

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)
MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2017
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by James Fahey, Chairman, at 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were Mark Conkling, James Fahey, John Chaney, Steven House and Michael Obrey. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer, Charles Garcia, SSCFACA's attorney, and members of the public were also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An announcement was made by James Fahey that all electronic devices needed to be turned off during the meeting and that the microphones are voice activated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by James Fahey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Steven House to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2017.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the minutes of April 21, 2017 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM.

No comments were made in the public forum.

STAFF REPORTS.

Executive Engineer:

1. Introduction of new staff member – Junko Boat, Drainage Engineer.

Mr. Thomas introduced Junko Boat as the new drainage engineer for SSCAFCA and discussed her previous experience. Ms. Boat will be assisting Andres Sanchez and Kathy Fournier with design services and providing construction observation on SSCAFCA projects.

2. Action/Acceptance of \$4.06 million Federal Emergency Management Grant.

Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA has received a grant of award for the Lomitas Negras Phase 2 flood control project located on the Lomitas Negras Arroyo adjacent to Enchanted Hills Elementary School. The grant will require a local match of approximately \$1.3 million.

A motion was made by John Chaney to accept the grant of award of \$4.06 million through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It was seconded by Steve House and passed unanimously.

3. Presentation on trip to Washington D.C.

Mr. Thomas provided a summary of the trip to Washington, D.C. During the trip, he and Chairman Fahey met with the NM Congressional delegation and several agencies, as discussed in the April Board Meeting. Mr. Thomas indicated that we learned about another source of reimbursement for large storm clean out events beyond the FEMA Public Assistance Program, through the Emergency Watershed Program funded through the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Discussion included emphasizing the importance of flood control funding sources and presentation of Mr. Schoener's published paper. Mr. Thomas stated that funding from the National Science Foundation could be restored based on the visit.

4. Presentation on the 2019-2023 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Mr. Thomas presented the proposed 2019-2023 ICIP and opened the public comment period on the proposed ICIP. He indicated that the only major change from last year was the removal of three projects which already have received funding.

5. Action/Approval to provide funding support to the City of Rio Rancho Southern Blvd. Improvement Project.

Mr. Thomas stated that the City of Rio Rancho has requested funding support for the upcoming Southern Blvd. reconstruction project. Mr. Thomas presented information detailing the current state of

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SSCAFCA's capital project funds. In summary, due to the timing of projects and bond sales, SSSCAFCA only has approximately \$163,000 in available capital funds within the near future.

After discussion of options by the Board, Mark Conkling made a motion to table the item until next month. It was seconded by Steve House and passed unanimously.

Fiscal Services Director:

1. Recognition/Acknowledgement of the Fiscal Services Report for April 30, 2017.

Ms. Casaus stated that the property taxes collected are 2.5% greater than last year. Our General Fund expenditures amount to 46.9% of the total budget and 69% of the budget removing non-recurring funds.

Ms. Casaus indicated that we have received approval from the Department of Finance and Administration of our preliminary FY18 Budget. The final budget approval will take place at the July Board Meeting.

Environmental Services Director:

1. Presentation on Black Arroyo Phase II Project.

Mr. Gatterman provided information on the Black Arroyo Phase II project, which is adding a trail loop, a pedestrian bridge and grade control structure to Lisbon Channel just upstream of the confluence with the Black Arroyo. These improvements will connect to the existing trail system recently completed.

Mr. Gatterman stated the grade control structure has been constructed and the footer for the bridge prepared. The bridge deck for an 80 ft. long bridge will be installed June 1, 2017. The project is currently on schedule for completion later this summer.

Field Services Director:

1. Presentation on Monsoon Preparations.

Mr. Service presented information on activities undertaken to prepare for the upcoming monsoon season. The majority of our facilities are prepared for the monsoon season. The Enchanted Hills Dam was excavated back to design volume and regraded. The flood pool at the Harvey Jones Channel has also been returned to design, with 15,000 cubic yards of material removed. Mr. Service