



County of San Diego

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, November 4, 2004

- Commissioners Present:** Harriet Acton, Mary Allison, Joe Gerry, Mike Sholders and Kenneth Wood
- Commissioners Absent:** Kent Trimble and Hadley Johnson
- Staff Present:** Chandra Wallar, Cid Tesoro and Evaluz Zarnes
- Guests:** Ms. Irene Cunningham, Jeanne Cunningham, Alana Klepper and Patricia Sellers.

The regular meeting of the San Diego County Flood Control District Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Sholders at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2004, at 5555 Overland Ave.

1. Minutes of September 2, 2004

ACTION: Commissioner Allison moved to approve the Minutes of September 2, 2004; Commissioner Acton seconded, motion carried 5-0-0.

2. SDA5 & SDA6 Status

Cancelled due to illness.

3. Budget Update

Ms. Wallar reported that FC1025 (liability insurance) was initially budgeted for \$64,000. Our claims have gone down and we anticipate spending only \$21,584 this year. This is our last year to reimburse against the claim.

She stated that the County of San Diego (County) has hired a consultant, Rick Engineering for FC4115 and Chang and Associates, for FC4121. Both consultants should be starting very soon.

Commissioner Allison asked how the arundo eradication was progressing. Mr. Tesoro stated that because of the October rain events, arundo eradication was postponed. Our emphasis was shifted to flood fighting and cleaning flood control facilities that were impacted by sediment and debris. We will reschedule our work when the weather has subsided enough. Also, we are going to establish a contract with CCC specifically for this purpose.

Ms. Wallar advised the Commission that the County has a good chance of receiving a substantial amount of funds from the Prop 50 grants. At this time, we are working with our partners to develop a list of projects. We are looking to incorporate flood control related projects where appropriate.

Chairman Sholders inquired as to whether the County is coordinating with the cities regarding watershed management. Ms. Wallar stated that the County meets with the copermittees on a monthly basis.

Mr. Tesoro stated that the Master Plan work for SDA1 and SDA8 are almost completed. The consultant remains on schedule and should be delivering the completed product later this year for review.

4. **Sunset Review**

Mr. Tesoro informed the commissioners that it was time for their commission to be reviewed by Board of Supervisors. Recent changes to the review process had moved Flood Control to this round of reviews. He suggested that no changes be made at this time since the last review was completed in 2002. He stated that in 2002, a substantial amount of time had been spent on reviewing it and the group developed a comprehensive guideline as a result.

Commissioner Allison stated that she would like the Commission to return to meeting 10 times each year.

Ms. Wallar suggested adding a monthly update as an alternative.

ACTION: Commissioner Gerry motioned to submit the Sunset Review with no changes to current process; Commissioner Acton seconded, motion carried 5-0-0.

5. **La Presa Drainage**

Mr. Tesoro displayed and explained the four MS4 maps for the La Presa area drainage. A recent rash of drainage failures in the area is raising concern with the affected property owners.

Ms. Wallar explained to the Commission that the County is not responsible for maintaining or repairing the failed systems, as they are on private property and not within the road right of way or flood control easements, but she wanted to make them aware of it.

Commissioner Gerry asked that the Commission be updated on the La Presa situation monthly through the new monthly report.

6. Other Business

Cunningham Home: Mr. Tesoro briefed the Commission and guests on the situation and history of the Cunningham home located at 8580 Vista Del Verde. He stated that the home was impacted again with the recent rain event. The County has declared the October storms a disaster and as such, is looking to the State to assist with some of the flooding problems that have occurred. He advised that there is a team in the field assessing flooded locations, the Cunningham property being one of them, at this moment.

Chairman Sholders suggested that the Commission, at the next meeting, give the Cunningham's the County's final decision.

Ms. Wallar recommended the Cunninghams be advised that the County's decision has been made through County Council and that the Commission has no authority to overrule it.

Commissioner Gerry suggested drafting a letter to that affect.

Other Flooding: Mr. Tesoro stated that there were other properties flooded during the October rain events. Several homes had mud enter their garages and lower portions of the home. Those sites are being inspected by the State Office of Emergency Services (OES) team. The sites include homes in Ramona, Lakeside, Harbison Canyon, Dehesa, and Eucalyptus Hills as well as Fallbrook. The teams will be focusing on developing solutions if the problem site meets their criteria.

Chairman Sholders advised the Commission on the progress of the Drainage Design and Procedures Manual. He stated that approximately \$200,000 has been budgeted for a consultant to upgrade the manual. He also stated that the committee included two people from the County and two from the City of San Diego. They have been meeting every Wednesday from 9A to 12P. The first draft may be distributed to all of the Cities as early as February or March.

Chairman Sholders adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

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

Next meeting – March 3, 2004

1. Expenditure Report.
2. List of Current Flood Control Projects
3. Review of role and responsibility of Flood Control District Advisory Commission.
4. Sunset Review Notification.
5. Photos of flood conditions at Cunningham home.