



County of San Diego

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2004

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

Commissioners Absent: Kent Trimble

Staff Present: Chandra Wallar, Cid Tesoro, Jiljean Walther and Evalulz Zarnes

Guests: None

The regular meeting of the San Diego County Flood Control District Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Shoulders at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2004, at 5555 Overland Ave.

1. Minutes of March 4, 2004 Meeting

ACTION: Chairman Mike Shoulders moved to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2004; Commissioner Acton seconded, motion carried.

2. Recommendation – Irene J. Cunningham Home

Mr. Tesoro stated that Ms. Cunningham phoned him this morning and advised that she could not attend the meeting because she was not notified early enough to take the time off from work.

Ms. Wallar recommended waiting to hear the recommendations until Ms. Cunningham could be present.

Chairman Shoulders suggested hearing the recommendations.

Mr. Tesoro stated that Ms. Cunningham also requested a special meeting to discuss this topic.

Mr. Tesoro presented information contained in the report on drainage in the area of Ms. Cunningham's property.

Commissioner Gerry stated that, as an example, the City of San Diego requires only that you put a certain amount of runoff underground. We are we trying to put the whole 100-year runoff underground. Is there any way to come up with an in between plan that might cost a little less than an RCB culvert under the whole project?

Ms. Wallar asked if it would not be less expensive to just purchase Ms. Cunningham's home.

Mr. Tesoro stated purchasing the home might set a precedent. Also, Ms. Cunningham filed a claim in 1998. He does not yet know the results of that claim.

Commissioner Allison stated that in her opinion, raising the house is the best alternative.

Commissioner Hadley stated that there is an existing house that has been there a number of years, it might not be the right thing to purchase it when improvements can be made within the street right of way that would alleviate the problem, that might be a better way to go.

Commissioner Gerry stated that in the last meeting with Ms. Cunningham, mentioned that there was some Caltrans rechannellizing or causing a change in the opposite side of the freeway that resulting in more water coming through there. Caltrans should be included in the resolution.

Commissioner Wood inquired as to whether there will be other homes in this situation.

Mr. Tesoro stated that Ms. Cunningham's home is the only one affected in this area.

Chairman Sholders inquired as to if we would be accepting liability in our taking any action in this situation.

Commissioner Wood stated that we should look to Caltrans to pay their portion, whatever it might be.

Ms. Wallar stated that we need to look at what the 1998 claim was and how it was responded to in order to be consistent.

Commissioner Acton stated that she would like to know how many claims have been made against Caltrans and how many have been won.

Chairman Sholders inquired as to what exactly is our liability.

Ms. Wallar stated that she believes we need an official County Council opinion. If we look at the 1998 claim, it might answer some of our questions regarding what the County felt was our legal responsibility. Also, since it seems that the 1998 claim was denied, our County Counsel could advise us that the County does not have any liability.

3. Expenditure and Status Report

Ms. Wallar pointed out that one item that might be of special interest to the Commission is the Waterway Maintenance. It will be expended at the full budget amount. Also, the Capital improvement projects are proceeding very well.

Commissioner Allison Inquired about arundo eradication.

Mr. Tesoro stated that we looked at the properties in question and are currently cleaning three of the four locations. The fourth property belongs to the State.

4. SDA5 and SDA6 Master Plan – Presentation by Nolte Engineering

Nolte Engineering did not show for presentation.

5. Capital Projects Matrix Update

Mr. Tesoro reviewed the progress of Capital Improvement projects.

6. Other Business

Chairman Sholders stated that we must have a meeting for the budget very soon. The Commission agreed to have the meeting on June 14, 2004, at 9:30 am. The next regular meeting will be on September 2nd. We will hear Nolte in September. He also stated that he would like to see a regular report to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Tesoro reminded the Commission that their Sunset review is due this year. Each member will be provided information regarding this matter shortly.

Chairman Sholders advised the Commission that we have a contract with the consulting firm of RBF to create a new drainage manual. Hopefully it will be used by the Cities as well. It should be done in about six months.

Chairman Sholders presented outgoing Chairman Joe Gerry with an appreciation plaque.

Chairman Sholders adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.

ATTEST:

MIKE SHOLDERS, Chairman
San Diego County Flood Control
District Advisory Commission

CHANDRA WALLAR, Secretary
San Diego County Flood Control
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Minutes prepared by Evaluz Zarnes

1. Preliminary Drainage Report for 8580 Via Del Verde, El Cajon, CA Drainage Study.
2. Capital Projects Matrix