Building 2, Room 256.

1. Minutes of January 9, 2003 Meeting

ACTION: Commissioner Trimble moved to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2003; Commissioner Sholders seconded the Motion; Commissioner Acton abstained; Motion carried, 4-0-1.

2. Update – County Plans to Consolidate Flood Control and Stormwater under DPW Land Development

Doug Isbell stated that this is the second year under the stormwater permit and that it has become obvious that having stormwater activities spread out over three different departments is not efficient in terms of implementing the permit. On March 12, 2003, there will be a Board of Supervisors Action to move staff from the Department of Environmental Health responsible for the administration, inspection, and educational components complying the stormwater permit with DPW. This will allow the implementation at a DPW project orientation perspective instead of a regulatory perspective. The stormwater element best fits in the Land Development Section. 80% of staff's work is orientated around Land Development projects and the other 20% is capital improvement projects.

Mr. Isbell introduced Chandra Wallar, Assistant Director of Land Development, who will eventually step into his position.

Mr. Isbell distributed the "Watershed Protection Program" organizational chart¹. Flood Control activities can be integrated with watershed improvements, giving an engineering perspective to the long-term implementation of the stormwater program and the watershed protection program.

Mr. Isbell introduced Cid Tesoro who manages the DPW portion of the stormwater program from both the CIP side and from Land Development, in terms of developing plans for implementation. Mr. Tesoro will be taking over Joe McDivitt's management position of the Flood Control staff.

The role of the Commission will remain focused on flood control aspects. The Flood Control master plans are based on the watershed approach, soft channels, and providing mitigation for stormwater low-flows.

Mr. Isbell stated that he is committed to remaining the County Engineer responsible and will support Ms. Wallar and Mr. Tesoro for as long as is needed.

Mr. Tesoro stated that he will be heading the quantitative part of the group. He stated that he has 13 years experience in the water quality arena, and is instrumental in developing 13 BMP units for CalTrans in San Diego and another 20 in Los Angeles. He also ran CalTrans' equivalent Flood Control Department for 7 years. Mr. Tesoro stated that it is a balancing act and a challenge changing approaches to address both water quality and quantity.

Ms. Wallar stated that the Flood Control staff presently in Flood Control will remain in the Flood Control budget. Half of Mr. Tesoro's time is budgeted in Flood Control and the other half is General Fund (watershed protection), with one civil engineer budgeted out of the Road Fund.

Mr. Isbell stated that there are no federal or state funds currently supporting this Flood Control program, but there are two \$200,000 grants and \$400,000 of one-time money funding watershed plans for Santa Margarita and Tijuana River projects. The Department of Planning and Land Use is using those funds for the program.

3. Expenditure and Status Report

FC3020 – Waterway Maintenance – Rodger Johnson stated that this includes the Harbison Canyon project, which is a separate project not yet broken out at this time. Mr. McDivitt stated that if it looks as though budget is going over, staff will be pulled out and put under another project.

FC4100 – Ferry Ranch Reimbursement – Mr. McDivitt stated that the total is \$1.2 Million. Mr. Johnston stated that this was in a prior year budget item.

4. Flood Control Budget

Mr. Johnson distributed the "Proposed Budget FY 2003-2004"². Mr. Johnson explained that LUEG (Land Use and Environmental Group) is the overall "parent" department including the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Land Use, Department of Environmental Health, Parks and Recreation, and Farm Advisory, headed up by Bob Copper who oversees the budget.

FC4115 – 100-Year F/P Encroachment Survey – Mr. McDivitt explained that this is money coming from the County through a one-time funding and not from Flood Control tax revenues. It is revenue received in the prior year.

FC3022 – Sweetwater River – Mr. Johnson stated that this is partially reimbursable from Chula Vista and National City.

FC4116 – MS4 Inventory Program – Mr. McDivitt explained that this is a requested for one-time money. If that amount of money is not received, it will come from Flood Control fund balance.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Flood District is an independent fund. He stated that this budget is going to go as a preliminary budget in two weeks. In May 2003 there will be an adjustment period.

It was decided that an Ad Hoc Committee would be formed consisting of Commissioners Trimble, Allison, and Chairman Gerry to discuss/review the budget and make recommendations.

ACTION: Commissioner Trimble moved that the Chair of the Flood Control District Advisory Commission draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating that, "As the Commission reviews the FY 03-04 budget, we find that the Commission and the District does not have the ability to cut our expenses in any way significant to avoid the reduction in the District's resources. Therefore, the Flood Control District Advisory Commission would recommend the County of San Diego supplement the revenues so we can perform the tasks mandated to the Commission." Commissioner Acton seconded; Motion carried 5-0-0.

It was decided that each Commissioner would meet with their respective Supervisor in the month of March 2003, as well.

It was recommended that the Flood Control District Advisory Commission budget would be on the May 1, 2003 Agenda as an Action Item to be voted on.

5. Drainage Fee Ordinance Revisions

Mr. McDivitt requested that this item be pulled from the Agenda to be continued to the May 1, 2003 meeting.

It was agreed to continue to the May 1, 2003 meeting. It was decided that the revisions be made and e-mailed to the Commissioners for their review.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Allison's grandson was shipped out with 62,000 other young men and women from the 101st Airborne.

Chairman Gerry adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

ATTEST:

CHANDRA WALLAR, Secretary
San Diego County Flood Control
District Advisory Commission

JOE GERRY, Chairman
San Diego County Flood Control
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1. Watershed Protection Program Organizational Chart
2. Proposed Budget FY 2003-2004

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