



# County of San Diego

## FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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### MINUTES COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003

**Commissioners Present:** Harriet Acton, Mary Allison, Joe Gerry, Hadley Johnson, Mike Sholders, and Kenneth Wood

**Commissioners Absent:** Kent Trimble

**Staff Present:** Rand Allan, Jack Cohen, 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 9:42 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2003, at the Department of Public Works, County Operations Center, Building 2, Room 256.

#### 1. Minutes of March 6, 2003 Meeting

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allison moved to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2003; Commissioner Acton seconded the Motion; Commissioner Sholders questioned the last paragraph, page 2; Chandra Wallar stated that it should read, "Mr. Isbell stated that there are no federal or state funds currently supporting this Flood Control program". Commissioner Sholders then requested an explanation of Item 4, paragraph FC4116. Joe McDivitt explained that FC4116 was used to inventory the existing facilities in response to a Municipal Stormwater Permit requirement.

Chairman Gerry moved to approve the revised Minutes of March 6, 2003, as amended by discussion by Commissioner Sholders; Commissioner Acton seconded; Motion carried, 5-0-0.

Commissioner Sholders also asked if the Ad-Hoc Committee had met; Chairman Gerry stated that they had and resolved the budget issues.

Commissioner Allison asked if each Commissioner was going to meet with their respective Supervisor in the month of March to discuss the budget and its lack of monies. It was decided that it was not necessary.

## **2. Expenditure and Status Report**

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Sholders, Ms. Wallar stated that she, Cid Tesoro and the Project Manager are meeting on a bi-weekly basis to see that projects are moving forward in a timely manner. Requests for additional funding are being monitored closely.

Rodger Johnson presented the revenues and expenditure statement for the period ending March 29, 2003. In response to Commission concerns regarding low expenditure level in some items, it was clarified that due to timing and reporting, this statement is two months in arrears and represented only about 60% of the year. Improvements, which include a new system, are underway to make those reports more current. The new system is tentatively set for a July 2003 implementation.

## **3. Flood Control Budget**

Mr. Johnson distributed "Budget – Fiscal Year 03-04" (Attachment 1) and "Revenue Expenditures and Fund Balance Statement" (Attachment 2).

Mr. Tesoro presented the two scenarios, one with \$450,000 in one-time revenue, and the other without the \$450,000. The most likely scenario of receiving the one-time funding will increase year-end fund balance to approximately \$44,000.

Mr. Johnson explained that the two major changes between the original budget showing a large deficit were projections of higher tax revenues and the availability of SDA funds to pay for the Master Facility.

FC1025 – Liability Insurance: Mr. Johnson stated that the liability insurance may be adjusted upwards; staff is currently waiting for updates from the Auditor and Controller's office.

FC4103 – Special Projects: Mr. McDivitt stated that this is a contingency fund used for unanticipated projects that were not addressed elsewhere in the budget.

FC3021 – Arundo Eradication: Mr. McDivitt stated that there are drainage areas in private properties that were not dedicated easements, so the County is not obligated to maintain these drainage courses. Negotiations on these properties are still ongoing with the environmental agencies. The County has been pursuing obtaining a streamlined permit process for the property owners, which is still ongoing.

Chandra Wallar stated that the County is in the very early stages of applying for State grants that will include arundo removal. Between Prop 13, Prop 40 and the CalFed monies, there is approximately \$138 million worth of grants coming up in the next two or three months.

Mr. McDivitt stated the California Conservation Corps is now working in Harbison Canyon removing arundo and overgrown vegetation.

FC3050 – Watercourse Enforcement: Ms. Wallar explained that Watercourse Enforcement is done with Private Development Construction Inspection staff. This year extra resources have been expended working with developers, resource agencies, and the environmental communities to resolve initial issues. Having resolved these issues, there will likely be a decrease in ongoing costs.

FC3040 – Flood Plain Management: Mr. Johnson stated that this is labor-intensive and the labor costs for the County generally increased.

Ms. Wallar stated that the County has not managed the floodplains as well as it could and now is a good time to have additional resources due to lack of funds.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Sholders moved to approve the Flood Control Budget as written; Commissioner Wood seconded the Motion; Motion carried 6-0-0.

#### 4. Drainage Fee Ordinance Revisions

Mr. McDivitt distributed “Draft – Summary of Proposed Amendments to Existing Drainage Fee Ordinance” (Attachment 3) packet. Mr. McDivitt stated that there are two sets of ordinances; one set from the County and another set (Ordinances No. 6 and 7) from the Flood Control District. The County Ordinance does not apply within the boundaries of the Flood Control District special drainage areas; Flood Control District ordinances (No. 6 and 7) apply.

Mr. McDivitt further stated that the Ordinance needed to be revised to cut down on spending Flood Control District funds on reimbursements (except for master plan facilities outside the development boundaries). Reimbursement to developers for 50% cost of the onsite facilities will be eliminated and will be replaced by full credit to the amount of drainage fees paid for the project. Developers will continue to be eligible for up to 100% cost of the offsite improvements to the extent that the improvements are consistent with Facilities Master Plans and availability of funds. Cost of drainage facilities constructed beyond those required by Facilities Master Plans will not be reimbursed.

Discussion ensued.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Sholders moved to approve the Drainage Fee Ordinance with recommendation to agreement in principle subject to feedback to the Commission regarding: 1) constitutionality of limiting reimbursement period to 10-years, 2) possibility of reducing 10-year limit period of reimbursement, and 3) possibility of developers laying claim to additional funds that may in the future become available to the District (e.g. grants) as reimbursement for off-site improvements. Commissioner Allison seconded the Motion; Motion carried, 6-0-0.

**5. Other Business**

Commissioner Sholders stated that previously it had been discussed that a pay raise for the Commissioners from \$20 to \$50 per meeting be adopted, which to this date has not been recognized. Commissioner Sholders requested this subject be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. McDivitt gave a presentation on the Federal Emergency Management Agency "Community Rating System" (Attachment 4). Mr. McDivitt attended a weeklong training class in Emmitsburg, Maryland given by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Cid Tesoro stated that the next meeting will be Thursday, June 5, 2003.

Chairman Gerry adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

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

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JOE GERRY, Chairman  
San Diego County Flood Control  
District Advisory Commission

1. Budget – Fiscal Year 03-04
2. Revenue Expenditures and Fund Balance Statement
3. Draft – Summary of Proposed Amendments to Existing Drainage Fee Ordinance
4. Community Rating System

Minutes prepared by Jiljean Walther

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